

## APPLICATION

The deadline for submitting  
the application is

**May 16, 2016**

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING  
DOCUMENTS IN ENGLISH:

Application form

*Curriculum Vitae*

Letter of motivation (1 page)

FOR THOSE WHO APPLY  
FOR A BURSARY:

Certified copies of HEI Diploma,  
including transcripts. Transcript of  
records, if studies are not finished yet

One letter of recommendation

SEE YOU  
IN RIGA!

## CONTACTS

The organizing committee at the International  
Relations Department of RTU will be happy to  
answer all questions concerning organizational  
matters, which might occur before the  
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RIGA TECHNICAL  
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# JOURNEY BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL WOODEN CRAFT AND ART

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# The Institute of Design Technologies of the Faculty of Material Science and Applied Chemistry and the International Relations Department of Riga Technical University invite students from all over the world who are interested in wooden design to join the Summer School «**Journey Beyond the Traditional Wooden Craft and Art**»

**If you have finished at least one year of studies by the time the Summer School starts, speak fluent English, appreciate the experience of qualified professionals and enjoy creative work, you are more than welcome to join this event from August 21 to 28, 2016 in Riga!**

## HOST OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Riga Technical University is an internationally recognized university complying with European standards. At present it is the largest university in Latvia and gathers nearly 15 000 students at nine faculties in various study programs.

The Institute of Design Technologies is a part

of Riga Technical University, and it is located in Kipsala in the RTU Design Centre – a new modern building, which has received an award as the best architectural project in Riga in 2014.

At the Institute of Design Technologies students can acquire professional bachelor degree in clothing, wooden and interior design joining study programs like «Clothing and Textile Technology» and «Material Technology and Design». After acquiring a bachelor degree, students can continue their studies in the related master and doctoral study programs.

## TOPIC

Woodcraft has traditionally been an important part of the daily lives of Latvians. Wood has served as a material for all the necessary household items starting from wooden spoons and shoes to wooden furniture and even log buildings. Wood as a material is suitable for creating different forms, and it delights with its texture.

Within the Summer School, the participants will get acquainted with the contemporary and the ancient woodcraft tools, with Latvian ethnographic symbols and their interpretations, as well as with Latvian traditional festivities and traditions related to them.

## PROGRAM

The Summer School offers a program consisting of lectures, workshops, presentations and discussions, company site visits, countryside visits, guided excursions and exciting parties.

The program will be conducted by a local team – designers, artists, technologists, designing engineers and invited experts. There will be lectures on design and Latvian identity, as well as

on ethnographic finesse. Discussions will touch upon topics related to local traditions and local resources, thus making Latvia closer and better understandable, more open to creative ideas. In addition to the lecture program, practical work in groups will be carried out providing the possibility to work with historical woodworking tools and design wooden products.

On the premises of the Institute of Design Technologies, students will master working with woodworking machines processing sewn timber and creating dismountable five-piece bench with a Latvian ethnographic symbol.

During the four-day stay in Vienkocu Parks in Līgatne, participants will learn how to use manual woodworking tools while processing round timber and creating wooden vessels.

The program will also include visits to barrel museum in Vaidava, birch-bark and paper moulding craftsmen in Līgatne, as well as a visit to Ethnographic Open Air Museum of Latvia.

## STUDY CREDITS

Certificates of Further Education of Riga Technical University and **4.5 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) credit points will be awarded upon completion of the program.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee, covering registration, tuition, accommodation in student hostel of RTU, meals (breakfast and lunch) and the social program is **EUR 500**. The participants will have to cover their travel expenses and health insurance. A participant with the most outstanding academic result will be able to receive a bursary from the organizers.