Dear International Student,

As you begin your transition to URI, we encourage you to let us know of ways we can help you prepare. Please e-mail us at oie@etal.uri.edu if you have questions before arriving in Kingston, Rhode Island. We ask that you read the Visiting Student Handbook for details about your experience at URI.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Am I required to attend this Welcome Week Orientation?** Yes, if you are a new international student, you are required to attend the Welcome Week Orientation.

2. **On which day should I arrive in Rhode Island?** We recommend that you arrive on the Arrival Day listed in [http://web.uri.edu/iss/welcome-week/](http://web.uri.edu/iss/welcome-week/) under your respective student category. If this is not possible, try the Late Arrival Day listed in your schedule.

3. **When will I receive details about my pick up?** Students will receive pick-up instructions close to 2 weeks prior to their international departure. Check your e-mail for communication from our office.

4. **Is pick-up available any other time not listed in the Arrival Services information?** No. You will be expected to make your own arrangements.
   a. Visit [www.RIPTA.com](http://www.RIPTA.com) for local bus transportation or
   b. Visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) for train information (Kingston, RI Train Station).
   c. Taxis are available from all areas in Rhode Island but are generally expensive ($80+).

5. **Where will the pick-up service collect me from?** Our office will arrange pick-up from
   a. T.F. Green Airport
   b. Kingston Rhode Island Train Station, and
   c. T. F. Green Airport area hotels (for students who arrive early and are staying at these hotels). **We will need early notification from you.**

6. **Is the pick-up service available from the Boston Logan Airport, NYC area airports or from downtown Providence?** No, it is not.

7. **Are there specific times that my flight/train should arrive?** We recommend that your flight arrive between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the arrival day. The main reason for this is that if you are in URI residence, Residence Hall’s staff will not be available after 5:00 p.m. and you may have difficulty entering your designated residence hall.

8. **Who should I contact in case of changes to my flight or train?** Contact oie@etal.uri.edu. You may also call the emergency phone number listed on the "Welcome Week Schedule".

9. **Why am I expected to submit a copy of my flight itinerary?** We need your flight itinerary in case of emergency or errors on your arrival form.

10. **What is a Peer Ambassador?** Peer Ambassadors are URI student volunteers who assist incoming international and national exchange students with their transition to campus and their new environment. Should you have interest in participating in events with the Peer Ambassadors, please indicate on your Welcome Week Events Form.