

GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

WEEKLY DIGEST

Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest Month of June 2024

Welcome to the Graduate Student Life Summer Digest!

This 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

Welcome to the Monthly Summer Digest!

The Graduate Student Weekly Digest issue has transitioned to a monthly schedule for the summer. Stay tuned for the July issue on Monday, July 1. The regular Weekly Digest schedule will resume on Monday, August 5. Enjoy the summer!

Update on Campus Health Center Summer Closures!

Busch-Livingston and Cook-Douglass Health Centers are closed as of May 31st, for the summer. Hurtado Health Center is open all summer for appointments from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Schedule all your summer health appointments at Hurtado Health Center!

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 (waitlist registration only) and ages 11-14 (registration open) throughout the summer! Click [HERE](#) to view open camp sessions, pricing information, and find directions for how to register.

Check Out the Rutgers Recreation Outdoor Adventure Summer Programs!

Want to get outdoors and explore this summer? Check out the outdoor adventure programs hosted by Rutgers Recreation! Click [HERE](#) to view the summer program catalog.

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Congratulations to all our graduate and professional students who graduated 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.

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

EVENTS

– RSVP NOW & COMING UP! –

Summer Hackathon at Rutgers-Newark – Tuesday, June 11, 9am-5pm

Location: Dana Library, Room 320 (185 University Ave, Newark, Rutgers-Newark)

Click [HERE](#) to find information about parking on-campus at Rutgers-Newark based on the type of Rutgers-New Brunswick parking pass you have.

Register [HERE](#) by FRIDAY, June 7!

Join Rutgers-Newark for an exciting summer Hackathon! Attendees will have opportunities to learn the basics of Python in a coding camp, practice coding for their own projects in the coding lab “hackerspace”, and even have the opportunity to discuss their coding needs and questions with experts in the coding clinic! The Hackathon provides a friendly atmosphere to learn, practice, and master coding in a judgment-free, fun-filled environment! Graduate students, undergraduate students, and K-12 teachers are especially encouraged to attend! The Hackathon is free (bring your own computer and a photo ID) and meals will be provided!

Virtual Lecture: Park McArthur – Tuesday, June 11, 4-6pm

Location: Zoom

Register [HERE](#)!

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum and Mason Gross School of the Arts for this special lecture that marks the culmination of Park McArthur's term as Tepper Family Endowed Chair at Rutgers University. McArthur was recently named a 2024 Guggenheim Fellow for her work in the field of Fine Arts. Past solo exhibitions include those at the Museum of Modern Art, New York; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; and Chisenhale Gallery, London. ASL interpretation and captioning will be provided during this lecture. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Virtual Lecture with Park McArthur and please contact education@zimmerli.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Psychological Thrillers and the Queen of Twists: An Author Talk with Freida McFadden – Thursday, June 13, 8-9pm

Location: Online

Register [HERE!](#)

Get your popcorn and join the Rutgers Libraries to pick the brain of the queen of twists herself, New York Times bestselling author, Freida McFadden! McFadden will join us to chat about writing psychological thrillers, her mega-bestselling hit *The Housemaid Series*, in particular her forthcoming (June 11, 2024) third installment, *The Housemaid Is Watching*. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Author Talk with Frieda McFadden.

Último Domingo – Sunday, June 30, 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! –

The Morning After: Post-Primary Election Analysis Panel Discussion – Wednesday, June 5, 11am-12:30pm

Location: Zoom

REGISTER [HERE!](#)

Join the Eagleton Institute of Politics for a panel discussion on the local, state, and national primary election results moderated by Jean Sinzdak, Associate Director of the Center for American Women and Politics. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the panel discussion and panelists.

– WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT–

CONTINUING INTO THE SUMMER! Weekly Let's Talk Drop In Counseling Conversations – Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays

Free Private and Confidential Drop-In Conversations with licensed mental health professionals available in-person or virtual. See below for 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.

Summer Let's Talk Sessions with Dana

Thursdays from 10am-11am at the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, Room 240 (679 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, Busch Campus) or on Zoom (JOIN [HERE](#))

Summer Let's Talk Sessions with Shan

Mondays from 2-3pm at the Honors College, Room E125 (5 Seminary Pl, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus) or on Zoom (JOIN [HERE](#))

Thursdays from 2-3pm at Doolittle Hall, Room 2105 (123 Bevier Rd, Piscataway, Busch Campus) or on Zoom (JOIN [HERE](#))

Fridays from 11am-12pm at Academic Building West, Room 5050 (15 Seminary Pl, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

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](#).

TogetherAll: FREE Online Support Community

TogetherAll provides FREE peer-to-peer support communities through their app! Choose your community based on your preferences and interact with peers anonymously. Find a 24/7 online community with self-help courses and assessments covering topics such as anxiety, sleep, depression, and more. Licensed and registered mental health practitioners monitor the community to ensure the safety and anonymity of all members. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or join!

– 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! New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholars Program

Apply by June 14!

Graduate students studying STEM subjects are encouraged to apply to the New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholars Program. The NJ Governor's STEM Scholars is a FREE program that provides STEM opportunities to high-achieving New Jersey STEM students. The application to apply for the 2024-2025 Scholar class is open until 11:59PM on Friday, June 14. STEM Scholars are connected with STEM professionals and experts, learn about higher education and career pathways in STEM, participate in a STEM research/engineering design project, and acquire important professional development skills. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about and apply to the New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholars Program.

NOMINATIONS OPEN: Rutgers Innovation Awards

Submit Nominations [HERE](#) and Applications [HERE](#) by June 15!

The Office for Research is proud to announce the inaugural Rutgers Innovation Awards, to be hosted in September. The deadline to submit applications and nominations for this recognition is June 15, 2024. This event will recognize outstanding achievements by Rutgers researchers who have demonstrated excellence by developing a breakthrough idea, process, or technology that has shown its transformational potential to improve lives and create economic value. Nominate research faculty, research staff, postdocs, clinical fellows or students (graduate and undergraduate) or apply online for one or more of the 10 categories. There is no requirement to have any patent application filed or issued. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Rutgers Innovation Awards and click [HERE](#) to view the application guidelines.

Summer 2024 Gradfund Asynchronous Mentoring Program – July 10-July 31

Apply [HERE](#) by Monday, June 17!

Applying for and securing fellowships and grants to support your graduate study and research is an important part of your scholarly professional development. Masters and Doctoral students in the School of Graduate Studies looking to submit competitive fellowship and grant applications during the Fall 2024 application cycle are encouraged to apply for the GradFund Summer 2024 Asynchronous Mentoring Program! The GradFund Fellowship Advising Team will help participants prepare to apply for research fellowships and grants. Participants will have multiple opportunities to converse with fellow participants, as they work toward shared goals and mutually benefit from the support and accountability of a structured mentoring program. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Gradfund Summer 2024 Asynchronous Mentoring Program. Please contact fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu with any questions.

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! Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans

Apply [HERE](#) By 2pm on October 31, 2024!

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans supports New Americans— immigrants or the children of immigrants—who are pursuing graduate or professional school in the United States. Current eligible graduate students who are 30 years of age or younger and in their first or second year of study in

any program are welcome to apply for the 2025 fellowship class! Each Fellowship supports one to two years of graduate study (up to a total of \$90,000) in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program in the United States. Most importantly, new Fellows join a strong community of Fellows who share the New American experience and gain access to the alumni association, [The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellows Association \(PDSFA\)](#), which actively engages current and past Fellows in events held across the country. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans and click [HERE](#) to view the full eligibility criteria.

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY! 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 and registering for summer mentoring with Gradfund. Click [HERE](#) for a complete schedule of upcoming Fulbright Info Webinars or [HERE](#) to view previous Webinar recordings.

Summer 2024 Gradfund Mentoring: Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Apply [HERE](#)!

Current Rutgers graduate students who are considering applying for an award in the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in the Fall 2024 application cycle are encouraged to register for summer mentoring with GradFund. Registrants will be added to an asynchronous canvas site that has content and material designed to help you learn to develop a competitive application for the Fulbright US Student Program. Applicants interested in any Fulbright country, and any award stream (Research-Study awards, English

Teaching Assistant, or other) are welcome to register for mentoring. Registration for mentoring is ongoing and students will be added to the Canvas site after their registration is received and reviewed. Please contact fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu with any questions. Click [HERE](#) for more information about GradFund summer mentoring for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

THE RESOURCE CORNER

Student Basic Needs: Rutgers Student Food Pantry & Mobile Food Pantry

The Rutgers Student Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry is dedicated to helping all Rutgers students in need of food. Students can visit the Student Food Pantry located in the College Avenue Student Center or visit one of the many Mobile Food Pantry locations and receive about one week's worth of groceries, no questions asked. Click [HERE](#) to view the operating hours and locations of the Rutgers Student Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry.

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 March 10th to receive a pass valid for the month of April). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to purchase a discounted NJ Transit monthly pass.

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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