

Graduate Student Welcome Fall 2023

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Academic Support Resources and Programs

Graduate School of Education

The Graduate School of Education offers initial licensure teacher preparation programs in a five-year format for current undergraduate students and a post baccalaureate option for students who hold their bachelor's degree. These are graduate programs leading to a Master of Education degree (Ed.M.) and a teaching license through the New Jersey Department of Education to teach in New Jersey public schools. We also offer a wide variety of non-licensure programs, advanced teaching licenses, Ed.D. and Ph.D. Programs.

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Website: <https://gse.rutgers.edu/>

Graduate Writing Program

The Graduate Writing Program supports graduate students from across the Rutgers community in their scholarly writing goals, from coursework papers to articles and dissertations. Based on expert research in composition studies, the GWP's curriculum helps students master the genres and styles of academic writing. Additionally, students develop professional writing habits, including techniques for time management, goal setting, and resilience. Graduate students of all levels are welcome.

Contact: Mark DiGiacomo (markjd@english.rutgers.edu) or gwp@english.rutgers.edu

Website: gwp.rutgers.edu

Social Media: Facebook - GWPRutgers
Instagram @GWP_Rutgers

Learning Centers

The Learning Centers support students through many free services for those seeking to enhance their academic careers. As part of the Office of the Chancellor-Provost at Rutgers–New Brunswick, the centers also partner with faculty and staff interested in learning new instructional strategies or developing new ways to help their students. The Learning Centers (LCs) provide centralized academic support services to develop students' skills, strategies, and behaviors that lead to academic persistence and lasting success. Through in-class services such as the Learning Assistant Program and academic presentations, and co-curricular services including peer-led tutoring, academic coaching, study groups, workshops, and study spaces, we meet a variety of student needs.

Contact: Jade Sanders (jade.l.sanders13@rutgers.edu) or rulearningcenters@echo.rutgers.edu

Website: <https://learningcenters.rutgers.edu/>

Social Media: [Facebook](#)
[Instagram](#)

New Brunswick Libraries

New Brunswick Libraries serve the full spectrum of teaching, research, and public service activities at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Library faculty and staff are committed to meeting the needs of a diverse population through outstanding service, collections, tools, instruction, and partnerships. <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/new-brunswick/about-us>

Contact: Triveni Kuchi (triveni.kuchi@rutgers.edu) and Kayo Denda (kdenda@libraries.rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/new-brunswick>

Social Media: [Twitter/X](#)

Connections, Engagement, and Belonging

Basic Needs

Helping students with resources such as food, housing and emergency aid while attending Rutgers.

Contact: Dr. Phillip Smith (phillip.smith@rutgers.edu) or basicneeds@echo.rutgers.edu

Website: basicneeds.rutgers.edu

Social Media: @rubasicneeds

Center for Latino Arts and Culture

The Center for Latino Arts and Culture is a student-centered, inclusive community where students can better integrate experiential, academic and service learning about Latinx/a/o arts and culture in order to become strong leaders and responsible global citizens.

Contact: Saskia Cipriani (saskia.cipriani@rutgers.edu) and Carlos Fernandez (cafernan@rutgers.edu)

Website: clac.rutgers.edu

Social Media: @ruclac

Faith and Spirituality Initiatives

Our department handles programming and support for all those who want to explore or continue with their faith/spiritual lives. We do this in the form of offering chaplains, student organizations, and programming.

Contact: Rev. Katrina Jenkins (katrina.e.jenkins@rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/rutgers-university-multi-faith-council/>

Graduate Student Life

The mission of the Office of Graduate Student Life (OGSL) is to enhance the educational experience and quality of life for RU-NB graduate and professional students by serving diverse needs, fostering community, and helping students navigate Rutgers resources. As a unit in the Division of Student Affairs, the office works in partnership with university leadership and offices, schools and academic graduate programs, Graduation Student Association (GSA), and affiliated Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) to focus on: advocating for graduate students, connecting them to services and resources, and offering programs and space to help students connect and build a community.

Contact: Ghada Endick at gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu

Website: graduatestudentlife.rutgers.edu

Social Media: [Instagram](#)

Off-Campus Living

Thinking about living off-campus? Rutgers Off-Campus Living is part of the Offices of the Dean of Students and provides tools and resources for students looking to and/or living off-campus. We are here to help with any of your off-campus needs by helping off-campus students understand what their rights are as tenants, and responsibilities are as community members.

Contact: Caryn Washington at ruoffcampus@echo.rutgers.edu

Website: <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/>

Social Media: Facebook - RUoffcampus

Rutgers Athletics

The Rutgers Athletic programs consist of 24 intercollegiate sports that compete at the NCAA Division I level in the Big Ten Conference. Season and single game tickets are available for football, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and men's lacrosse; all other sports are FREE ADMISSION for all fans. Rutgers graduate students receive a 30% discount on season tickets for the 5 ticketed sports. Special offers for reduced price single game tickets will be made available for select games for Rutgers graduate students.

Contact: The Rutgers Ticket Office (tickets@scarletknights.com) or Susan Beurskens (sbeurskens@scarletknights.com)

Website: <https://scarletknights.com/>

Social Media: Facebook - RutgersAthletics

Instagram @RUAthletics

Twitter/X @RUAthletics

TikTok @RUAthletics

Threads @RUAthletics

Rutgers Cinema

A First-Run Movie theater on Livingston Campus

Contact: Alexander DelVecchio (alexander.delvecchio@rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://www.rutgerscinema.com/>

Social Media: @rutgerscinema

Rutgers Global - Programming & Events

Rutgers Global - Programming & Events works to increase the global competency of the Rutgers community by providing opportunities for individuals to connect, share knowledge, and promote global understanding.

Contact: Greg Costalas (gcostalas@global.rutgers.edu) or events@global.rutgers.edu

Website: global.rutgers.edu

Social Media: Instagram @rutgers.global
TikTok @rutgersglobal
Facebook - RutgersGlobal

Health and Wellbeing

Rutgers Student Health: CAPS (Counseling, Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program & Psychiatric Services)

CAPS (Counseling, Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program & Psychiatric Services) is the university mental health support service, for both graduate and undergraduate students. Services include crisis intervention, individual therapy, group therapy, a variety of workshops, alcohol and other drug assistance programs, psychiatric care (medication management), and community referrals.

Contact: Dana Simons (dana.simons@rutgers.edu) and Shan Reeves (reevessl@rutgers.edu)

Website: <http://health.rutgers.edu/medical-counseling-services/counseling/>

Social Media: health@rutgers

Rutgers Student Health: HOPE (Health Outreach Promotion & Education)

Health Outreach, Promotion & Education (HOPE) works to advance health and wellness at Rutgers University through community engagement and innovation. Using evidence-based curricula, HOPE provides students with tools to advocate for personal and community wellness and serves as an expert resource to faculty and staff. HOPE coordinates a large and active peer education program in which students are trained to facilitate interactive outreach and workshops on issues that directly impact students' lives.

Contact: Nikita Cuvilje (Nikita.cuvilje@rutgers.edu), Mark Cruz (mark.cruz@rutgers.edu), and Kate Woodside (kate.woodside@rutgers.edu)

Website: <http://health.rutgers.edu>

Social Media: [Instagram](#)

Rutgers Recreation

DO WHAT MOVES YOU, opportunities to Move, socialize, play a sport and more. Join us in recreational programming including Sports (Intramurals & club sports) , Fitness & Wellness (Group classes, personal training, EIM-OC coaching, free exercise prescription, small group training, and massage therapy), Adventure Recreation (trips, rock wall), Certifications (CPR, First Aid, AED, personal training and group fitness), Aquatics (swim lessons, lifeguard training) and more. Join us for open recreation at our 4 full centers and 1 stand alone fitness center). Download our app RUREC2GO for facility hours and updates.

Contact: Stacy Trukowski (stacytr@rutgers.edu) or visit <http://recreation.rutgers.edu/contact-us/>

Website: rec.rutgers.edu

App: RUREC2GO

Social Media: [Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter/X](#)

[Youtube](#)

Professional Development

Office of Career Exploration and Success

We are committed to assisting students make connections between their academic experience and career paths. For graduate students, we provide career-related resources to help individuals discover themselves, explore careers and academic pathways, develop skills, and pursue their post-graduate goals. We provide workshops, events, career and internship fairs, high-impact programs, advising, job and internship search strategies, Rutgers Handshake and much more. We also offer the #Rutgersworks Free Tuition Challenge - We know how hard Rutgers students work and to show our support for your hard work and encourage you to set aside time to focus on your future, we provide you with an incentive. The #RutgersWorks Free Tuition Challenge is essentially a digital passport game that incentivizes and rewards all Rutgers students for their participation in career-related activities.

Contact: Rudrani Gangopadhyay (rudrani.g@rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://careers.rutgers.edu/>

Social Media: Instagram @rutgerscareers

Tyler Clementi Center for Diversity Education and Bias Prevention

We serve as a campus resource that promotes understanding and engagement on issues related to diversity and bias prevention, increasing the capacity of the campus community to engage across differences.

Contact: Kaylin Padovano (kaylin@rutgers.edu) and Crystal Bedley PHD at diversity@rutgers.edu

Website: <https://nbdiversity.rutgers.edu/tyler-clementi-center>

Social Media: @TylerClemCtr

Professional Development: School Specific

GradFund: Fellowships and Grants (SGS)

We support graduate students with identifying and applying for merit-based fellowships and research grants to support their graduate studies. Through our peer mentoring fellowship advising model, graduate students can learn how to search for, identify and integrate the process of applying for fellowships and grants into graduate studies. We offer workshops, mentoring programs, digital resources and individual advising appointments to graduate students.

Contact: Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso-Ellmann (fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://gradfund.rutgers.edu/>

iJOBS Program - Career Development for Biomedical PhD Students

The Rutgers University iJOBS Program exposes life science PhD students and postdocs to a range of non-academic and academic career options and empowers them to pursue their career goals. As part of Phase 1 of iJOBS, any biomedical graduate student who is interested can explore career options by attending some of our weekly events including career panels, workshops, company site visits and networking. After selecting your desired career path, you can choose to get more involved by applying to Phase 2 of iJOBS and if you get accepted, you are allowed to shadow a professional in your intended career, take a course to gain skills in that area, and work with an mentor in industry who is assigned to you based on your career goals. Those graduate students who complete Phase 2 then transition to Phase 3 where they are giving individualized counseling for their resume, LinkedIn profile and interview preparation while applying for jobs.

Contact: Janet Alder, PhD (janet.alder@rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://grad.rutgers.edu/professional-development/biomedical-career-development>

Social Media: @RutgersiJOBS

Office of Research and Graduate Education (SAS) - EPIC Journeys to Professional Careers

The EPIC Journeys program provides SAS graduate students with a flexible career roadmap and resources to prepare them for success in the non-academic job market. EPIC graduate students will have the opportunity to attend events such as seminars, round table discussions, workshops, networking events, as well as participate in specialized courses and bootcamps to develop the skills necessary for professional success.

Contact: Andreina Sanchez (andreina.sanchez@sas.rutgers.edu) or RGEoffice@sas.rutgers.edu

Website: <https://rge.sas.rutgers.edu/>

Research Cafe and DEI Student Initiatives (SGS)

The School of Graduate Studies offers several opportunities for students to grow professionally, advance equity, diversity, and inclusion in graduate education, and build cross-disciplinary connections and research partnerships. Graduate students across disciplines are invited to engage in initiatives such as Research Cafe, the SGS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Graduate Student Advisory Committee, and other opportunities tailored to graduate students.

Contact: Briana Bivens (briana.bivens@rutgers.edu)

Websites: [SGS DEI Graduate Student Advisory Committee](#)

[SGS Research Cafe](#)

[SGS DEI Strategic Plan](#)

Social Media: [Facebook](#)

Twitter/X [@RutgersSGS](#)

Student Services

Office of Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services at Rutgers works collaboratively with graduate students, faculty, advisors, and coordinators in order to provide guidance, support, resources, and academic accommodations to ensure equal opportunity and access.

Contact: Nychey Michel (nychey.michel@rutgers.edu)

Website: ods.rutgers.edu

Social Media: [@RutgersODS](#)

Office for Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) provides comprehensive services to any member of the Rutgers community that has experienced interpersonal violence or has been a victim of a crime. All services are free, confidential and do not involve insurance. Our office provides trauma-informed counseling, advocacy, a 24-hour hotline, and prevention education. Research indicates that graduate students are more likely to experience interpersonal violence dynamics and less likely to know about or seek services. Our office acknowledges the unique factors that impact graduate students and want to support any and all survivors of trauma in our community.

Contact: Rebecca Vazquez (rebecca.vazquez@rutgers.edu) or vpva@echo.rutgers.edu

Website: <https://vpva.rutgers.edu/>

Social Media: Instagram @ruvpva

One Stop Student Services Department

The One Stop Student Services Center (One Stop) at Rutgers University–New Brunswick represents an integrated and coordinated cross-functional service in the areas of financial aid, student accounts, and registration. Acting as a “single point of service” across these areas to promote a progressive, simplified, and consistent student experience and a culture that supports student satisfaction and success. The One Stop embraces a model that: Prioritizes strong customer service and effective use of technology, Serves all student populations, Reflects best practices in higher education, Includes improving self-service options.

Contact: Visit go.rutgers.edu/onestop

Website: <https://scarlethub.rutgers.edu/financial-services/>

Social Media: [Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Twitter/X](#)

Parking and Transportation Services

The Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) is committed to providing all members of the Rutgers community with the best possible solutions for getting around campus safely and easily. The university maintains various parking facilities including permit-controlled lots and decks, access-controlled lots, and restricted assigned lots. Transportation to, from, and on all campuses includes campus transit and shuttle services, walking and bike paths, and public transportation services.

Contact: visit DOTSHelp.rutgers.edu

Website: <https://ipo.rutgers.edu/dots>

Social Media: [Facebook](#)

Student Affairs Compliance & Title IX

The Office of Student Affairs Compliance & Title IX strives to provide a safe campus environment free from all forms of sex discrimination. We accomplish our mission through a collaborative approach that primarily focuses on addressing reported misconduct and providing education to the Rutgers community.

Addressing Misconduct: We are committed to facilitating equitable response and resolution to all reported incidents of sexual harassment, sexual violence, relationship violence, stalking, and related misconduct among students.

Providing Education: We are proud to provide awareness of Title IX by offering trainings, education, and other outreach efforts to the Rutgers community.

Contact: Donald Moore (dsmoore@rutgers.edu) or nbttitleix@rutgers.edu

Website: nbttitleix.rutgers.edu

Student Legal Services

Rutgers University Student Legal Services (RUSLS) provides eligible Rutgers University-New Brunswick undergraduate and graduate students with professional legal advice and assistance at no cost by attorneys licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey. Our Services Include: Legal Consultation, Notary Services, Attorney Referral, Community Outreach & Education, Pre-Law Advising.

Contact: Lynn Mendez (lynn.mendez@echo.rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://rusls.rutgers.edu>

Graduate Student Organizations

Chemical and Biochemical Engineering Graduate Student Organization

CBE-GSO's objective is to provide graduate students insight into the theoretical, practical and professional aspects of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering education. We can recognize, promote, and advocate for high scholarship original service in the field of study. These goals will be accomplished through organizational events and activities that encourage graduate student and faculty engagement which gives sense of community within the department. Enriching graduate students for social, cultural, and academic sense opportunities to connect directly with current members, faculty, and alumni can be obtained. Activities include BBQs, Symposiums, Career Events, Holiday Parties, and other networking events.

Contact: Amit Sen (as3027@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)

Website: <http://cbegso.rutgers.edu/>

Council of Black Graduates

The Council of Black Graduates (CBG) is a graduate student organization dedicated to improving the quality of graduate and professional student life at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Our purpose is to develop a sense of community among the graduate and professional students of African, Caribbean, and African-American descent at Rutgers by addressing the needs and concerns that confront both the group and its members. CBG serves as a medium to reduce the feeling of isolation by keeping students aware of the activities of other black groups and by structuring social and cultural events through which the members can interact.

Contact: Nia Cambridge (nia.cambridge@rutgers.edu) or rutgerscbg@gmail.com

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Future Leaders of Student Affairs

It is the mission of the Future Leaders in Student Affairs to provide our colleagues with services and programs that promote active learning, build a supportive community, and promote personal and professional development. We uphold these standards by enacting the Four Pillars of FLSA, which consist of leadership, professional development, community building, and advocacy.

Contact: Du'aa Moharram, Raquia Belle-Durant, and Mary Ann Vargus at flsa.rutgers.csa@gmail.com

Website: <https://flsarutgerscsa.wixsite.com/ruflsa>

Social Media: Twitter/X @RUFLSA

Instagram @RUFLSA

Graduate Student Association

The Rutgers Graduate Student Association (GSA) is the official graduate student government of the Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway campus. The mission of the GSA is to further graduate student interests, graduate student-University relations, and the social, cultural, and academic enrichment of graduate students at Rutgers. The GSA advocates graduate student concerns to the greater Rutgers University community and provides financial support to the many Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) at Rutgers.

Contact: President, Eric Chiles (ec@gsa.rutgers.edu) and Business Manager, Shawn Rumrill (help@gsa.rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://gsa.rutgers.edu>

Social Media: Instagram @Rutgersgsa

[Facebook](#)

[Discord](#)

Graduate Students of Rutgers Hillel

Graduate Students of Rutgers Hillel has three primary purposes. Graduate students of Rutgers Hillel shall work to unify and build a strong foundation for the Jewish community among graduate students at Rutgers University. Graduate Students of Rutgers Hillel shall create a thriving sense of Jewish pride among Jewish graduate students at Rutgers University. Graduate Students of Rutgers Hillel shall provide a positive atmosphere, through service, engagement, religious, educational, cultural, social, and community service programming, where Jewish graduate students can build strong bonds with one another and all members of the Rutgers community. Graduate Students of Rutgers Hillel will hold events such as occasional Shabbat dinners and other Shabbat gatherings. The Shabbat dinners will bring together graduate students of all backgrounds to enjoy a communal meal with Jewish rituals included. Other Shabbat gatherings will help create Jewish graduate-student community. Graduate Students of Rutgers Hillel may also hold events not on Shabbat, such as holiday celebrations, outdoor picnics, hikes, etc.

Contact: Avraham Sommer (avraham.sommer@rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://rutgershillel.org/grad-students-post-college/>

SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science)

SACNAS is an inclusive organization dedicated to fostering the success of Chicano/Hispanic and Native American scientists, from graduate students to professionals, in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM. You do not need to be Chicano/Hispanic or Native American to be involved and join SACNAS!

Contact: Catherine Rojas (cr786@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) or Gustavo Rios (gr408@sebs.rutgers.edu)

Website: <https://sites.rutgers.edu/sacnas/>

Social Media: Instagram @ru_sacnas

Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers (SPAR)

SPAR is a non-partisan graduate student organization at Rutgers University, currently existing on both the New Brunswick and Newark Health Sciences campuses. Our goal is to provide a structure for STEM-focused graduate students at Rutgers to connect with our colleagues, politicians, and the local community for the purposes of increasing scientific literacy, advocating for policies supported by scientific research, increasing the effectiveness of scientific communications, and continuing government support for scientific research. Our past activities include op-ed writing workshops; policy memo writing workshops; publishing policy memos in journals; how to contact your congressperson workshops; trips to the State House in Trenton and Washington, DC; careers and opportunities in science policy workshops; and outreach at Rutgers Day.

Contact: Austin Grubb or rutgersnspg@gmail.com

Website: <https://sites.rutgers.edu/scipolru/>

Social Media: Twitter/X @SciPolRU
Instagram @SciPolRU

Supporting Parents and Caregivers at Rutgers

The mission of the Supporting Parents and Caregivers at Rutgers group is to: 1) Connect graduate student parents and caregivers across departments for social connection and mutual support, 2) Direct graduate student parents and caregivers to existing resources in the University and local communities, and 3) Advocate for the needs of graduate student parents and caregivers to effect change at the department and University level.

Contact: Tracy Youngster (tracyy@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) or rutgersgradparents@gmail.com

Website: <https://rutgers.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/spcr>

Social Media: Twitter/X @SPCRutgers
Instagram @SPCRutgers