



## Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest

### Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest Week of October 7, 2024

#### 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 [HERE!](#) 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). Click [HERE](#) for information about weekly staff drop-in hours.

The Graduate Student Lounge is open from 6:45am-12:00am Mondays-Fridays and 9:00am-12:00am Saturdays and Sundays. Click [HERE](#) to view the daily hours for the College Ave Student Center (includes Graduate Student Lounge). Learn more about the Office of Graduate Student Life by visiting our website [HERE!](#)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Last Chance to Submit Voter Registration Changes in NJ is 10/15!**

If you're planning to vote in the General Election on November 5th, make sure your voter registration is up-to-date. [The RU Voting program](#) recommends all voters check their voter registration status for the state in which they are registered so they can successfully cast their ballot this fall. If you are registered to vote in New Jersey, all voter registration changes must be submitted by 11:59pm on October 15th. Out of state students should click [HERE](#) to check the deadlines for their state.

#### **– GET INVOLVED –**

##### **Leadership Opportunity: Rutgers NOBCChE Chapter**

Student leaders are needed to establish a NOBCChE Chapter at Rutgers University! [NOBCChE](#), the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, is a leading national group of professional and student leaders. Chapter participation opens the door to leadership, networking, mentoring, and training opportunities at Rutgers, and many leading Pharma companies here in New Jersey and beyond. Student leaders interested in establishing a chapter would be responsible for identifying leadership positions, drafting a constitution,

creating an online presence, and developing a roster of members. Student leaders, alongside the chapter advisor, will also host and organize various social and professional events throughout the year. Students interested in serving in a leadership role and establishing a NOBCChE chapter at Rutgers should contact Dr. Gene Hall [Gene.Hall@Rutgers.edu](mailto:Gene.Hall@Rutgers.edu) and Shawn Rumrill [Shawn.Rumrill@Rutgers.edu](mailto:Shawn.Rumrill@Rutgers.edu).

### **Explore Involvement in Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs)!**

Explore the official directory of Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) recognized by the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and discover graduate involvement opportunities on campus. GSOs are a fantastic way to meet other graduate students and participate in campus activities. Find the GSO directory [HERE](#).

### **1:1 Coaching Sessions for Volunteer Engagement**

#### **Schedule a 1:1 Coaching Session [HERE](#)**

Graduate students looking for ways to volunteer in the community should consider scheduling a 1:1 coaching session with the Office of Student Volunteer Engagement to kick-start their volunteer journey.

### **– 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 [@rugaradstudentlife](#)! Never miss another graduate student life event!

## **EVENTS**

### **– RSVP NOW & COMING UP! –**

#### **NEXT WEEK: Conversation Cafe – Monday, October 14, 10:00am-1:00pm**

Location: Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave, behind Panera Bread, College Ave Campus)

#### **Register to attend [HERE](#)!**

Join the Graduate Writing Program for the first Conversation Café of the semester! Conversation Café brings graduate students together to practice having academic discussions in English (and possibly other languages depending on interest). Food will be served, and a video will be circulated to participants as an optional conversation starter.

**NEXT WEEK: Flu Vaccination Clinic – Wednesday, October 16, 12:00pm-7:00pm**

Location: Douglass Student Center, Traves Hall, (100 George St, New Brunswick, Cook/Douglass Campus)

Rutgers Student Health is offering walk-in flu vaccination clinics through November! Students can bring their RU ID and health insurance card to the walk-clinic and get their annual flu vaccine. The first 100 students at each walk-in clinic will receive a free t-shirt! Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rutgers Student Health walk-in flu vaccine clinics. Students who wish to schedule an appointment instead to receive their flu vaccine may do so [HERE](#) through the Student Health portal.

**NEXT WEEK! Navigating the News in the 2024 Election – Wednesday, October 16, 7pm-8pm**

Location: Cook Student Center, Multipurpose Room (59 Biel Rd, New Brunswick, 08901)

**Register [HERE](#) by 7pm on October 16!**

Join the Eagleton Institute of Politics for a moderated discussion on media in the era of disinformation led by NPR's Michel Martin and American Sunlight Project, Co-Founder and CFO Nina Jankowicz.

**NEXT WEEK! AfroBeats Workout Class – Saturday, October 19, 11:30am–12:15pm**

Location: Cook/Douglass Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room (50 Biel Rd, New Brunswick, Cook/Douglass Campus)

*AfroBeats Workout Class is held every Saturday from 11:30am-12:15pm except on October 12.*

Join graduate instructor Zina Ogunnaya for Afrobeats Workout Class, a modern spin on traditional Nigerian dance! AfroBeats is open to all participants interested in the art of dance and cultural exploration of Afrobeats. Bring water and comfortable tennis shoes for our beginner-intermediate level class. No dance background is needed to enjoy the mix of cardio and choreography in this class!

**COMING UP! Fall Farmers Market – Thursday, October 24, 11am-3pm**

Location: Morrell Street outside the Graduate Student Lounge & College Ave Student Center (126 College Ave, College Ave Campus)

The next New Brunswick Community Farmers Market will be October 24! Visit for high-quality fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, flowers, and more! Many vendors accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits, Good Food Bucks, WIC benefits, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits, and Market Bucks provided by Rutgers Student Basic Needs. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the New Brunswick Community Farmers Market.

## **REGISTER NOW! Bollywood Grooves Class – Tuesdays, 7pm–8pm (October 29-December 10)**

Location: Sonny Werblin Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room (656 Bartholomew Rd, Piscataway, Busch Campus)

*Register for session 2 of Bollywood Grooves, repeats every Tuesday from October 29-December 10!*

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Join instructor Rihi Jain, a seasoned choreographer and Rutgers graduate student, for an energizing experience! Dive into the vibrant world of Bollywood with "Bollywood Grooves"! This dynamic class welcomes all levels to explore Bollywood fusion, Bhangra, and Contemporary dance while building skills and confidence. Advance registration required.

### **– THIS WEEK! –**

#### **Flu Vaccination Clinic – Tuesday, October 8, 12:00pm-7:00pm**

Location: Livingston Student Center, Livingston Hall, (84 Joyce Kilmer Ave, Piscataway, Livingston Campus)

Rutgers Student Health is offering walk-in flu vaccination clinics through November! Students can bring their RU ID and health insurance card to the walk-clinic and get their annual flu vaccine. The first 100 students at each walk-in clinic will receive a free t-shirt! Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rutgers Student Health walk-in flu vaccine clinics. Students who wish to schedule an appointment instead to receive their flu vaccine may do so [HERE](#) through the Student Health portal.

#### **ODS Drop-In Hours for Graduate Students – Wednesday, October 9, 2pm–4pm**

Location: Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave, behind Panera Bread, College Ave Campus) and on Zoom ([JOIN HERE](#))

*ODS Drop-In Hours are part of the [Life @ The Graduate Student Lounge Event Series](#) and are held the first two Wednesdays of every month.*

Wondering if accommodations are for you or have questions about the accommodations you have in place? Drop in to talk with the Disability Services Coordinator, Nychey Michel! The Office of Disability Services (ODS) provides reasonable accommodations for a wide range of conditions including: hearing, vision, and mobility conditions, learning disabilities, psychological diagnoses (such as anxiety or depression), chronic illnesses, traumatic brain injuries, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and more. Feel free to reach out to Nychey Michel via email [nlm108@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:nlm108@echo.rutgers.edu) or by calling 848-202-3111. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about ODS resources for graduate students.

#### **Research Cafe – Wednesday, October 9, 3pm**

Location: Zoom

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Join PhD Candidates Melissa (Missy) Dreier and David Raveh for their exciting research presentations “Teenage Social Media Use and Mental Health” and “Application of

Quantum Computing to Standard Physics Problems.” Research Café is a monthly gathering place for graduate students across disciplinary areas to share their research and benefit from peer feedback and support in a friendly, low-stakes setting.

### **Apples & Activism with VPVA – Wednesday, October 9, 3pm-5pm**

Location: VPVA Office (3 Bartlett St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Join the Office for Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA) for apple themed treats and discussion about channeling emotions into activism lead by Former VPVA Associate Director, Erin Snyder and Co-Director of the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Rob Baran.

### **Graduate Student Yoga – Wednesday, October 9, 5pm–6pm**

Location: Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave, behind Panera Bread, College Ave Campus)

Graduate Yoga is part of the [Life @ The Graduate Student Lounge Event Series](#) and is held every Wednesday. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no class next week on 10/16!**

Graduate Student Yoga is back! Join us on Wednesdays and take a pause from your busy week by practicing Yoga and relax your mind and body with your fellow graduate students. Hosted by Rutgers Recreation and Office of Graduate Student Life. No Registration Needed. Yoga mats and blocks are provided, and all skill levels are welcome! Email [gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Social: Autumn Activities – Wednesday, October 9, 5pm-7pm**

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

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

Join SJE for their next LGBTQIA+ Graduate Student Social: Autumn Activities! SJE will be welcoming the season of fall with smores, a movie night, board games, and more! Be in community and enjoy the friendship. RSVPs are encouraged!

### **SparkNight: Disability Awareness Month – Wednesday, October 9, 5pm-8pm**

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

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum to celebrate Disability Awareness Month with museum-wide activations of the Zimmerli’s major special exhibition [Smoke & Mirrors](#) featuring the work of artists with disabilities, focused on issues of accessibility. This event aims to highlight and honor the diverse experiences and talents within the disability community. Throughout the evening will be a variety of inclusive activities including an art workshop, artist conversation, and interactive performance!

Complementary light refreshments will be provided and this event is free and open to the public. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Graduate Student Sangria Social – Thursday, October 10, 6pm-8pm**

Location: RWJSM Research Tower, Deans Conference Room 123 (675 Hoes Ln W, Piscataway, Busch Campus)

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

Join the SACNAS Graduate Chapter for a Sangria Social to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Come for a night full of music, board games, food, and drinks! Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please reach out to Tatiana Hernandez, [th619@gsbs.rutgers.edu](mailto:th619@gsbs.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **Shopping Trip Sign-Up – International Students – Saturday, October 12, 10am-1pm**

Location: Pick-ups from Bevier Road or Nichols Apartments on Busch Campus or College Ave Student Center on College Ave Campus

#### **Reserve Your spot on the Shuttle [HERE!](#)**

Rutgers Global–International Student and Scholar Services arrange shopping shuttles to local stores throughout the semester and summer so students can purchase groceries and other living essentials. You should sign up to reserve your spot on the shuttle. International students and scholars who have signed up will be given preference to ride on the shuttle. You may also register your dependents for the shuttle. To view the full fall schedule of shopping trips and learn more information about the Shopping Shuttle Service, click [HERE](#).

### **Constitution Day: What the Constitution Means to Me – Sunday, October 13, 2pm-5:30pm**

Location: George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick Performing Arts Center (9 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, 08901)

#### **Register for a free ticket [HERE](#) by Saturday October 12!**

In honor of Constitution Day, the Eagleton Institute's Center for Youth Political Participation in collaboration with the George Street Playhouse will host a free performance of What the Constitution Means to Me, a play by Heidi Schreck in which she delves into the multiple facets of this historic document, debating as to whether or not it should be kept or abolished. The performance will be followed by a panel and networking reception with young adult activists and public servants sharing their insights on advocacy and impacting one's community through the lens of the Constitution. Light refreshments will be served. Open to current Rutgers University undergraduate and graduate students only.

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

### **Graduate Wellness Workshop: Emotion Regulation, Stress Management, and Cultivating Resilience – Wednesday, October 9, 1pm-2pm**

Location: Zoom (Join [HERE](#))

Join Community Based Counselor Dana and your peers for this graduate student wellness workshop to learn skills for recognizing and managing stress and emotions, and increasing resilience.

### **NEXT WEEK! Demystifying Mental Health Evaluations for College & Graduate School: A Panel & Discussion – Thursday, October 17, 5:30pm-6:30pm**

Location: Virtual (register to receive link)

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Have you ever wondered whether you or a loved one should pursue a mental health evaluation? In celebration of Disabilities Awareness Month in October, this panel will explain the different types of evaluations, their purposes, and the strengths and weaknesses of each. This panel draws expertise from psychologists, a neuropsychologist, and a student advocate on mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and ADHD. The panelists will also discuss low-cost Rutgers campus resources.

### **Scuba Therapy Group for Survivors of Violence or Trauma**

**Sign up for a pre-screening [HERE!](#)**

The Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) is launching a new therapy group that utilizes scuba diving as a tool for healing! The Beneath the Surface Scuba Group is not a typical therapy group, it is a unique scuba diving experience that focuses on trust, empowerment, and letting go. Led by professional divers, participants will learn to scuba in the safety of the Werblin Rec Center pools, and will follow up with reflective sessions with a counselor. This program is free and will run on Thursdays from October 24th to November 21st. No prior scuba experience required. Participants must complete a pre-screening. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Free or Low-Cost Assessments for ADHD, Anxiety, and Depression**

The Rutgers Center for Youth Social Emotional Wellness (CYSEW) in collaboration with the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology's (GSAPP) Center for Psychological Services (CPS) is offering comprehensive evaluations for ADHD, Anxiety, and Depression by trained PsyD clinicians at low or no cost to Rutgers Students. Assessments are conducted through convenient, confidential, virtual sessions. Students will receive a feedback session and diagnostic report along with a detailed list of support services and resources available at Rutgers. Students covered by Rutgers health insurance will pay \$0 for an evaluation, those not covered by Rutgers health insurance will pay \$150. Click [HERE](#) for more information, Click [HERE](#) to request services, and email [cysew@gsapp.rutgers.edu](mailto:cysew@gsapp.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **ACCESS Program for Graduate Students with ADHD and Autism**

The Rutgers College Support Program (CSP), run collaboratively with the Center for Youth Social Emotional Wellness (CYSEW) and Center for Adult Autism Services (RCAAS) is offering the [well-researched ACCESS program](#) for graduate students with ADHD and Autism. The ACCESS program provides small group and individual mentoring services that focus on psychoeducation, behavioral skills & strategies, and cognitive skills & strategies to help students build social connections, organization and time management skills, learn to navigate the resources available to them at Rutgers, boost motivation and counteract negative thought patterns, and more. The ACCESS program is available in-person and virtually. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the ACCESS program, click [HERE](#) to express your interest in participating in the ACCESS program, no diagnosis required. There is a \$1,000 participation cost for the semester, sliding scale pricing is available. Please contact Program Coordinator Sophia Frontale [sf924@gsapp.rutgers.edu](mailto:sf924@gsapp.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **New Arts and Wellbeing Program – Scarlet Arts Rx**

Discover the transformative power of the arts through a new FREE arts and well-being program for all Rutgers–New Brunswick students– Scarlet Arts Rx! Arts engagement is related to improvements in: mood, Sleep quality, Social connections, Self-confidence, Creative thinking skills, and more! You don't need to be an artist to participate in Scarlet Arts Rx and get: free reserved Mason Gross School of the Arts (MGSA) box office tickets for theater, dance, and music performances (and you can bring RU-NB friends for free), opportunities to connect socially and meet new people, and higher self-awareness about how the arts affect your well-being. Each time you fill out a 1-minute feedback survey after each RU-NB arts activity or event you attend, you can be entered into a monthly drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Sign up for Scarlet Arts Rx [HERE](#), and check out Scarlet Arts Rx on getINVOLVED [HERE](#). Please contact Peichi Waite [pw337@mgsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:pw337@mgsa.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **Weekly Let's Talk Drop In Counseling Conversations**

Free Private and Confidential Drop-In Conversations with licensed mental health professionals available in-person or virtual. CAPS Community Based Counselors offer support and counseling services from within university communities—including academic schools and cultural centers. Students are welcome to visit any Community Based Counselor they would like, and may choose a counselor based on the topic they would like to discuss and the counselor's therapeutic approach or community. Click [HERE](#) for information and schedules for Let's Talk sessions and click [HERE](#) to learn more about individual CAPS Community Based Counselors (look for "Community Based-Counselor").



### **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 [HERE](#).

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

#### **Data & Research Methods Workshop: R Data Wrangling with dplyr, tidyr, readr, and more – Wednesday, October 9, 4pm-5:30pm**

Location: Zoom

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Join the Rutgers Libraries Graduate Specialists program for this Data and Research Methods Workshop! This session reviews major packages within the tidyverse that relate to the essential data handling steps required before and during data analysis.

#### **Data & Research Methods Workshop: Coding and Queries in NVivo – Friday, October 11, 1pm-2:30pm**

Location: Zoom

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Join Xu Guo, Graduate Specialist in Qualitative Methods for the Rutgers Libraries Graduate Specialists program for this Data and Research Methods Workshop! This workshop is aimed at NVivo users who need to code and analyze qualitative data. It will cover coding and uncoding data, running queries, and visualizing coded data.

#### **NEXT WEEK! Data & Research Methods Workshop: Introduction to Data Analysis and Visualization in R – Monday, October 14, 1pm-2:30pm**

Location: Zoom

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Join the Rutgers Libraries Graduate Specialists program for this Data and Research Methods Workshop! This workshop will introduce the programming language R and its use for data analysis and visualization. Starting with some basic information about R syntax, the RStudio interface, and moving through importing CSV files, the structure of data frames, and other functions in R. This workshop will review descriptive statistics calculations and introduce plotting. Participants should download R and R Studio prior to the workshop. This lesson assumes no prior knowledge of R or RStudio and no programming experience.

### **New Brunswick Libraries Data and Research Methods Workshops for Graduate Students!**

The New Brunswick Libraries' calendar of data and research methods workshops for Fall 2024 is available now. Check out workshops in citation managers, R, Python,

systematic reviews, NVivo, ethnography, qualitative research, GIS, and more. Click [HERE](#) to view the full schedule of workshops and register. more workshops will be added later in the month on data science, so stay tuned for additional announcements. Please contact Francesca Giannetti, NBL Graduate Specialist Program [francesca.giannetti@rutgers.edu](mailto:francesca.giannetti@rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **Scholarly Writing Support Available from the Graduate Writing Program**

The Graduate Writing Program supports graduate students in achieving their scholarly writing goals by offering writing workshops, guest lectures, and free, zero-credit courses that carry no additional work other than writing students are already completing for their academic programs. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Graduate Writing Program and [HERE](#) to learn more about the courses offered by the Graduate Writing Program. Please reach out to the Director of the Graduate Writing Program, Mark DiGiacomo [mark.digiacomo@rutgers.edu](mailto:mark.digiacomo@rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **Graduate Writing Accountability Groups**

The Graduate Writing Program, in partnership with the Learning Centers in the Office of the Provost, is pleased to announce the launch of Writing Accountability Groups. Interested graduate students are invited to sign up for student-led writing accountability groups. Sessions will be held on Zoom at various times and days each week and students may choose the weekly slot that best suits their availability to meet and write alongside other Rutgers graduate students to make progress toward their writing goals. After registering, participants will be provided with materials to help them effectively structure and run these student-led productivity sessions. Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a Graduate Writing Accountability Group.

### **Stats & Writing Tutoring Available from the Learning Centers**

The Rutgers Learning Centers offers stats and writing tutoring to graduate students. Learning Centers stats tutors can assist with quantitative study methods, analysis, interpretation, data clean-up, statistical software, and more. Graduate-level writing tutors can provide helpful feedback and suggestions on all aspects of your writing, from brainstorming and organizing topics, to creating and strengthening a thesis, to revisions and citations. Use Penji to connect with a tutor. Click [HERE](#) to learn how to use Penji online or download the Penji app. Please contact [academiccoaches@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:academiccoaches@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions or issues using Penji. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the resources available to graduate students through the Learning Centers.

### **Academic Coaching from the Learning Centers**

The Rutgers Learning Centers offers academic coaching to graduate students. Academic Coaching can be particularly helpful for tackling motivation challenges, breaking down large tasks into more approachable segments, and seeking

accountability for productivity. Several of Rutgers' Academic Coaches specifically support graduate students. Use Penji to join the Academic Coaching community and connect with an Academic Coach. Click [HERE](#) to learn how to use Penji online or download the Penji app. Please contact [academiccoaches@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:academiccoaches@echo.rutgers.edu) with any questions or issues using Penji.

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

### **– PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –**

#### **Research Opportunities in Indonesia: Information Session with Representatives from Fulbright and BRIN – Thursday, October 10, 10:30am-11:15am**

Location: Rutgers Global (30 College Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

**RSVP by 9am on 10/10 by emailing Meghan Lord [mlord@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:mlord@global.rutgers.edu)!**

Students interested in doing research in Indonesia with the Fulbright program or Indonesia's National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) are invited to join Rutgers Global for an information session for students/scholars/researchers with representatives of Fulbright and BRIN to hear more about the exciting opportunities to conduct research in Indonesia. RSVP Required.

#### **Teaching Assistant Project (TAP) Workshop: Boosting Confidence as a TA/ITA – Thursday, October 10, 12pm-1:30pm**

Location: Zoom

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Each semester the Teaching Assistant Project (TAP) offers workshops covering a wide range of topics to assist TAs with their continued professional development. These sessions, designed for current and future graduate student TAs, are free. All workshops are virtual. Teaching Assistant Project Staff at School of Graduate Studies are here to help! Feel free to contact them with questions at [tapweb@grad.rutgers.edu](mailto:tapweb@grad.rutgers.edu).

#### **Virtual Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts of Academic Book Publishing – Friday, October 11, 1pm**

Location: Zoom

**Register [HERE!](#)**

Join the School of Graduate Studies for this professional development workshop led by Nicole Solano, Editorial Director, and Peggy Solic, Senior Editor at Rutgers University Press, that explores the basics of academic book publishing. Topics covered will include: types of publishers and publishing options that are available, how to present your work to an editor, and what makes for an effective book proposal. Students of all disciplines will leave with a better understanding of how their work fits into the publishing industry and with more confidence to approach book editors.

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER! BIG10 Virtual Academia Career Fair – Wednesday, October 16, 11am-2pm**

Location: Virtual

**Register [HERE](#) by October 16 (Submit CVs by October 8)!**

Graduate Students interested in pursuing careers in research or academia are encouraged to attend the virtual BIG10 Academia Career Fair hosted by Ohio State University. Meet with academies and research organizations and interact with recruiters through video, audio, and chat. Discover new tenure, non-tenure track, postdoctoral trainee, and fellowship career opportunities. All levels of graduate students and postdocs are welcome to participate and explore career opportunities in academia and research. Sessions are limited, so be sure to register in advance!

**NEXT WEEK! Communicating Diversity Conference – Friday, October 18, 9:30am-4:00pm**

Location: Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center (10 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, 08901)

**Register [HERE](#) by October 15!**

University Affiliates are invited to attend this interdisciplinary conference to promote networking and supporting graduate students doing work on diversity, equity, and inclusion topics. The 2024 conference theme is Confronting Erasure, Moving Toward Liberation and Abolition in Higher Education. The day will include a keynote by Jayne Johnson Esq., Director of NJ's Office of DEIB, faculty panel, and research presentations. Please contact Assistant Dean for DEI, SC&I, Bernadette Gailliard [b.gailliard@rutgers.edu](mailto:b.gailliard@rutgers.edu) with any questions.

**– SCHOLARSHIP, & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES –**

**SGS Conference and Research Travel Award Program**

**Apply [HERE](#) by December 15!**

The School of Graduate Studies Conference and Research Award program is designed to provide support to Ph.D. students in the School of Graduate Studies (School 16) who do not have access to the [conference funding programs available through the New Brunswick/Piscataway and Newark Biomedical Sciences programs](#). The purpose of the SGS Conference and Research Award program is to help offset costs associated with off-campus research activities and presenting at academic, scholarly, and scientific conferences. Students may apply for a \$1000 stipend to support research or conference travel between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the SGS Conference and Research Travel Award Program and to access the application. Please contact [SGS\\_Awards@grad.rutgers.edu](mailto:SGS_Awards@grad.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### **Build a Fellowship Plan with GradFund!**

[GradFund](#) provides graduate students with information on how to apply for external scholarship, fellowship, and funding opportunities. GradFund also provides guidance and assistance with application processes.

Schedule an appointment with a GradFund advisor for fellowship assistance! Schedule a Planning Meeting to learn how to search for fellowships and grants or to plan out your future funding applications. Request Help with a Funder to learn about the funder's application review process and find the best way to frame your research plans for a particular application. Book an Application Review appointment to have a GradFund advisor review your application materials for one application. Schedule a Post-Award Consultation for advice on moving forward after receiving a fellowship offer. Wherever you are in the fellowship, grant, or award process, GradFund is here to help! Click [HERE](#) for more information on GradFund and click [HERE](#) to schedule a Gradfund appointment.

### **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. Click [HERE](#) to 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 –**

### **Programs and Evaluation Graduate Fellow - New York City Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity**

*Compensation: \$27.50 per hour, 15 hours per week*

*Position dates: November 2024 - May 2025*

*Location: Hybrid, Virtual and New York City*

**Apply [HERE](#) by 6am on October 16!**

The Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity (NYC Opportunity) is seeking Graduate fellows to work with NYC Opportunity Programs and Evaluation team to support program and policy development, research, performance management, and evaluation tasks. Specific projects depend on the individual's interests and background, as well as the needs of the office. Graduate students pursuing masters degrees (especially MPA, MPP, MPH, and related degrees) who have a strong interest in using research and data to reduce poverty and promote equity are encouraged to apply. Please review the job posting for additional details.

### **Part Time Research Assistant – Student Success & Retention**

*Compensation: \$22-25 an hour, 20 hours per week*

*Position dates: October 2024 - June 2025*

*Location: Hybrid*

**Apply [HERE](#) by October 25!**

Graduate students with a background in data science, statistics, education, or a related field are invited to apply to work as a Research Assistant on a grant-funded project designed to systematically collect and analyze data that can inform new strategies for supporting student retention and success particularly among historically underrepresented student populations. The Research Assistant will run reports, analyze data, identify trends, generate insights, and assist the co-leads in developing actionable recommendations to improve student retention. Ideal applicants will have strong analytical skills, experience with data management, keen attention to detail, the ability to work independently, and a passion for using data to enhance student access, retention, and success. Please review the job posting for additional details.

### **Graduate Research Assistant: Neuropsychological Testing – Rutgers Institute for Health**

*Compensation: \$18-28 per hour, part time (evenings and weekends required)*

**Apply [HERE](#) by 6am on October 27!**

The Rutgers Institute for Health is seeking a graduate student pursuing a degree in psychology or neuropsychology to work as a Graduate Research Assistant under the direction of the Director of the Resource Center for Alzheimer's and Dementia Research in Asian and Pacific Americans (RCASIA) and the leadership team of the NJHealth Study. The Graduate Research Assistant will recruit participants and conduct neuropsychological testing with community-dwelling populations in New Jersey and maintain accessible documentation of the cognitive assessments and assure safety and security of the data. Extensive training in the administration and scoring of neuropsychological and behavioral scales will be provided. Please review the job posting for additional details.

### **Machine Learning Researcher – Game Research and Immersive Design: Division of Continuing Studies**

*Compensation: \$17 an hour, part time*

*Position dates: April 30, 2025 - May 30, 2025*

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