



Zone
Learning

Ryerson
University

POA Educational Foundation Student Entrepreneur Grant 2016/2017

Guidelines

The **POA Educational Foundation Student Entrepreneur Grant** will annually provide three students with \$6,000 each, to assist them in pursuing their business full-time in a Ryerson Zone upon graduation. Undergraduate students in their final year of study who have an innovative business idea—either for a new business or to grow an existing business into a full-time venture after graduation—are eligible to apply. Funds will be disbursed to the award recipients while they are in their final year of study to offset tuition fees and/or to provide an investment in their business.

VALUE OF THE AWARD

3 @ \$6,000 each

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SCHEDULE

Applications open: September 30, 2016

Application deadline: October 31, 2016

Award recipients announced: December 9, 2016

Funds Disbursed: February 1, 2017

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

To be eligible for this award, students must:

- Be an undergraduate student in their final year of study at Ryerson University
- Be a current member of a Ryerson Zone or wish to join a Ryerson Zone to grow their innovative business (new or existing) upon graduation
- Be in good academic standing

WEIGHTED CRITERIA

- 40% - Innovative Business Model
- 40% - Business Plan
- 20% - Social Impact

SELECTION AND ADMINISTRATION

- Applicants will submit a statement (750 words maximum) outlining:
 - Their innovative business idea
 - How they will benefit from participation in the Zone ecosystem
 - Which Zone they wish to join and why (if applicable), and
 - How they would use the award funds to accelerate their business
- Statement above to be accompanied by a formal business plan
- Demonstration of clear academic standing

ADMINISTERED BY

Office of Zone Learning

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit the above documentation via email to zonelearning@ryerson.ca using the following email subject line: **Application – POA Educational Foundation Student Entrepreneur Award**

Please be sure to include:

- Full name and student number
- Written statement (750 words max.)
- Formal business plan
- Current Zone (if applicable)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

