

GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

WEEKLY DIGEST

Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest Week of April 15, 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! 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 or visiting our offices during the week in the Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave, behind Panera Bread). The Graduate Student Lounge is open from 7am-12am (Midnight) on Weekdays and 9am-12am (Midnight) on Weekends, 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

Turn the Campus Teal for April!

Wear teal and Turn the Campus Teal for April to raise awareness and take a stand during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) will be hosting a series of events during the month of April to raise awareness surrounding sexual violence including Take Back the Night on Thursday, April 18, Denim Day on Wednesday, April 24, and Pause for Puppies on Tuesday, April 30. Tuesdays in April are Teal Tuesdays of Action and all are encouraged to wear teal shirts. Follow VPVA's instagram page [@ruvpva](#) for more information.

Call for Research Participants!

As part of Rutgers' ongoing work to support our students, an interdisciplinary team of researchers are interviewing students to learn more about their experiences with food insecurity on campus.

Participants will be asked to complete a short questionnaire and participate in an interview. All interviews will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams and will last approximately 60-75 minutes. All interviewees will be compensated with an electronic \$50 Mastercard gift card.

If you are interested in being interviewed, please complete this short form to determine your eligibility: https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6XMaISluVoSP4IU. If you are eligible to participate, a member of the research team will email you to schedule your interview. Any questions about interviews can be directed to Rutgers GSE Assistant Professor of Practice, Dr. Brescia at stephanie.brescia@gse.rutgers.edu.

Opportunity to Work with the Office of Compliance and Title IX!

Are you interested in making a positive impact on the Rutgers Community while learning about the Title IX process? Consider applying to become a Title IX Campus Liaison! A Campus Liaison is a member of the

Rutgers community who is trained to assist students engaged in the [formal grievance process](#) for cases of sexual misconduct, stalking, and relationship violence in understanding the Title IX policy, process, and procedures. The Title IX Office will provide comprehensive training and support to all Campus Liaisons throughout the entire process. This role serves on an as-needed basis and can be flexible around your schedule. Serving as a Campus Liaison is an excellent way to make a positive impact on the Rutgers community while gaining valuable knowledge and experience with University policies and procedures. If you are interested in becoming a Title IX Campus Liaison, please fill out this [application form](#). To learn more about the role, please contact graduate intern Nikki Sullivan at ams1125@echo.rutgers.edu.

– GET INVOLVED –

Rutgers International Women's Group (IWG): Open to International Women– Graduate Students, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Spouses!

The International Women's Group of Rutgers University (IWG) is a volunteer organization with membership open to all international women who study or work at Rutgers or are spouses of Rutgers students. The members of IWG help each other to build a new life and community while adjusting to New Jersey and Rutgers. Click [HERE](#) more information, or email iwgmembers@gmail.com.

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](#).

– 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! Any new newsletter information will still be shared here in the Weekly Digest!

Follow Graduate Student Life on Instagram!

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

EVENTS

– RSVP NOW & COMING UP! –

RSVP NOW! Artist Talk and Exhibition Celebration with Pulitzer Prize Winning Photojournalist Michelle V. Agins – Sunday, April 21, 3pm-6pm

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

RSVP [HERE](#) (Required for attendance)!

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum for an artist talk with Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Michelle V. Agins and a celebration of her first museum exhibition, “Storyteller.” Agins is a New York Times staff photographer and Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist whose images tell unforgettable stories about life in America. Learn more about “Storyteller,” which comprises 68 images taken during her 35 years at The New York Times [HERE](#). This event is free & open to the public, click [HERE](#) for more information.

NEXT WEEK! Indoor Winter Farmers Market – Monday April 22, 11am-3pm

Location: College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room (126 College Ave, College Ave Campus)

Stop by the College Avenue Student Center where the Basic Needs team will be hosting vendors from the New Brunswick Community Farmers Market and purchase fresh produce for the week, right on campus! Students, staff, faculty, and the local community are all welcome to browse and engage with community partners promoting health and wellness, events, and volunteer opportunities. Please contact Amber Danku adanku@rutgers.edu with any questions.

NEXT WEEK! CAPS Open House – Wednesday, April 24, 10am–3pm

Location: Rutgers University Counseling Center (17 Senior St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

CAPS is Opening its doors to students and campus partners to help destigmatize Mental Health and encourage wellness. All students and campus partners are welcome to come and learn meditation, sip a mock-tail, learn sleeping tips, pet a therapy pony, eat healthy snacks and much much more. No RSVP necessary. Questions? Please reach out to Dr. Jones, directors of CAPS, dr.jenniferjones@rutgers.edu.

NEXT WEEK! Bring Your Child to Work Day – Thursday, April 25, 11:30am–1:30pm

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

Graduate students, staff, and faculty who have children are invited to join Rutgers Recreation and Athletics for a fun afternoon of swimming, rock wall climbing, open recreation activities, temporary tattoos, exciting giveaways, and photos with Sir Henry! Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, be sure to bring a swimsuit and change of clothes for swimming! You can also dine with your children on April 25, 2024, at any Rutgers University-- New Brunswick dining hall or the Atrium at College Avenue Student Center for \$15 each. Locations can be found here.

<http://food.rutgers.edu/places-to-eat/>

NEXT WEEK! Spring Career and Internship Fair – Friday, April 26, 11:30am–3:30pm

Location: Jersey Mike’s Arena (83 Rockafeller Rd, Piscataway, Livingston Campus)

Join the Office of Career Exploration and Success at the Spring Career & Internship Fair to explore diverse opportunities in full-time, part-time, and internships across various fields while networking with employers, students, and alumni! This event is open to Rutgers University students and alumni from all campuses and members of the general public. Don't miss out on this fantastic career event! Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Spring Career and Internship Fair including the list of attending employers. Please contact Christine Wang cw928@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

– THIS WEEK! –

Office of Disability Services Graduate Student Drop-In Hours – Wednesday, April 17, 2-4 pm

Location: Graduate Student Lounge, 126 College Ave (Behind Panera Bread), College Ave Campus and on Zoom, join meeting [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 980 3049 3889, Password: 064210).

These sessions are part of the [Life @ The Graduate Student Lounge Event Series](#) and will be offered every Wednesday.

Every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. at the Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Avenue) and on Zoom, Coordinator Nychey Michel from the Office of Disabilities Services (ODS) will offer drop-in hours just for graduate students. Come stop by and meet Nychey. She can be reached at (848)-202-3111 or nlm108@echo.rutgers.edu. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

LAST CAFÉ OF THE SEMESTER! Research Café – Wednesday, April 17, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Register [HERE](#)!

Join PhD Candidates Pritha Mukherjee and Julie Aromi for their exciting research presentations "Reconstructing Heritage: A History of Archaeological Collections in Provincial Museums of Eastern India" and "Archives and the Shape of a Story: An Analysis of NYC Archives' Approaches to Preserving the 1991 Crown Heights Riot." 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. Please register to attend on Zoom. To view the full schedule of presentations taking place this semester, click [HERE](#). Contact Dr. Briana Bivens briana.bivens@rutgers.edu with any questions.

Graduate Student Yoga – Wednesday, April 17, 5–6pm

LOCATION CHANGE THIS WEEK: College Ave Gym, Lower Level Dance Studio (130 College Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Graduate Yoga is part of the [Life @ The Graduate Student Lounge Event Series](#) and is held every Wednesday.

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 with any questions.

Take Back the Night – Thursday, April 18, 6pm-9pm

Location: Meet at College Hall (125 George St, New Brunswick, Cook-Douglass Campus), Marching to College Ave (College Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Join VPVA for Take Back the Night, one of the oldest worldwide movements against sexual violence. Meet outside of College Hall at 6pm for poster making, student performances, and sweet treats from Nothing Bundt Cakes and at 7pm, march from College Hall to College Ave. At 8pm there will be speakers and a vigil in support of survivors of sexual violence. For more information and event updates, check out VPVA's instagram page @[ruvpva](#).

Late Knight Bingo – Friday, April 19, 9pm–12am

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

Student Centers and Activities (SCA) saved the best Late Knight for last... BINGO! Doors will open at 9 PM and Bingo will start at 9:30 PM. Test your luck for a chance to win electronics, Rutgers apparel, and more! Join SCA for 10 rounds of bingo, opportunities to win Rutgers swag during mini-games, and free food while supplies last. As always, Late Knight is free! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Graduate Student Exclusive Hike to Mount Tammany – Saturday, April 20

Location: Mount Tammany, Warren County, NJ (transportation from campus is provided)

Register [HERE](#) by 5pm on Wednesday, April 17! ONLY 9 SPOTS!

Join your fellow graduate students and Rutgers Recreation and traverse Mount Tammany! Experience some of New Jersey's finest sights on this hike with a breathtaking view of the Delaware Water Gap and Mount Minsi! Hiking boots or footwear with good ankle support is recommended. Transportation is provided, hikers will depart from the Cook/Douglass Campus between 7am-9am (an exact time and location will be provided to registrants) and hikers will return to campus in the late afternoon or early evening. Additional trip details will be provided to registrants. Please contact gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Shopping Trip Sign-Up – International Students – Saturday, April 20, 10am-1pm

Location: Pick-ups from Bevier Road on Busch Campus & the College Avenue Student Center

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. To view the full schedule of shopping trips and learn more information about the Shopping Shuttle Service, click [HERE](#).

Dealing with Dad: Film Screening & Discussion – Saturday, April 20, 10:30am–2pm

Location: Rutgers Cinema (105 Joyce Kilmer Ave, Piscataway, Livingston Campus)

Register [HERE](#) by Thursday, April 18!

Join the Rutgers Taiwan Study Association and Taiwanese Association of America New Jersey Chapter for a film screening and discussion of “Dealing With Dad,” a heartfelt movie by Tom Huang about three siblings who come together to help their dad after he loses his job. This film shows the ups and downs of family life with humor and heart. Following the film screening will be a discussion with Director Tom Huang. Tickets are free for Rutgers students, \$10 for general admission.

– WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT –

AACC Wellness Workshop: Chai and Chat about APIDA Wellness, an Asian Heritage Month Event! –

Wednesday, April 17, 6pm-8pm

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

Join CAPS Community Based Counselor Mei-Ling Cheng for chai and chat about Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) wellness for this Asian Heritage Month wellness workshop!

NEXT WEEK! APIDA Business Student Exclusive Wellness Workshop: Destress and Decompress – Thursday, April 25, 2pm-3:30pm

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

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Business students are invited to join CAPS Community Based Counselors Mei-Ling Cheng and Jessica Trusiani for this exclusive wellness workshop to destress and decompress!

NEXT WEEK! International Student Exclusive Wellness Workshop: Cultural Fusion, Wellness, Snack & FUN! – Friday, April 26, 1pm-3pm

Location: Buccleuch Park (321 Easton Ave, New Brunswick)

Register [HERE](#)!

International students are invited to join CAPS and RU Global ISSS for the final workshop of the Spring 2024 Wellness Series! This outdoor picnic-style workshop will explore wellness challenges and achievements along with games and snacks. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Weekly Let's Talk Drop In Counseling Conversations – Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays

Locations: Zoom, Busch Campus, College Ave Campus

Free Private and Confidential Drop-In Conversations with licensed mental health professionals available in-person or virtual. Click [HERE](#) for more information about drop-in Let's Talk sessions with our graduate student focused counselors Dana and Shan! Click [HERE](#) for information about Let's Talk sessions with other CAPS Community Based-Counselors.

– ACADEMIC SUPPORT & WORKSHOPS –

Academic Coaching from Learning Centers

Academic Coaching is available to graduate students and can be particularly helpful for talking through motivation challenges, breaking down large tasks into more approachable segments, and seeking accountability for productivity. Several of Rutgers' Academic Coaches specifically support graduate students. [Click here](#) to download the Penji scheduling app. Once in the app, join the Academic Coaching community; then, under "Topics", click "See all Graduate Student Coaching" to view open coaching appointments. Please contact academiccoaches@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions or registration issues.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING, & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

– PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –

FREE Self-Service Professional Headshots at the Career Portrait Lounge! – By Appointment 9:30am-3:45pm

Locations: Busch Student Center (604 Bartholomew Rd, Piscataway, Busch Campus) **AND**

Gateway Transit Village Building, 4th Floor (106 Somerset St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Need a headshot? Professional photos are a snap for Rutgers-New Brunswick graduate students. The Office of Career Exploration and Success now has two self-service photography studios on the Busch and College Ave campuses. Take your candidacy and digital brand to the next level and schedule an appointment to get your picture-perfect headshot! Click [HERE](#) for more information and learn how to schedule a self-service headshot appointment via Handshake!

Build a Fellowship Plan with GradFund!

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.

– INTERNSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES –

APPLY NOW! Science Communications Internship – Research!America

Compensation: \$20 an hour for up to 40 hours per week with a commuter benefit available to interns working a hybrid schedule in the Arlington, VA office.

Apply by Friday, April 19!

Graduate students and postdoctoral researchers with backgrounds in science, health, communications, public policy, or related fields are encouraged to apply for the Research!America Science Communications Internship. The Research!America alliance advocates for the use of science, discovery, and innovation to achieve better health for all and for a federal policy climate that empowers America's biomedical and health research sectors' work to accelerate medical progress. This is a paid internship with possible telework opportunities. Click [HERE](#) for more information about Research!America Science Communications Internship. To apply, email a resume, cover letter (that includes academic status and availability), three writing samples, and three references to hr@researchamerica.org no later than Friday, April 19.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS! Women's Congressional Policy Institute Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy

Apply [HERE](#) By 5pm on June 7, 2024!

The Women's Congressional Policy Institute (WCPI) is accepting applications for the 2025 Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy. This fellowship is designed to train future leaders in public policy to examine issues from the perspectives, experiences, and needs of women. Fellows work 40 hours each week from January to July as a legislative assistant in a congressional office on policy issues that affect women and meet for weekly issue seminars directed by WCPI staff. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of approximately \$4,400 gross, from January to July and an additional \$1,000 to purchase health insurance. Graduate students and recent graduates from all academic disciplines with a serious interest in research and policy making relevant to issues impacting women and their families are encouraged to apply. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy. Reach out to fellowships@wcpinst.org with any questions.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS! 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Apply [HERE](#)!

Graduate students and young professionals from all academic disciplines are invited to apply for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program! The Fulbright U.S. Student Program expands perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue. Program participants pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English abroad. During their grants, Fulbrighters meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country by sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual and community basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' views and beliefs, ways of life, and ways they think. Click [HERE](#) more information about the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, click [HERE](#) for more information about eligibility, and click [HERE](#) for more information about award benefits.

Students interested in applying for the 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Student Program should consider attending informational Webinars hosted by the Fulbright Program to learn more about the program. Click [HERE](#) for a complete schedule of upcoming Fulbright Info Webinars or [HERE](#) to view previous Webinar recordings.

– EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES –

NOW HIRING! Graduate Program Coordinator – Office of Career Exploration and Success

Compensation: \$25 an hour, up to 15 hours per week

Apply [HERE](#) by Sunday, April 21!

The Office of Career Exploration and Success (CES) is hiring a part time Graduate Program Coordinator to work on-site between their locations on the Busch and College Ave campuses. The Graduate Program

Coordinator is responsible for supervising CES Customer Relations Interns and Managers while overseeing front desk operations. The Graduate Program Coordinator is also responsible for cultivating a professional customer service oriented environment, organizing team meetings and professional development activities, planning end of semester celebrations, and maintaining office supplies, inventory, and documents. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Graduate Program Coordinator position at CES.

NOW HIRING! 2024-25 Student Educators – Zimmerli Art Museum

Position Dates: September 2024 - May 2025.

Compensation: Graduate students are paid \$20 an hour

Apply [HERE](#) by Monday, April 22!

The Zimmerli Art Museum is excited to announce openings for its Student Educator Program, which trains Rutgers students to lead tours of the museum galleries and assist in public programming events for visitors of all ages. Student Educators are not required to have any prior art or museum experience and will receive comprehensive training in order to provide high quality, engaging tours to museum visitors. Student Educators learn to guide visitors through conversational exercises about the art, interactive activities including games and writing prompts, and other multi-sensory modes of gallery teaching. Outside of gallery tours, Student Educators support a variety of educational initiatives that include public, exhibition, and family programming and serve as ambassadors for the museum. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Student Educator positions at the Zimmerli Art Museum and contact education@zimmerli.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Please Note: Applicants must have an anticipated graduation date of no earlier than May 2026 to be eligible for consideration for Student Educator positions.

THE RESOURCE CORNER

Save an EXTRA 25% on NJ Transit Monthly Passes!

Rutgers students enrolled in at least 2 courses this semester are eligible for a 25% discount on NJ Transit rail, bus, or light rail monthly passes! Apply online through the NJ Transit Quik-Tik Program by the 10th of the month to receive your discounted pass for the following month via mail (I.E. purchase before January 10th to receive a pass valid for the month of February). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to purchase a discounted NJ Transit monthly pass.

Save an EXTRA 30% on Career Attire with Rutgers JCPenny Suit-Up Shopping Discount!

Receive an EXTRA 30% off select career attire, shoes, and accessories through the Rutgers JCPenny Suit-Up partnership now through May 5! Text "RUCAREERS" to 67292 to get your 30% off coupon (valid online and in-store until May 5, 2024).

Get 24/7 Remote Access to Computer Lab Software with Rutgers Virtual Computer Labs!

The Rutgers Virtual Computer Labs provide 24/7 remote access to dozens of useful PC software applications, just like a physical computer lab. Click [HERE](#) for information about accessing the Virtual Computer Labs.

STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT

Looking for graduate student resources, services, or support? Check out the [University Resources page](#) on our website! The University Resources page is our new central hub for information pertaining to graduate student support services at Rutgers!

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