

GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

WEEKLY DIGEST

Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest Week of May 6, 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

Stay Tuned for the Monthly Summer Digest!

TODAY is the final Weekly Digest issue before the Digest transitions to a monthly schedule for the summer. Stay tuned for a June issue on Monday, June 3 and a July issue on Monday, July 1. The regular Weekly Digest schedule will resume on Monday, August 5. Enjoy your summer!

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Congratulations to all our graduate and professional students graduating in the class of 2024! The Office of Graduate Life wishes you the best of luck in your future endeavors! If you would like to unsubscribe from the Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest, please send an email to gradstudentlife_nb-leave@email.rutgers.edu.

Register for Zimmerli's Summer Art Camps for Kids!

The Zimmerli Art Museum offers a variety of summer art camps for kids ages 7-10 and ages 11-14 throughout the summer! Click [HERE](#) to view open camp sessions, pricing information, and find directions for how to register.

Project Move Out Offers FREE Curbside Pick Up for Rutgers Students Living in New Brunswick!

Project Move Out is offering FREE curbside pick-up exclusively for Rutgers students living in New Brunswick who pre-register by noon on May 20th. Collection days are scheduled between May 22 and May 24, with your designated day based on your address. Please note, if your apartment complex has private garbage pick-up, this option is unavailable. Project Move Out will pick up items including Appliances (microwaves, toaster ovens, vacuums), Electronics (televisions, video game consoles, cell phones, computers, monitors, printers), and Furniture (mattresses, couches, chairs, tables, bookcases, desks, rugs). Click [HERE](#) to register or learn more.

Check out May Programs Offered by Rutgers Recreation!

Be sure to check out the programs offered in the month of May by Rutgers Recreation [HERE](#)!

– 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! –

New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra @ Zimmerli: Salon Americana – Saturday, May 11, 1-3pm

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

RSVP [HERE](#)!

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum and New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra String Quartet for a classical concert inspired by Jazz music. This program highlights the jazzy side of classical music through works by Dvorak, Grant Still, Gershwin, Higdon, Montgomery, and Ellington. The afternoon includes a lively discussion about this quintessential American art form. The informal format features short performances and opportunities to chat with musicians, orchestra staff, and fellow audience members over complimentary light snacks and wine. Free & open to the public, **RSVP required**. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Último Domingo – Saturday, May 11, 1-3pm

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

Último Domingo is a series celebrating Latinx culture and invites bilingual communities to come together through the experience of art. Explore our stunning exhibitions, create art, and enjoy interactive

performances. | Último Domingo es una serie que celebra la cultura latina e invita a las comunidades bilingües a unirse a través del arte. Explora nuestras deslumbrantes exposiciones, crea arte y diviértete con funciones interactivas. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

– THIS WEEK! –

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

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

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. 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 have registered by Monday, April 29th, 2024 to participate in the ceremony. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rites of Passage Ceremony and please reach out to rop@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

– WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT –

CONTINUING INTO THE SUMMER! 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 –

APPLY NOW! USAID Science for Development Institute

Apply [HERE](#) by WEDNESDAY May 8, 2024!

Doctoral-level STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine/health, including social sciences) graduate students and postdocs, and master's-level engineers with interest in applied careers in international development are encouraged to apply for the USAID Science for Development Institute.

The USAID Science for Development Institute is an interactive two-day professional training opportunity. Participants will learn about: intersections across science, technology, innovation, and global development, USAID's mission and its international development priorities and initiatives, ways that STEM knowledge and research help address complex international challenges, and applied careers for scientists and engineers that contribute to global development success. USAID will cover travel and participation costs for selected participants to attend the experience in Washington, D.C. Applications are due by Wednesday, May 8.

**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 –

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.

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.

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 –

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 FRIDAY, 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.

NOW HIRING! Graduate Coordinator: Advising and Programming – Office of Career Exploration and Success

Position Dates: August 19, 2024 - May 16, 2025

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

Apply [HERE](#) by Wednesday, May 15!

The Office of Career Exploration and Success (CES) is hiring a part time Graduate Coordinator to work on-site in New Brunswick. The Graduate Coordinator is responsible for supervising a team of 6 undergraduate CES Peer Career Educators. The Graduate Coordinator is also responsible for assisting with the hiring, recruitment, and training of new Peer Career Educators and providing individual career advising appointments to undergraduate students. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Graduate Coordinator: Advising and Programming position at CES.

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

Position Dates: June 17, 2024 - May 9, 2025

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

Apply [HERE](#) by Monday, May 20!

The Office of Career Exploration and Success (CES) is hiring a part time Graduate Coordinator to work on-site in New Brunswick. The Graduate Coordinator of Career Exploration and Alumni Relations is responsible for overseeing the Student Alumni Career Connect platform that connects Rutgers Alumni to students seeking mentorship or guidance. The Graduate Coordinator will also take the lead in organizing the annual Career Exploration Night Event held in October. Interested applicants must be available to work during summer and winter breaks. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Graduate Coordinator of Career Exploration and Alumni Relations position at CES.

THE RESOURCE CORNER

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. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about LinkedIn Learning and set up your free account through Rutgers University.

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. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the services offered by Rutgers University Student Legal Services.

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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