

## Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest

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#### 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

**\*POSTPONED\* Graduate Student Life and Graduate Student Association Spring 2026 Welcome & Open House – Tuesday, February 10 (New Date), 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

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

**[RSVP](#) requested!**

Drop by the Lounge to meet staff and students from the Graduate Student Life, GSA, graduate student organizations and affinity groups, Scarlet Arts Rx, Learning Centers, Office of Disability Services, and Career Exploration and Success. Learn about opportunities to get involved as a graduate student and the resources to support your graduate student experience and your overall wellness! The Graduate Student Lounge is a great place to study, relax, or connect with friends. Come visit us for free massages, pizza, desserts, and giveaways! Email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions you may have about the event.

**Register to Join a Graduate Affinity Group**

Looking to get connected with other graduate students and participate in a fun and supportive community? Consider joining a peer-designed and peer-facilitated affinity group. Groups will meet monthly in the spring semester at a date/time and in a format to be determined by the facilitator and participants. Affinity groups are affirming spaces

to build community with peers who share experiences, backgrounds, and social identities and connect with peers for personal and professional support and around shared interests. Six groups are being offered this semester: African graduate students, BIPOC LGBTQIA2S+ students, Chinese students, International students, Neurodivergent students, Southeast Asian students. [Read descriptions](#) for each group and learn if it's a good fit for you. Questions? Ghada Endick, [gendick@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gendick@echo.rutgers.edu).

### **Residency Reclassification Deadline—All Students**

The Residency Reclassification deadline for graduate students for the Spring 2026 term is Friday, March 20, 2026. The application and all supporting evidence must be submitted by this date. Learn more about the application by visiting the [ScarletHub website](#).

### **– 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! –**

**Keep Middlesex Moving: Bus Ticket Program – Tuesday, January 27, 11:30am – 3:30pm**

Location: Basic Needs Center (College Ave. Student Center, Lower Level; 126 College Ave., Room 112, New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

**Registration required!**

Sign up to claim a limited amount of free round-trip bus tickets within Middlesex County! Scan the QR code to claim on the flyer, or go to the Basic Needs Center to chat with the organization in person to learn more and sign up. Email [lcuevas@kmm.org](mailto:lcuevas@kmm.org) with any questions.

**RU Swim School – Tuesday, January 27, 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Location: Werblin Rec Center Patio Pool (656 Bartholomew Rd., Busch Campus, Piscataway)

**Registration required! Limited spots available!**

No equipment is needed, all will be provided. You will only need a swim suit, towel and your own goggles if you wish! This is a 2 hour **free** swim lesson! The Werblin Rec Center pool is heated to 85 degrees and has a depth of 4 feet at all parts. Participants will be divided into groups based on swimming comfortability!

**MLK Day of Service Vision Boards – Tuesday, January 27, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Location: Douglass Student Center, Traves Hall A (100 George St., C/D Campus, New Brunswick)

**No registration needed!**

Join Student Volunteer Engagement and Scarlet Arts Rx as we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to service through an evening of creativity and learning. Every attendee will be led by an experienced arts student to create their own vision board, using the theme of "service to others." Learn about all of the different service opportunities available for the spring semester, too. Dinner will be served! For questions, please reach out to [volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:volunteer@echo.rutgers.edu).

**Wellness Wednesdays: Graduate Student Mat Pilates – Wednesday, January 28, 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

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

**No registration needed!**

Join us every Wednesday in Spring 2026 semester, from January 28 - May 6, 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! 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. **For the very first class, TWO LUCKY ATTENDEES will win their own yoga mats, courtesy of our friends at [H.O.P.E.](#)**

**International Students: Tea and Terrariums – Wednesday, January 28, 5:30 – 7:00pm**

Location: Rutgers Floriculture Greenhouse (64 Nichol Ave., New Brunswick, C/D Campus)

**Registration required by January 28 at 12:00pm!**

Come beat the winter blues with your fellow international students! Join us for a guided tour of the Rutgers floriculture greenhouse and its array of beautiful tropical plants. After that, we will have all the supplies and decorations on hand for a build your own terrarium activity, which you can take home to brighten up your living space. Plus, we'll have tea and cookies to enjoy as you get creative with your terrarium making! Contact Tracy Waldman [tracy.waldman@rutgers.edu](mailto:tracy.waldman@rutgers.edu) from the SEBS Office of Global Engagement with any questions.

**Meet & Learn at the Basic Needs Center with the Rutgers Gardens Student Farm – Thursday, January 29, 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

Location: Basic Needs Center (College Ave. Student Center, Lower Level; 126 College Ave., Room 112, New Brunswick, College Ave. Campus)

Meet the team from the Rutgers Gardens Student Farm to learn more about where our produce comes from, the process of growing and harvesting, and internship and volunteer opportunities at the farm! Free carrots and carrot dip snacks while supplies last. [Review event flyer](#) for more information!

**LGBTQIA2S+ Graduate Student Social – Thursday, January 29, 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Location: Center for Social Justice Education & LGBT Communities (17 Bartlett St., College Ave. Campus, New Brunswick)

**No registration needed!**

Join us for the LGBTQIA2S+ Graduate Student Social. Mingle, connect, and enjoy good food and music while in community with your fellow master's and doctoral peers. For questions, please email Eunisha Tucker at [et570@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:et570@echo.rutgers.edu).

### **Glow Dance Party – Thursday, January 29, 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

Location: Livingston Recreation Center, MPR B (62 Rd. 3, Edison, Livingston Campus)

#### **Registration required!**

Join Rutgers Recreation in the ultimate high-energy kickoff to the semester — a one-hour glow-in-the-dark dance party featuring your favorite instructors and dance formats!

### **Hot Cocoa, Coffee, and Donuts Drop-In – Friday, January 30, 11:00am – 12:30pm**

Location: Lucy Stone Hall, 1st Floor Lobby, Suite A145 (54 Joyce Kilmer Ave., Livingston Campus, Piscataway)

#### **Registration required!**

Welcome to the start of the spring semester! The Office of Disability Services is hosting a social hour for undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities and disability allies. Stop by to talk with other students over cocoa and coffee, ask questions about accommodations, and see testing sites. Questions or accommodation requests specific to this event? Please email [dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu), call 848-202-3111, or visit ODS in Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145.

### **Friendship Fridays with Rutgers Global – Friday, January 30, 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

Location: The Cove, Busch Student Center (604 Bartholomew Rd., Busch Campus, Piscataway)

#### **RSVP requested!**

Friendship Fridays are a monthly opportunity for the Rutgers community to step away from classwork and research and just hang out and relax together. Join us for games, activities, food, and conversation - and make new friends from around the world! For more information, reach out to [events@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:events@global.rutgers.edu).

### **First-Generation Graduate Student Welcome Social: Community, Resources & Conversation – Saturday, January 31, 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

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

#### **RSVP requested!**

Join us for a welcoming and social event for new and returning first-generation graduate students and their families. Connect with peers who share similar experiences, meet supportive staff, learn about Rutgers resources, and enjoy lunch and community. The event will also include informal opportunities to share your experiences, ask questions, and reflect on what support matters the most to you. For more information on First-Generation Graduate Student programs visit [the OGSL website](#). Questions? Email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu).

**– COMING UP! –**

**COMING UP! Introduction to Spinning for Graduate Students – Tuesday, February 3, 5:30pm – 6:15pm**

Location: Werblin Recreation Center's Cycle Studio (656 Bartholomew Rd., Busch Campus, Piscataway)

**Registration required!**

Spinning is a non-impact, individually paced, stationary bike-based cardio workout. In this beginner friendly class, the instructor will explain the basics of spinning and teach you to adjust your bike to a proper and comfortable fit. Spinning allows the participant to control the tension and speed to a comfortable level. The cycle studio is a private classroom located at the Werblin Recreation Center. There are 25 bikes available. Class will be the following: 5 minutes of bike set up, 10-minute warm up, 20-minute ride, and a 10-minute cool down and stretch. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers and bring a water bottle. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before class to claim your bike. Bikes will be made available to participants on standby 5 minutes before the start of class.

**COMING UP! Classroom Accommodations: Coffee & Cocoa Chat with the Office of Disability Services – Wednesday, February 4, 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

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

**RSVP requested!**

Welcome to the start of the spring semester! As a graduate student, teaching assistant, instructor, or friend, you may wonder about academic accommodations and accessibility. The Office of Disability Services is hosting a drop-in afternoon for graduate students interested in learning about the services that ODS provides. Bring yourself or bring a friend to ask questions and learn about outreach efforts. Please direct questions or accommodation requests specific to this event to [dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu) or 848-202-3111.

**COMING UP! Graduate Student Association (GSA) Coffee & Breakfast – Wednesday, February 4, 9:00am – 11:00am**

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

**RSVP requested!**

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) invites all graduate students to join us for a morning of coffee, breakfast, and community. This event is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow graduate students, share experiences, and start the day with delicious food and engaging conversations. Come for the coffee, stay for the connections!

**COMING UP! Wellness Wednesdays: Graduate Student Mat Pilates – Wednesday, February 4, 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

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**No registration needed!**

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**COMING UP! GSA Tabletop Gaming Committee – Thursday, February 5, 7:00pm – 10:00pm**

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

**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. 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 [an525@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:an525@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

**– WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT–**

**Emotion Regulation, Stress Management, and Cultivating Resilience – Tuesday, February 10, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Zoom

Join Dana, along with your peers, as we focus on addressing skills for recognizing and managing stress and emotions, and increasing resilience. Please call 848-932-7884 with any questions.

**CAPS International Student Wellness Group – Tuesdays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

Location: Asian American Cultural Center (49 Joyce Kilmer Ave., Piscataway, Livingston Campus)

The CAPS International Student Wellness Group is a confidential, safe virtual space designed to support international students in navigating unique challenges like cross-cultural adjustment. It provides a supportive environment to discuss concerns, share experiences, and connect with peers and meets every Tuesday, starting on February 24.

**Build Skills That Matter: Mental Health First Aid Certification**  
**RSVP via the [Interest Registration Form](#)**

Graduate Students and Post-Docs interested in professional development and mental health education are invited to participate in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) – Higher Education, a free, in-person training designed for the college community. This 8-hour course teaches participants how to recognize and respond to signs of mental health challenges and substance use concerns, offer initial support, and connect others to appropriate campus, local, and national resources. Participants will receive a Mental Health First Aid certification valid for three years, building practical leadership, communication, and crisis-response skills that support both professional development and personal well-being. This training is designed for graduate students at all levels and in all disciplines who want to build skills in mental health awareness, communication, and support. No clinical background or prior training is needed. Facilitated by Rutgers Student Health staff. Date of the session will be determined by the group of students who register their interest. Please email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) for questions.

**CAPS Counseling Conversations & Wellness/Therapy Groups**

[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: FREE Immediate-Access to Teletherapy**

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.*

### **Personal Training with Rutgers Recreation**

Location: Various Locations

Ready to reach your fitness goals? Rutgers Recreation's certified personal trainers are here to guide you every step of the way—whether you're just starting out or looking to take your workouts to the next level. Choose from one-on-one or partner sessions at a time and location that fits your schedule. Our trainers will design a personalized program to help you build strength, confidence, and consistency.

For more info: <https://go.rutgers.edu/f25rurecpt>.

## **– ACADEMIC SUPPORT & WORKSHOPS –**

### **Teaching Workshop: Fostering Communication Between TA and Faculty – Tuesday, January 27, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Virtual

#### **Registration required!**

This TIIP workshop is designed to help develop effective communication strategies with faculty members in the courses we facilitate. They will explore best practices for establishing clear expectations, managing responsibilities, and navigating potential challenges in the TA-faculty relationship. Participants will gain tools to build productive, collaborative partnerships with faculty. This session is part of the Improving Your Classroom Skills certificate program for graduate students and postdocs. For questions, please reach out to [jk2301@nbcprutgers.edu](mailto:jk2301@nbcprutgers.edu).

### **In-Person Resume Clinic – Friday, January 30, 11:00am – 2:00pm**

Location: Busch Student Center MPR (604 Bartholomew Rd., Busch Campus, Piscataway)

#### **RSVP requested!**

Bring your resume to the Drop-in Resume Clinic at the Busch Student Center any time between 11:00am - 1:45pm, where you'll receive a 10-15 minute personalized critique from employer volunteers and staff who are here to support you. These employers, many of whom are Rutgers alumni or have a strong connection to our campus, are dedicated to helping you succeed in your job and internship search. They understand what it takes to stand out and want to share their insights. You will be randomly assigned to an employer volunteer and will not be able to choose a specific employer

to meet with. Attending this clinic also earns you a stamp toward the #Rutgersworks Free Tuition Challenge! For more details, visit [careers.rutgers.edu/challenge](https://careers.rutgers.edu/challenge). If you need any accommodations, please email [careers@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:careers@echo.rutgers.edu).

**Teaching Workshop: Developing a Teaching Philosophy Statement for Academic Employment – Friday, January 30, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Virtual

**Registration required!**

This interactive session will help you consider and design your teaching philosophy statement which is often an integral component of the job application for faculty positions. Please bring a copy of your own drafts (or a general idea of what you might write about) to share during small group discussions as well as a laptop or pen and paper. This session is part of the Improving Your Classroom Skills certificate program for graduate students and postdocs. For questions, please reach out to [jk2301@nbcpr.rutgers.edu](mailto:jk2301@nbcpr.rutgers.edu).

**Graduate Workshop Series: Citation Management, Introduction to EndNote 2025 – Wednesday, February 4, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Virtual

**Register by February 3!**

Streamline your research and writing process with EndNote 2025, a powerful citation management tool. In this workshop, you will learn how to: Download and set up EndNote 2025, Import references from databases like QuickSearch, PubMed, and Google Scholar, Create and organize your EndNote library, Insert citations and generate bibliographies while writing in Microsoft Word. Whether you are just getting started or need a refresher, this session will help you make the most of EndNote 2025. This workshop is co-hosted with Rutgers Libraries. Contact Dr. Wilson Ng [wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

**Graduate Workshop Series: Reading and Selecting Journal Articles – Tuesday, February 10, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Location: Virtual

**Register by February 9!**

The Rutgers Learning Centers encourage graduate students to attend this workshop, which will identify challenges on how to read journal articles effectively, discuss tips on selecting appropriate journal articles, and go over effective strategies. Contact Dr. Wilson Ng [wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

**Teaching Workshop: Teaching with Group Work – Tuesday, February 17, 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Virtual

**Register by February 16!**

Everyone loves a group project, right? Come discuss strategies for implementing effective group projects while avoiding common pitfalls. This session is part of the Improving Your Classroom Skills certificate program for graduate students and postdocs. [Visit the TIIP website](#) to learn more about workshop and certificate programs!

**Teaching & Learning Community for Graduate Students and Postdocs**

**Register to join the virtual community!**

Looking for a space to connect with other graduate students and postdocs dedicated to teaching? The [Teaching & Learning Community for Graduate Students and Postdocs](#) is a supportive, member-driven space where you discuss the scholarship of teaching and learning. Stay tuned for a future announcement on the spring schedule.

**Academic Coaching with Dr. Wilson Ng**

Meet Dr. Wilson Ng (he/him/his), the newly appointed Senior Program Coordinator and Academic Coach for Graduate Student Services at the Rutgers Learning Centers. Dr. Ng provides one-on-one academic coaching and facilitates workshops and programming tailored to graduate students. With a background in college student affairs and years of experience in student development and support, he is eager to bring his expertise to the Rutgers community and looks forward to collaborating with students as they navigate their academic journeys in graduate school! [Make](#) a one-on-one appointment with Dr. Ng via Penji. For any questions, email him at [wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:wwn2@echo.rutgers.edu).

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

### **– PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –**

**Fair Prep: How to Prepare for the Career Fair Mini-Session – Monday, February 2, 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Location: Virtual

**Registration required!**

Setting yourself up for success at an in-person career fair requires preparation. During this virtual workshop, we will outline the steps to prepare for the Fair, with specific focus on effectively introducing yourself to employers. Please note this is an interactive

program that gives you the opportunity to practice what you learn and to get valuable feedback on how you can properly introduce yourself and your skills! Attending this clinic also earns you a stamp toward the #Rutgersworks Free Tuition Challenge! For more details, visit [careers.rutgers.edu/challenge](https://careers.rutgers.edu/challenge). If you need any accommodations, please email [careers@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:careers@echo.rutgers.edu).

## **– SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDING RESOURCES –**

### **No Hungry Knights Meal Plan Initiative (Need-Based)**

**Apply by February 2, 2026!**

Administered through the Offices of the Dean of Students--Division of Student Affairs, award recipients will be provided full or partial meal plans. Awardees must have documented unmet needs as determined by the Office of Financial Aid or have experienced a documentable change in their financial status. Comprehensive support will be provided to help address the undying causes of their food insecurity and to determine eligibility for additional awards. For questions, please contact the Division of Student Affairs Scholarship Coordinator at [sascholarships@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:sascholarships@echo.rutgers.edu). Click [HERE](#) to apply for the No Hungry Knights Meal Plan Initiative.

### **Dr. Cheryl A. Wall Memorial Fellowship**

**Apply by April 6, 2026!**

Rutgers- New Brunswick Ph.D. candidates conducting research in African American or Black literature, Black Feminism, or interdisciplinary studies are encouraged to apply for the Dr. Cheryl A. Wall Memorial Fellowship. Dr. Cheryl A. Wall was a longtime Rutgers University professor and prominent scholar of African American women writers. In a teaching career of nearly five decades, Dr. Wall championed racial diversity both in the curriculum and the classroom. The Dr. Cheryl A. Wall Memorial Fellowship honors Dr. Wall's legacy by providing \$2,500 annually to doctoral students who qualify. Click [HERE](#) to apply. For questions, please contact the Division of Student Affairs Scholarship Coordinator at [sascholarships@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:sascholarships@echo.rutgers.edu).

### **Learn to Write a Competitive Funding Application with GradFund's FREE Self-Paced Canvas Course**

Learn to write a competitive external funding application using GradFund's FREE self-paced Canvas course! This course teaches the art of competitive proposal writing through developing familiarity with both funders in your field of study and the proposal writing genre. [Enroll](#) in GradFund's self-paced Canvas course.

[The Office of Financial Aid](#) can provide information about need-based funding and financial aid. Other forms of need-based aid or scholarships may be available through your school of enrollment.

## **– EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES –**

### **Web Application Developer Research Assistant – Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy**

*Compensation: \$15-20 per hour*

*Location: On-site*

**Apply [Apply via Handshake](#) by 6:00am on January 30, 2026!**

The Department of Architecture and Planning is seeking a motivated and creative Web Application Developer Research Assistant (RA) to support their research on AI digital tools and services. As an RA, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to live projects, collaborate with experienced researchers and faculty, and learn modern research and development practices in a flexible and supportive environment. This is a great opportunity for a computer science student with application development experience - it is not a data science role.

### **Exam Proctor – Office of Disability Services**

*Compensation: \$15.49 per hour*

*Location: In-Person*

**Apply [via Handshake](#) by 6:00am on February 12, 2026!**

The Office of Disability Services is recruiting graduate students to oversee exams as proctors. The exams may be implemented one-on-one, in a group, or online, and the proctor will be responsible for maintaining the testing environment, as well as communicating with the exam office and other proctors. Flexible availability is preferred, and proctors should be prepared to travel within several campuses. Please review the job listing for additional information.

### **Market Ambassador – Rutgers Community Farmers Market**

*Compensation: \$20 per hour*

*Location: Fully onsite, C/D Campus and Student Center*

**Apply [via Handshake](#) by February 13, 2026!**

Market Ambassadors are responsible for: setting up and breaking down the market; assisting customers to navigate the market, complete transactions, and connect with additional health- and food-related resources; providing excellent customer service; and assisting with bookkeeping and records management for farmers market operations. This position is primarily outdoors, working in various weather conditions. Markets are open rain or shine. Requirements: 1. Can speak, read, write, and translate materials in at least one of the following languages (Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and/or Korean) 2. Able to safely and independently lift up to 25lbs 3. Experience with Google Workspace and/or Microsoft Outlook. Apply via Handshake OR email [farmersmarket@rutgers.edu](mailto:farmersmarket@rutgers.edu) with a resume and statement of interest.

### **Social Media Assistant – Rutgers Community Farmers Market**

*Compensation: \$20 per hour*

*Location: Fully onsite, C/D Campus and Student Center*

**Apply via Handshake by February 13, 2026!**

This role will support content creation, scheduling, engagement, and performance tracking across social platforms; take photos on-site as needed; organize documents and content calendars using Google Workspace and/or Microsoft Outlook; assist with campaigns while maintaining a consistent brand voice; and track analytics for basic reporting. Occasional on-site support will be required to assist with market operations. Requirements: 1. Can speak, read, write, and translate materials in at least one of the following languages (Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and/or Korean) 2. Able to safely and independently lift up to 25lbs 3. Experience with Google Workspace and/or Microsoft Outlook. Apply via Handshake OR email [farmersmarket@rutgers.edu](mailto:farmersmarket@rutgers.edu) with a resume and statement of interest.

### **Office Assistant – Rutgers Community Farmers Market**

*Compensation: \$20 per hour*

*Location: Fully onsite, C/D Campus and Student Center*

**Apply via Handshake by February 13, 2026!**

This role is to support daily administrative operations. The ideal candidate is organized, professional, and comfortable handling a variety of office tasks. This role will perform data entry and maintain records; assist with filing, scanning, and document preparation; answer phones, voice mails, and emails; schedule appointments and maintain calendars; and provide general administrative support as needed. Occasional on-site support will be required to assist with market operations. Requirements: 1. Can speak, read, write, and translate materials in at least one of the following languages (Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and/or Korean) 2. Able to safely and independently lift up to 25lbs 3. Experience with Google Workspace and/or Microsoft Outlook. Apply via Handshake OR email [farmersmarket@rutgers.edu](mailto:farmersmarket@rutgers.edu) with a resume and statement of interest.

### **Web Strategy & Resource Organization Assistant – Rutgers Graduate School of Education**

*Compensation: \$25-30 per hour, 10 hours per week*

*Location: Hybrid, based in New Brunswick*

**Apply by 6:00am on March 9, 2026!**

The Rutgers Graduate School of Education is seeking a graduate student in communications, UI/UX, web strategy, or a related field, to assist in system and web development. Responsibilities include developing systems for resource organization, creating and refining existing webpages, and analyzing site metrics. The graduate assistant must have prior experience with CMS and dynamic content design, with a strong understanding of UX principles, and accessibility standards. Please review the job listing for additional details.

## ***THE RESOURCE CORNER***

### **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.

### **FREE Professional Development with LinkedIn Learning**

All Rutgers graduate students have free access to LinkedIn Learning, an online professional development tool with thousands of video tutorials, courses, and training resources taught by industry experts. Visit the [Rutgers IT Tech Guide](#) to learn more about LinkedIn Learning available to you as a student and set up your free account through Rutgers University.

### **Interstride for International Students**

Interstride is an educational technology company offering an online platform for international students. The platform assists with job searches, visa procedures, work authorization, and networking, providing tools like career planning features, checklists, and a calendar. Here is the login portal: <https://student.interstride.com/dashboard>. Rutgers students get access for free. For issues, please contact [yiwei.zhang@rutgers.edu](mailto:yiwei.zhang@rutgers.edu)!

### **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 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!