

GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

WEEKLY DIGEST

Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest Week of April 29, 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

Thank-A-Grad Recap!

Thank-A-Grad is an initiative organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life during Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week. From April 1-April 7, faculty, staff, and students from across Rutgers-New Brunswick submitted letters of gratitude to recognize the amazing graduate and professional students in their lives. Thank you to all of our phenomenal graduate students for the vibrancy and excellence you bring to the Rutgers community! Check out the Thank-A-Grad webpage [HERE!](#)

REGISTRATION FOR RITES OF PASSAGE CLOSES TODAY!

Register [HERE](#) by **MONDAY, APRIL 29!**

The Rites of Passage Ceremony is a signature pre-commencement celebration to honor Black and Latine-identified students who through resolute persistence have successfully completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at Rutgers University – New Brunswick. This event recognizes their accomplishments, hard work, and dedication, while simultaneously acknowledging the accomplishments of our students' families and networks of support. **Students must register by Monday, April 29th** to participate. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rites of Passage Ceremony and please reach out to rop@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Serve as a Volunteer at the 32nd Annual Rites of Passage Ceremony!

Register as a volunteer [HERE!](#)

Student and staff volunteers are needed for the 32nd Annual Rites of Passage ceremony and reception. The Rites of Passage event is open to over 2,000 Undergraduate and Graduate students on the New Brunswick Campus. ROP volunteers assist to ensure a smooth and spirited experience for the 2024 graduating class! The Rites of Passage Ceremony at Rutgers has existed for 32 years because of

community participants who lend their support and are invested in the planning and execution process. The Rites of Passage planning committee will hold a virtual volunteer orientation session on Wednesday, May 1, 12:30PM - 1:30PM. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Rights of Passage ceremony. Please contact rop@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

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 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.

– 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! –

REGISTER NOW! 32nd Annual Rites of Passage Ceremony – Wednesday, May 8, 3-5pm

Location: Jersey Mike's Arena (83 Rockefeller Rd, Piscataway, Livingston Campus)

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of our students' families and networks of support. Distinguished speakers, live performances and the incorporation of African culture and traditions – specifically the culminating Kente Stole presentation – all add to the vibrancy of this occasion. Students must register by Monday, April 29th, 2024 to participate. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rites of Passage Ceremony and please reach out to rop@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

– THIS WEEK! –

PAWS (Pause) for Puppies! – Tuesday, April 30, 10am – 2pm

Location: Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (3 Bartlett St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Take a break from studying for finals and stop by VPVA to meet some adorable puppies! [VPVA puppies Archie, Nala, Korra, and Alfie](#) would love to see you! Graduate students who drop by and visit Dean Ghada Endick between 10am and 11am will receive a delicious chocolate treat!

Study Break at the Zimmerli – Tuesday, April 30, 12pm – 5pm

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

The Zimmerli Art Museum offers an exclusive, one-of-a-kind space to study or take a study break in the galleries! Study in a designated quiet area or enjoy an array of free study break activities including: gentle yoga and meditation sessions, art activities, chair massages, and complimentary food and refreshments including coffee, tea, and snacks! Rutgers student ID or Campus Event Pass required. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Study Break at the Zimmerli!

Graduate Research Symposium “Hidden Histories, Undiscovered Futures” – Tuesday, April 30, 1pm – 4pm

Location: Murray Hall, Writers House (510 George St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Join the Graduate Writing Program for engaging, interdisciplinary panel presentations on current research by graduate students from across the university and a light reception to follow. Please contact Erin Kelly erin.kelly@rutgers.edu, Mark DiGiacomo markdigiacomo@rutgers.edu, and Brian Reinken brian.reinken@rutgers.edu of the Graduate Writing Program with any questions.

Double Feature Film Screening – Tuesday, April 30, 5pm

Location: Civic Square Building, Room 261 (33 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

RSVP [HERE!](#)

Join Bloustein Palestine Solidarity, Mason Gross MFA, and Graduate Geographers Project for a double feature film screening that delves into the intricate narratives of resilience and conflict. “Israel: Architect of Violence” offers a poignant exploration of the physical structures shaping political realities. “Destruction and Return in Al Araqib” is a compelling portrayal of struggle and perseverance amidst displacement.

Tower Jump with Rutgers Recreation – Tuesday, April 30, 8pm – 10pm

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

Register [HERE!](#)

Dive into excitement with Rutgers Recreation's Tower Jump! From a 10-meter tower into our 17-foot diving well, this thrilling experience is free for Recreation staff and \$10 for non-Recreation staff. Feel the rush of leaping over 30 feet into an Olympic-sized pool, with trained staff ensuring your safety. Join Rutgers Recreation for an unforgettable plunge into deep water!

LAST SESSION OF THE SEMESTER! Office of Disability Services Graduate Student Drop-In Hours – Wednesday, May 1, 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.

Black Studies Study Hall –Thursday, May 2, 11am – 3pm

Location: Alexander Library, Jetstream Room 404 (169 College Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Black Studies Study Hall is an open space to gather and work alongside other Black Studies scholars from across departments! Bring your seminar papers, chapters and other end of semester projects to work on in this shared space. There will be snacks, coffee, & herbal tea! Plus a writer's playlist going throughout the work session. Feel free to come and go as you need to and to bring your own lunch as well. The Jetstream Room is on the fourth floor of Alexander Library and is equipped with modular furniture, as well as movable whiteboards for brainstorming and outlining! Click [HERE](#) for more information about Black Studies Study Hall hosted by Rutgers Libraries.

SparkNight: APIDA Heritage Month –Thursday, May 2, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum for a celebration of Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month! Enjoy featured performances by the Rutgers Belly Dance Troupe, Navrang Dance Academy, and the Highland Park High School Asian Culture Club! Join gallery pop-up tours, and enjoy a live DJ and complimentary light refreshments throughout the evening! Click [HERE](#) for more information about SparkNight: APIDA Heritage Month.

LAST SHOPPING TRIP OF THE SEMESTER! Shopping Trip Sign-Up – International Students – Saturday, May 4, 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](#).

– WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT–

Virtual Graduate Wellness Workshop: Mindfulness Meditation Workshop – Thursday, May 2, 2pm-3pm

Location: Zoom, Join Meeting [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 955 3121 7189, Password: 847316)

Join CAPS Community Based Counselor, Dana and your peers to focus on the here and now without judgment, and to practice a variety of mindfulness and meditation exercises.

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 –

Workshop: Effective Mentoring of Undergraduates in Research – Wednesday, May 1, 12pm-2pm

Location: Zoom, Join Meeting [HERE](#) (passcode: Janet)

Register to attend [HERE!](#)

Join iJobs for this active learning workshop for PhD students, Postdoctoral Fellows and faculty! Attendees will use techniques and case study discussions in breakout sessions to learn tools and skills to better mentor undergraduate students in a research setting. Attendees will also reflect upon approaches they would use to mentor trainees and employees when they are running a lab or research group in the future. An opportunity to earn a Microbadge in Mentoring Undergraduates will be available for those who wish to follow up with additional activities.

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! 2024-2025 Research2Practice Program

Apply [HERE](#) by May 31, 2024!

The Research2Practice Program is a cohort program designed to engage scholars, including graduate students, in translating their expertise into practical tools to enhance equity, access, diversity, inclusion and belonging at Rutgers–New Brunswick. Fellows receive professional development around public scholarship and receive a stipend upon completion of the Program (\$1,000 for individuals and \$1,500 for collaborations). Please contact Dr. Crystal Bedley crystal.bedley@rutgers.edu with any questions.

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.

Fulbright Info Session, Country Spotlight: Hungary – Wednesday, May 1, 12pm-1:30pm

Location: Van Dyck Hall, Room 301 (16 Seminary Pl, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Register to attend [HERE](#)!

Interested in conducting research abroad? Join GradFund, the School of Graduate Studies, and the Center for European Studies for an in-person Fulbright Info Session. Featuring a panel of experts with Fulbright experiences in Hungary, this event will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn more about Fulbright programs by highlighting a featured country. Undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty with interests in Fulbright and/or Hungary and Central Europe are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please email fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu with any questions.

– EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES –

APPLY NOW! Mandela Washington Fellowship Student Program Assistant – Rutgers Global

Position Dates: June 10, 2024 - July 28, 2024

Compensation: \$20 an hour, 20-30 hours per week

Apply by May 10!

The Student Program Assistant will provide support to the Administrative Director of the Mandela Washington Fellowship program. This may include: helping participants with their daily activities and needs, chaperoning Fellows during scheduled events and field trips, assisting with Fellow check in and check out process, meeting Fellows at area airports and escorting them back to campus, putting together informational materials and packets, office work as necessary, communicating any problems with the Administrative Director. Desired Qualifications: Excellent organizational and communication skills; Team-oriented; Open to a flexible work schedule, including some nights and weekends; Interest in International Relations, African Studies, or Entrepreneurship; Must be able to carry and transport lightweight boxes; An outgoing nature and someone who can adapt to changes easily is strongly desired. Interested applicants should email their resume and a brief statement of their interest in the position to Johanna Bernstein jrbernst@global.rutgers.edu.

THE RESOURCE CORNER

LAST CHANCE! 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).

Title IX Legal Protections for Pregnant and Parenting Students

Students experiencing pregnancy or a related condition, including childbirth, false pregnancy, loss, termination, and subsequent recovery are entitled to equal access to education, employment, and university programs and activities. Students experiencing pregnancy or a related condition (including partners, foster, and adoptive parents) are encouraged to reach out to the team at the Title IX office to discuss their rights to reasonable accommodations using [THIS](#) form, emailing nbtittleix@rutgers.edu, or by calling 848-932-8200. The Team at the Title IX Office are here to help you. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about resources, accommodations, or support available to pregnant and parenting students.

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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