

**Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest**  
**April 20, 2026**

**Welcome to the Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest!**

This weekly digest serves as official communication from the Office of Graduate Student Life and keeps you up-to-date on events, opportunities, campus resources and support services for graduate students at Rutgers-New Brunswick! Share with your friends and tell them to **SUBSCRIBE!** You can contact the Office of Graduate Student Life by emailing [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) or visiting our offices during the week in the Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave., behind Panera Bread).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GSA Elections for 2026-2027 Executive Board Now Open**

**Vote by April 30; voting closes 4/30 at 11:59pm!**

Elections for the 2026-2027 GSA Executive Board are officially OPEN! This is your chance to lead, advocate for your peers, and shape the graduate experience at Rutgers. Contact the GSA Elections Commissioner at [elections@gsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:elections@gsa.rutgers.edu) with questions.

**Location for Graduate Student Pilates is changing for Wednesday, April 22**

For the week of April 22, the Graduate Student Pilates class normally in the Graduate Student Lounge will be held in the CAG Upper Gym, located at 130 College Ave.

Please email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions. Graduate Student Pilates is hosted by Rutgers Recreation and Office of Graduate Student Life.

**Volunteer Appreciation Week 2026**

Volunteer Appreciation Week is our chance to say thank you... to you. Whether you've logged dozens of hours or you're just getting started, this week is about coming together, giving back, and having a great time doing it. From thrift shop pop-ups to bookmark-making to city cleanups, there's something for everyone. Bring a friend, try something new, and help us make New Brunswick a little better, one event at a time.

See [website](#) for more details and to register.

4/22: Pop Up Thrift Shop, 12:00pm-3:00pm

4/23: Bookmark Making, 2:00pm-4:00pm

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4/24: New Brunswick City Clean Up, 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Recruitment for IRB Approved Research Study

Do you intend to be physically active? This group is actively seeking research participants to better understand willpower/mental effort and physical activity behavior. You are eligible if you are: 30-60 years old, intend to be physically active, have normal or corrected to normal vision, and no history of neurological disorders. What's required: 1 in-person session (75 minutes), 8 weekly surveys (5 minutes each), wearing a Fitbit for 8 weeks. Compensation: Fitbit Inspire 3 (worth \$100) and up to \$30 in Amazon Gift cards! If interested, please reach out via email to Jonathon at [rutgershealthneurosciencelab@gmail.com](mailto:rutgershealthneurosciencelab@gmail.com) or text 848-412-7900.

### Complete the Rutgers Quality of Life Survey

You are being asked to take part in research conducted by Gianna Darrow, who is the Executive Director in the Department of Data Analytics and Campus Planning. The purpose of this research is to understand how the university can help Rutgers students be successful during their time in college. If you do complete the [survey](#), you will be entered into a drawing where you could win one of ten \$100 Mastercards. The drawing winners will be contacted by May 5, 2026.

### Register for the 28th Annual Rainbow Graduation on May 6

#### Registration deadline extended, but please [RSVP](#) ASAP!

The Center for Social Justice Education and LGBT Communities is delighted to invite you to the 28th Annual Rainbow Graduation at Rutgers University–New Brunswick, a special event dedicated to honoring the achievements of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and nonbinary, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, advocates, allies, and other queer spectrum (LGBTQIA+) undergraduate and graduate students. Participation is open to all. This celebration honors the unique challenges and triumphs these students have experienced throughout their academic careers at Rutgers. It is a time to recognize their resilience, pride, and activism, which have significantly contributed to our university's vibrant and inclusive community. As our queer and trans students transition out of the university, it is more important than ever to show our support and celebrate their accomplishments as they take on the world. This year's Rainbow Graduation will take place on May 6 in the Livingston Student Center (Gathering Lounge/Livingston Hall). If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact [sje@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:sje@echo.rutgers.edu).

### Register for the 32nd Annual Rites of Passage Ceremony on May 8

Registration not required, but [RSVP](#) by April 29 encouraged!

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The Rites of Passage Ceremony is a signature pre-commencement celebration to honor Black and Latine-identified students who through resolute persistence have successfully completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at Rutgers University – New Brunswick. The event recognizes their accomplishments, hard work, and dedication, while simultaneously acknowledging the accomplishments of our students' families and networks of support. Distinguished speakers, live performances and the incorporation of African culture and traditions – specifically the culminating Kente Stole presentation – all add to the vibrancy of this occasion. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact [rop@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:rop@echo.rutgers.edu).

### **Register for the 2026 Pa'lante Graduation Ceremony on May 16 RSVP by May 1!**

The Center for Latino Arts & Culture invites you to register for the annual Pa'lante Student Ceremony. The Pa'lante Student Leader Graduation Ceremony was established in 2009 in order to recognize Latinx identified and affiliated graduating student leaders who have positively contributed to our community at Rutgers University-New Brunswick. Cohosted in partnership with the Latino Alumni Association of Rutgers University (LAARU), Pa'lante (Spanish for "forward") brings together graduates and celebrates their academic accomplishments, leadership and success! This year's Pa'lante Ceremony will take place on May 16 in Traves Hall on Douglass Campus. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to [contact the CLAC](#).

### **– STAY INFORMED –**

Looking for more ways to stay informed? Check out the [newsletters page](#) on our website! The newsletters page is the new home for information about various newsletters and listservs that are relevant to the graduate student experience including: the Graduate Student Association, Student Volunteer Engagement, Career Exploration and Success: Doctoral Career Community, Student Basic Needs, and more!

### **Follow Graduate Student Life on Instagram!**

Stay up to date with the Office of Graduate Student Life by following us on Instagram [@rugradstudentlife](#)! Never miss another graduate student life event!

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## ***EVENTS***

**– THIS WEEK! –**

**Pop Up Thrift Shop at College Ave. Community Church – Wednesday, April 22,  
12:00pm – 3:00pm**

Location: College Ave. Community Church (100 College Ave., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

**Registration requested!**

Volunteer with us at College Avenue Community Church as we host a Pop-Up Thrift Shop with the Second Reformed crew! Help us sort, style, and sell some seriously good finds—all while meeting cool people and doing something good for the community. For more information on Student Volunteer Engagement, contact Karen Ardizzone at [karen.ardizzone@rutgers.edu](mailto:karen.ardizzone@rutgers.edu) or [volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu).

**Wellness Wednesdays: Graduate Student Mat Pilates – Wednesday, April 22,  
5:00pm – 6:00pm**

Location: CAG Upper Gym (College Ave. Gym, 130 College Ave., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

**No registration needed!**

Join us every Wednesday of the Spring 2026 semester to take a pause from your busy week by relaxing your mind and body with your fellow graduate students. Mat Pilates builds strength, flexibility, and stability using controlled, low-impact movements that emphasize core support and proper alignment. It helps improve posture, balance, and body awareness while reducing stress on the joints, making it accessible for a wide range of fitness levels. Mats and blocks are provided, and all skill levels are welcome!

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#### **Rutgers Global ISSS Workshop – Applying for a Green Card without an Employer Sponsor – Wednesday, April 22, 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

Location: Virtual

##### **Registration required!**

Rutgers Global - ISSS has invited Dan Berger, Partner at the immigration law firm of Green and Spiegel, to present on Applying for a Green Card without an Employer Sponsor. This is a virtual event for international faculty, scholars, and graduate students. Contact Karl Baumle at [kbaumle@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:kbaumle@global.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **Book Talk: Gail Levin – Wednesday, April 22, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

Location: Zimmerli Art Museum (71 Hamilton St., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

##### **Registration recommended!**

The esteemed Rutgers alumna discusses feminist biographies, including her recently released "Alice Baber: An Artist's Triumph Over Tragedy." Contact Theresa Watson at [tcwatson@zimmerli.rutgers.edu](mailto:tcwatson@zimmerli.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **Bring Your Child to Work Day: Parenting Graduate Student Social Breakfast – Thursday, April 23, 9:30am – 11:30am**

Location: Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

##### **No registration necessary!**

The Office of Graduate Student Life warmly invites graduate student parents to join us, whether or not you bring your child, for a free breakfast and a fun pet rock coloring activity! Drop in anytime to connect with other graduate student parents, build community, and enjoy a relaxed morning together. We'll also have grab-and-go snacks and refreshments for the rest of your day, along with take-home painting kits. Rutgers Health, Outreach, Promotion, & Education will also be sharing resources on healthy eating on a budget! Email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **Bring Your Child to Work Day at the Zimmerli Art Museum – Tuesday, April 23, 10:00am – 3:00pm**

Location: Zimmerli Art Museum (71 Hamilton St., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

##### **No registration needed!**

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All Rutgers Faculty, Staff, and Students are welcomed to join in Bring your Child to Work Day at the Zimmerli on Thursday, April 23rd from 10am-3pm. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the access provided, please call Nicole Simpson, Access Coordinator, at [848-932-6178](tel:848-932-6178) or email [nsimpson@zimmerli.rutgers.edu](mailto:nsimpson@zimmerli.rutgers.edu) in advance of your participation.

#### **Bring Your Child to Work Day at Recreation – Thursday, April 23, 11:30am – 1:30pm (CAC) and 1:30pm – 3:30pm (Busch)**

Location 1: 11:30am – College Ave. Gym (130 College Ave. New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

Location 2: 1:30pm – Werblin Recreation Center Pool (656 Bartholomew Rd. Piscataway, Busch Campus)

#### **No registration needed!**

Celebrate Bring Your Child to Work Day at Rec! Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring their kids for an afternoon of games, crafts, rock wall climbing, and pool time. Visit the [website](#) for more information. Contact Shelby Lawson at [sml350@rutgers.edu](mailto:sml350@rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **Bring Your Child to Work Day at the Geology Museum – Tuesday, April 23, 10:00am – 4:00pm**

Location: Geology Museum (Geology Hall, 2nd Floor, 85 Somerset St., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

#### **No registration needed!**

The Geology Museum will be providing fun geology activities for children to do on Bring Your Child to Work Day. Kids will get the chance to work on some dino crafts and coloring sheets and learn a bit more about the museum! For questions, please email [geologymuseum@sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:geologymuseum@sas.rutgers.edu).

#### **Bookmarks and Big Dreams with Alyea Pierce – Thursday, April 23, 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

Location: Livingston Student Center, Gathering Lounge (84 Joyce Kilmer Ave., Piscataway, Livingston Campus)

#### **Registration requested!**

Join us for an afternoon of making bookmarks for young readers. Poetry Workshop: 2:30–3:15pm with special guest Alyea Pierce, who will guide you through unlocking your creativity and self-expression (yes, you are a poet now)! Special thanks to the State Theatre New Jersey's Artist-in-Residence Program. Hosted by Student Centers and Activities, Scarlet Arts Rx, and the Office of Disability Services. For more

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information on Student Volunteer Engagement, contact Karen Ardizzone at [karen.ardizzone@rutgers.edu](mailto:karen.ardizzone@rutgers.edu) or [volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu).

#### **GSA X RUSA Games Night – Thursday, April 23, 7:00pm – 10:00pm**

Location: College Ave. Student Center, Room 108 (Bottom Floor, 126 College Ave., College Ave. Campus, New Brunswick)

#### **No registration needed!**

All graduate and undergraduate students are welcome! Graduate school can be intense, which is why the GSA Tabletop Gaming Committee is here to help you unwind, recharge, and connect. Whether you enjoy classic board games, strategic challenges, or simply want to hang out with fellow students in a relaxed setting, this is the perfect opportunity for you. What to Expect: casual and competitive board games; a welcoming and inclusive environment; and a fun break from academic stress. Feel free to come solo or bring a friend. No experience is needed, just a willingness to play and have fun! Please email Alex Nesenjuk at [an525@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:an525@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **New Brunswick City Clean-up – Friday, April 24, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Location: Off-Campus Living & Community Initiatives (39 Union St., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

#### **Registration requested!**

Whether you are a commuter, an on-campus resident, or an off-campus resident, we are all part of this community and should work together to keep it clean. This initiative focuses on New Brunswick streets closest to the College Avenue campus. All materials, instructions, and maps will be provided! Clean-ups are rain or shine. Hosted by Student Centers and Activities, Off-Campus Living, and the City of New Brunswick. For more information on Student Volunteer Engagement, contact Karen Ardizzone at [karen.ardizzone@rutgers.edu](mailto:karen.ardizzone@rutgers.edu) or [volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu).

#### **Afrofut Fusion: Pilates & Dance – Saturday, April 25, 11:30am – 12:30pm**

Location: Cook Recreation Center Dance Studio (50 Biel Rd, New Brunswick, Cook Campus)

#### **Registration required!**

Strengthen your body and mind while embracing the vibrant rhythm of Afrobeats! Start with Pilates-inspired exercises to build core strength and mobility, followed by dynamic Afrobeats choreography that energizes and empowers. End with a restorative stretch to leave you feeling strong, confident, and refreshed. AfroFit Fusion is perfect for all

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experience levels, blending dance and fitness for a truly invigorating experience - instructed by Zina & Victoria every last Saturday of the month. Contact Zina at [zno1@rutgers.edu](mailto:zno1@rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **Rutgers Day – Saturday, April 25, 10:00am – 4:00pm**

Location: College Ave., Busch, and Cook/Douglass Campuses

#### **No registration required!**

Join Rutgers faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community members on the Busch Campus in Piscataway, and on the College Avenue and Cook/Douglass campuses in New Brunswick for the ultimate celebration of everything Rutgers. There's something for everyone, with live performances, exhibits, plenty of kids' activities, educational demonstrations, and so much more to see and do... and it's all free. [Visit the Rutgers Day website](#) for more information!

#### **– COMING UP! –**

#### **COMING UP! Rutgers VPVA Introduction to Medical Violence Training – Tuesday, April 28, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Virtual

#### **Registration required!**

This training highlights the importance of informed consent and confidentiality, patient rights, and utilizing a trauma-informed care lens when participating in direct patient interactions for medical practitioners. Contact Chaia Grubbs, Director of RBHS VPVA, at [cng27@rbhs.rutgers.edu](mailto:cng27@rbhs.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **COMING UP! Conspicuous by Their Absence: Curatorial Discussion with Amber N. Wiley and Diana Greenwald – Wednesday, April 29, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

Location: Zimmerli Art Museum (71 Hamilton St., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

#### **Registration required!**

In conjunction with "Allan Rohan Crite: Neighborhood," Amber N. Wiley and Diana Greenwald discuss expanding diversity and representation in exhibitions. Visit the [website](#) for more information. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the access provided, please call Nicole Simpson, Access Coordinator, at 848-932-6178 or email [nsimpson@zimmerli.rutgers.edu](mailto:nsimpson@zimmerli.rutgers.edu) in advance of your participation.

#### **COMING UP! Wellness Wednesdays: Graduate Student Mat Pilates – Wednesday, April 29, 5:00pm – 6:00pm \*LAST PILATES OF THE SEMESTER\***

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Location: Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

**No registration needed!**

take a pause from your busy week by relaxing your mind and body with your fellow graduate students. Mat Pilates builds strength, flexibility, and stability using controlled, low-impact movements that emphasize core support and proper alignment. It helps improve posture, balance, and body awareness while reducing stress on the joints, making it accessible for a wide range of fitness levels. Mats and blocks are provided, and all skill levels are welcome! Email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions. Graduate Student Pilates is hosted by Rutgers Recreation and Office of Graduate Student Life. Please note this will be the last Pilates class of the Spring 2026 semester.

**COMING UP! End of the Year Picnic & Pizza for Graduate Students – Thursday, April 30, 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Location: Voorhees Mall (William the Silent Statue, College Ave. between Seminary Pl. and Hamilton St., New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

**Registration requested!**

To end the year on a happy and delicious note, the German Graduate Student Organization is bringing all graduate students together to enjoy some fresh pizza for a picnic outside. Starting from 1:00pm, gather on Voorhees Mall, close to the statue of William the Silent, for a get-together and some free pizza. Celebrate the end of the semester together with some delicious food. Voorhees Mall is the historic, grassy courtyard on College Avenue between Seminary Place and Hamilton Street. Questions? Email Nadja Von Bossel at [nadja.vonbossel@rutgers.edu](mailto:nadja.vonbossel@rutgers.edu).

### – WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT–

**Disordered Gambling Training from The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey (CCGNJ)**

Location: Virtual

**See description for registration details!**

Leonard Brazer, Treatment Coordinator for The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey (CCGNJ) can assist students with enrollment for the 30-hour virtual training course on disordered gambling. As a New Jersey resident you are eligible to take the 30-hour course free of charge. To receive a coupon code, proof of New Jersey residency is required (e.g. a driver's license or utility bill reflecting your name and address). To proceed with your course registration, students would need to provide the

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following (via email to [leonard@800gambler.org](mailto:leonard@800gambler.org)): a brief narrative as to why you wish to take the training AND proof of New Jersey residency (if applicable). Be sure to review all requirements before proceeding and contact Leonard with any questions. Please note that the completion of the 30-hour training is the first step in the process of becoming an International Certified Gambling Counselor (ICGC-I or II). Please see the International Problem Gambling and Gaming Certification Organization's web site [ipggc.org](http://ipggc.org) for their requirements for these certifications. This does not automatically make you eligible to be part of the CCGNJ Treatment Provider Network. For more information on becoming a Network Provider this information is available on the [800gambler.org](http://800gambler.org) website under the For Professionals tab (Become a CCGNJ Treatment Provider).

### **Campus Resources for Wellness and Therapy Options**

**CAPS Counseling:** [Visit the website](#) for more information and schedules for all Let's Talk sessions and to learn more about individual CAPS Community Based Counselors (look for "Community Based-Counselor"). The CAPS website also lists the various available workshops and group descriptions. To get connected with any of these groups, please call [848-932-7884](tel:848-932-7884).

**Uwill** provides **free immediate access to teletherapy** through an easy-to-use, private, secure, confidential, online platform. Choose a therapist based on your preferences, including issue, gender, language, and ethnicity. Select a time that fits your schedule, including day, night, and weekend availability. [Register and book your first session](#) using your Rutgers email.

### **Graduate Student Wellness Coaching – Ongoing** **[Make an appointment](#) with a wellness coach!**

A wellness coach helps you focus on your present situation and provides general assistance to develop strategies that will improve various aspects of your life. The idea is that you are the expert on your own life, and the coach is there to assist you with putting a plan in place to help you reach your goals. Our coaches are not counselors or therapists. Think of a goal you want to achieve, e.g., managing your time, setting boundaries, and then [submit the form](#). *As a graduate student, you will receive a coach who is a professional staff member, not a peer.*

**– ACADEMIC SUPPORT & WORKSHOPS –**

**Human Subjects and Responsible Research: What Every Graduate Student Needs to Know – Tuesday, April 21, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Virtual

**Registration required!**

Join SGS Grad CareerCraft for an engaging and practical workshop led by Rutgers HRPP/IRB experts Michelle Watkinson, CIP, Megan Ringel, PhD, and Jenny Dunkle, PhD. This session is designed to help graduate students understand the ethical and regulatory foundations of conducting research with human participants. This workshop will include a 40-minute introduction to the Rutgers IRB, an overview of the review process, informed consent, researcher responsibilities, and common pitfalls. Students will receive clear guidance, real-world examples, and practical tips to support responsible, compliant, and participant-centered research. A 15-minute Q&A will follow. Contact Ramazan Gungor at [rg835@grad.rutgers.edu](mailto:rg835@grad.rutgers.edu) with any questions. Visit the SGS [website](#) for more workshops!

**Graduate Writing Accountability Group Sessions – Mondays and Thursdays, 11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Registration required for each session!**

Need some structure and motivation with working on your projects and assignments? Join a Graduate Writing Accountability Session hosted by the Graduate Writing Program and the Learning Centers! Using the Pomodoro method as a structure, these facilitated sessions will provide a supportive atmosphere where graduate students can sit together on Zoom and write alongside other graduate students to make progress toward their goals.

**Graduate Academic Coaching at the Learning Centers**

Academic Coaches at the Learning Centers are available to provide one-on-one academic coaching to graduate students, partnering with them to develop the personalized study strategies, time management habits, and self-management skills necessary to navigate university rigor and achieve academic success.

Ben Pereira is the Learning Centers' Graduate Peer Coach. Ben is a PhD candidate in Communication, an international student who comes with experience as a Graduate Mentor Fellow in the Honors College, supporting students in academic planning, project development, and long-term goal-setting. Ben is available to provide support and educational resources to assist you in your graduate academic journey. Together, Ben will work with you towards your goals and make your experience a fulfilling one.

[Make a one-on-one appointment](#) with Ben or one of our Graduate Academic Coaches today! For any questions about Graduate Academic Coaching or Graduate Student Services at the Learning Centers, email Dr. Wilson Ng at [wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu).

## ***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING, & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

### **– PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –**

#### **Google PhD Fellowship**

##### **Apply by April 23!**

The Google PhD Fellowship is a limited submission fellowship that is open to PhD students doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Fellowships support promising PhD candidates of all backgrounds who seek to influence the future of technology. There are currently 3 application slots available to PhD students. Please review the details on the fellowship program posted on the [Google website](#) and this [Limited Submission website](#). Application slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students who are interested in applying for the award should follow the instructions on the Limited Submission website as soon as possible. Questions about the application process should be directed to: [ufo@research.rutgers.edu](mailto:ufo@research.rutgers.edu).

#### **Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship**

##### **Apply by March 15 (Priority) or May 17 (Final)!**

Are you a scientist, engineer, or healthcare professional seeking to implement your field experience and education in a new way? The Eagleton Science and Politics Fellowship gives Ph.D.-level scientists the opportunity to work alongside policy and decision-makers in New Jersey, providing scientific expertise to help develop evidence-based public policy in a variety of state government agencies through 3 program tracks: Legislative, Executive, and Climate Action.

#### **Research Café: Showcasing Graduate Voices and Scholarship**

Research Café brings together the entire graduate student community of Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway campus to strengthen scholarly literacy and interdisciplinary research communication by providing a platform for emerging researchers to connect, share their in-progress research or scholarship, and benefit from peer feedback in a friendly and low-stakes setting. Research Café fosters

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interdisciplinary communication, public speaking confidence, and constructive peer engagement while directly contributing to students' professional development and research communication skills... critical competencies valued both within and beyond academia. Research Café helps students practice translating complex ideas for varied audiences, network across fields, and build a stronger sense of scholarly community, all in a welcoming, low-stakes environment. Please contact Dr. Ramazan Gungor at [rg835@grad.rutgers.edu](mailto:rg835@grad.rutgers.edu) with any questions about Research Cafe. Visit website for full schedule: <https://grad.rutgers.edu/professional-development/research-cafe>

### – SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDING RESOURCES –

**GradFund Workshop Series – Navigating the Job Market – Thursday, April 23, 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Location: Virtual

**Register to attend!**

This Spring Semester, [GradFund](#) invites you to join a small group workshop series focused on navigating the hidden curriculum of graduate school—the unspoken knowledge, norms, and strategies essential for success in graduate school but rarely taught in formal coursework. Based on *A Field Guide to Grad School: Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum* by Jessica Calarco, each session highlights a different chapter and topic. Participation in this series will lay the foundation for writing competitive fellowship and grant applications, while complementing GradFund's Self-Paced Guide to Fellowships and Grants on Canvas and individual advising appointments.

Space is limited. Early registration is required and reflects a commitment to attend and actively participate in all sessions.

### – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES –

**Business Manager – Graduate School Association**

*Compensation: \$21/hour, up to 10 hours per week*

*Location: Hybrid, based in New Brunswick*

**Apply by April 30, 11:59pm!**

The GSA is seeking to immediately fill a position for a Business Manager. The successful candidate will start upon selection and completion of the onboarding process. They will undergo training and guidance from the current Business Manager from the start date until December 31st of 2026. Effective January 1, 2027 they will take over full time. This position will be for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic

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year so the GSA is looking for people who have a graduation date of spring 2028 or later. View the [job posting](#) for further details and position requirements. Please address any questions to [help@gsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:help@gsa.rutgers.edu).

#### **Student Advisory Board at the Zimmerli Art Museum**

*Compensation: \$500 stipend for the academic year*

*Location: Hybrid, based in New Brunswick*

**Apply by May 17, 11:59pm!**

The Student Advisory Board at the Zimmerli Art Museum seeks engaged and creative Rutgers students dedicated to advancing the university's four pillars—academic excellence, building community, diversity and inclusion, and public service—through the arts. Members serve as ambassadors and, through partners, contribute ideas that connect the museum's exhibitions, public programs, and initiatives to the broader campus community. Student Advisory Board members are required to attend meetings on the first and second Thursdays of each month during the academic year. Students are expected to actively participate, communicate regularly, and represent the museum at select events. Members who cannot maintain this required commitment will be asked to resign from their position. Please reach out to Assistant Curator of Community Engagement, Barbara Cepeda ([bcepeda@zimmerli.rutgers.edu](mailto:bcepeda@zimmerli.rutgers.edu)), with any questions.

#### **Emerging Scholar Administrative Assistant – African Studies Association**

*Compensation: \$25/hour, flexible 10-20 hours per week*

*Location: Hybrid, based in Piscataway*

**Apply by May 23, 11:59pm via email (details below)!**

The African Studies Association (ASA) Emerging Scholar Administrative Assistant is a part-time administrative support position focusing on engagement with Emerging Scholars and related programming. Hours will range from 10-20 hours a week depending on the time of year. Most hours will be completed in ASA offices at Rutgers University - Livingston Campus. This position includes travel to the ASA Annual Meeting (November or December annually) paid by ASA. This position will report directly to the Executive Director and is an exciting opportunity to learn more about non-profits and the function of scholarly societies in higher education. ASA's ideal candidate is a PhD or MA student that works well both in-office and remotely and is excited to work with graduate students in the US and beyond. Learn more about ASA on the [website](#). Please email Ellen McPherson at [members@africanstudies.org](mailto:members@africanstudies.org) with a resume/CV and short paragraph of interest. Contact Alix Saba, Executive Director at [asaed@africanstudies.org](mailto:asaed@africanstudies.org) with any questions.

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#### **Exam Proctor – Ernesto Mario School of Pharmacy (EMSP0)**

*Compensation: \$20/hour, approximately 8 hours per week*

*Location: On-site, based in Piscataway*

**Apply by May 29, 11:59pm via email (details below)!**

Exam proctoring on-site at the School of Pharmacy starting in September 2026. Hours vary, based on the schedule of exams at the School. Applicants choose hours that fit their schedules. You will be trained for your role to support our electronic exam protocols. Most exams are scheduled weekdays 8-5, but there are also proctoring opportunities in the evening. You select the dates and times that work for your schedule. No experience is required, but you will be asked to follow our exam procedures closely and ensure that students follow these rules as well. Send email with CV and your availability to: [csg@pharmacy.rutgers.edu](mailto:csg@pharmacy.rutgers.edu), subject line: EXAM Proctoring for EMSOP. Contact Dr. Carol Goldin, Sr Assoc Dean, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at [csg@pharmacy.rutgers.edu](mailto:csg@pharmacy.rutgers.edu) or Dr. Minakshi Lahiri, Asst Dean, EMSOP at [minakshi.lahiri@rutgers.edu](mailto:minakshi.lahiri@rutgers.edu) with any questions.

#### **Part-time Academic Coach – Rutgers Learning Centers**

*Compensation: \$27/hour*

*Location: Hybrid, based in New Brunswick/Piscataway*

**Apply by April 30 via email (details below)!**

Lead and facilitate 1-on-1 academic coaching sessions and group workshops with students; data entry and reports; assist with other duties as assigned. Email resume and cover letter to Sarah Kravits at [slk229@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:slk229@echo.rutgers.edu).

#### **Graduate Assistant – Rutgers Learning Centers**

*Compensation: \$27/hour*

*Location: Hybrid, based in New Brunswick/Piscataway*

**Apply by April 30 via email (details below)!**

Administrative tasks including data entry and organizing; scheduling and coordination of programs; email correspondence with faculty and staff; assist with other duties as assigned. Email resume and cover letter to Lucille Leung at [llu@rutgers.edu](mailto:llu@rutgers.edu).

## **THE RESOURCE CORNER**

#### **Post-doc Opportunities Board**

The [Postdoc Opportunities Board](#) is a free resource to help you find a postdoc position where you will thrive and succeed. The board features positions at 18 world-leading institutions across eleven different states. Visit the site to find: 1.) Postdoc Positions: dozens of open positions across all disciplines and available to U.S. citizens,

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permanent residents, and visa-holders, 2.) Career Advice: how to identify the right faculty mentor; tips on navigating postdoc interviews and job offers, 3.) Funding Information: learn about funding opportunities for each stage of your postdoc, 4.) Institution Profiles: easy access to information on each participating institution, including links to benefits resources and postdoc offices, 5.) Recruitment Events: upcoming virtual and in-person events showcasing the research and training available at different institutions. Go to <https://pob.wisc.edu/> to get started.

### **International Tax Information**

It is tax season! International students, please refer to tax reporting requirements and Glacier Tax Prep software access instructions on the Rutgers Global Taxes [webpage](#). To learn more, join Glacier Tax Prep Live Q&A [sessions](#). Also, students who were employed on campus at any point in 2025 are encouraged to attend Rutgers' [Tax Workshop](#) for F-1 and J-1 on Thursday, February 26 at 2:00pm.

### **GradSense: A Financial Planning Resource Developed Specifically for Graduate Students**

[GradSense](#) is a website designed specifically for grad students like you to help you make informed financial decisions throughout your grad school journey. It provides guidance on funding your degree, essential tips on managing your finances while in school, and, once you complete your degree, information on evaluating and negotiating job offers, and resources on federal loan repayment. Key Features of GradSense include 1.) Funding Options and Financial Aid: Offers guidance on finding and applying for financial assistance; 2.) Managing Finances: Provides practical tips on budgeting and managing money while in graduate school, including an online budget calculator developed specifically for graduate students; and, 3.) After Grad School: Includes information on evaluating and negotiating job offers and resources on federal loan repayment. GradSense is free and available to anyone who is interested in financial wellness. The site is managed by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) and supported by TIAA. Rutgers University is a member of CGS.

### **Get EndNote FREE through the Rutgers Libraries!**

EndNote is available to all Rutgers students, faculty, and staff through the Rutgers Libraries! EndNote is a desktop program for collecting and organizing references that allows you to create a searchable personal reference database, find full text articles, manage and annotate pdf files, cite references while writing a paper, create bibliographies in your preferred style, and more! Click [HERE](#) for more information about downloading EndNote as a Rutgers affiliate.

### **Free Professional Legal Services For Rutgers Students!**

Rutgers University Student Legal Services offers professional legal advice and assistance to eligible Rutgers– New Brunswick students at no cost by attorneys licensed to practice in New Jersey! Student Legal Services offers legal consultations on various matters including: tenant/landlord disputes, domestic violence, traffic violations, intellectual property, immigration/INS/DACA, civil suits, and more. They also provide notary services, attorney referrals, community outreach & education, and pre-law advising services. Visit the [Student Legal Services website](#) for more information.

### **Restorative Justice Services for Graduate Students**

Graduate students can contact the Restorative Justice Program for assistance building deeper connections, developing proactive community agreements, or resolving conflicts that arise within their student organizations, study groups, and any other communities they engage with. [Learn more](#) about the Restorative Justice Program. The Restorative Justice Program can be contacted by email at [restorative\\_justice@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:restorative_justice@echo.rutgers.edu)

## ***STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT***

### **Community Human Services and Health Resources**

Students in need should consider NJ 211, a free and confidential service connecting individuals to local health and human services. Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.nj211.org](http://www.nj211.org) for help with housing, food, healthcare, and more. Additionally, click [HERE](#) for a database of local food pantries by ZIP code throughout the state of New Jersey.

### **Rutgers Global Alerts Page**

Rutgers Global Alerts are intended to provide guidance and resources to all members of the Rutgers community regarding issues related to travel advisories, immigration policies, and other regulatory updates that impact international students and scholars, as well as domestic students and faculty traveling abroad. Important notices for international students are also sent as periodic emails to the international student community at Rutgers University–New Brunswick. Visit the [Global Alerts webpage](#) for updates.

### **Student Basic Needs: Emergency Aid Fund**

The Rutgers Emergency Aid Fund provides RU-New Brunswick students with one-time need-based financial support for unforeseen, unavoidable, and unplanned costs

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associated with emergencies like accidents, illnesses, fire and water damage, or the need for emergency housing or food. International and undocumented students are eligible to apply. Visit the [Basic Needs website](#) for more information and to find the application for Emergency Aid.

### **Resource Webpage for Pregnant and Parenting Graduate Students**

The Office of Graduate Student Life, in partnership with the Office of Title IX & Compliance and the Supporting Parents & Caregivers at Rutgers (SPCR) Graduate Student Organization, recently launched a new [resource webpage for pregnant and parenting graduate students](#)! This webpage serves as a platform for helping pregnant and parenting students locate resources, policies, support services, and community engagement opportunities available at Rutgers University and in the local community.

### **Academic, Employment, and Student Support Resources on the Graduate Student Life Website**

Looking for additional graduate student resources, services, or support? Check out the resource pages on our website! Find information on [Academic Support Resources](#), [Career & Professional Development](#), [Student Support Services & Resources](#) and more on our website!

Do you have an opportunity for graduate students that you would like to promote in the Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest? [Submit it](#) by Thursday to appear in the following week's edition!