



Rutgers Global

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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Greetings,

I am pleased to share with you Rutgers Global's highlights from the 2024-2025 academic year (August 2024-August 2025). Last year, we focused on growing Rutgers University's global footprint in education, partnerships, and research, and deepened our engagement in the countries of India and South Korea. Throughout these pages, you will find stories, photos, and data that spotlight some of the many ways that we helped to bring Rutgers to the world, and the world to Rutgers.

Through various initiatives, Rutgers Global cultivates a culture that welcomes new international students and scholars and provides access to a global experience for as many students as possible. We also coordinate global research partnerships for faculty to help them address the many global challenges that confront us today. I'm pleased to report that new international student enrollment again grew in 2024-2025, underscoring Rutgers' enduring appeal as a destination for global education. In addition, we continued to see record enrollment for our study abroad programs.

We continue to focus on four key global priorities:

- Global visibility: taking the Rutgers story of academic excellence and access to the wider world
- Experiential learning: increasing global experiential learning opportunities to enhance student success
- Enrollment: bolstering enrollment goals by supporting international student recruitment and retention efforts
- Global advancement: enhancing international alumni relations

As always, I want to extend my gratitude to the chancellor-led units, campus partners, dedicated faculty and staff, and talented students for their invaluable contributions to Rutgers University's international engagement. Together, we will continue to uphold Rutgers' legacy of excellence and innovation, making a positive impact on the world.

We look forward to engaging with you in the coming year!

Warm regards,

Eric (Rick) Garfunkel

Vice President for Global Affairs

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



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On the cover: Rutgers students studying abroad in Yucatán, Mexico

SPOTLIGHT ON ENGAGEMENT

INDIA AND SOUTH KOREA

In 2024–2025, Rutgers University strengthened its global presence through targeted partnerships, research collaborations, and expanded opportunities for student and faculty engagement in India and South Korea—two rapidly growing centers of innovation and higher education.

INDIA: DEEPENING ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

Rutgers Global advanced several strategic initiatives across India, beginning with a November 2024 delegation visit to Chennai, Kochi, Bengaluru, and Pune. Engagements with premier institutions—including **IIT-Madras** and the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**—focused on exploring mobility programs, research collaborations, dual-degree pathways, and signings of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).

In March 2025, Rutgers returned to India with a robust delegation of 19 faculty and administrators from across the university, including Rutgers–New Brunswick, Rutgers–Camden, and Rutgers Health, further elevating its national presence. In addition to active participation at the **APAIE 2025 Conference** in Delhi, where the team engaged with more than 2,500 global education leaders, the visit built on sustained institutional relationships and resulted in several significant partnership outcomes.

- An **MoU with IISc**, strengthening joint research and student mobility
- An **MoU between Great Lakes Institute of Management**, Gurgaon, and Rutgers School of Business–Camden, expanding global business education opportunities
- Continuation of the **Rutgers–IIE Thought Leadership Series**
- A major **networking gala co-hosted with IIE**, with more than 200 partners

In August 2025, Rutgers hosted senior leaders from **O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)**, exploring expanded collaborations across law, business, engineering, the sciences, social work, and public policy.

O.P. Jindal Global University delegation



Rutgers Delegation to South India



Rutgers Global at the APAIE 2025 Conference



MoU signing between Rutgers and Indian Institute of Science (IISc)



SOUTH KOREA: ADVANCING INNOVATION AND GLOBAL TALENT EXCHANGE

A high-level Rutgers delegation visited South Korea in October 2024 to strengthen ties with leading universities and the country's thriving biotech and biomedical sectors. The visit resulted in new MoUs with **CHA University, Ajou University/Korea Bio Research Association, Sungkyunkwan University, and Korea University**. The visit also featured milestone events including **Rutgers Partnership Day** and participation in the **K-BioX Summit**.

In March 2025, the Ernesto Mario School of Pharmacy signed an MoU with **Seoul National University (SNU)** School of Pharmacy. Rutgers and SNU have enjoyed a longstanding and successful partnership, and President RYU Hong Lim is a proud Rutgers alum. In June 2025, Rutgers Global and Rutgers Health co-hosted a **Korea-US R&D Collaboration Symposium** on the New Brunswick campus, bringing together government, industry, and academic leaders to explore funding pathways and deepen research partnerships.

Rutgers' engagement continued in July 2025 through participation in **Korea University's Climate Corps Summer School**, the first global climate education program supported by the UNDP Seoul Policy Centre. Rutgers students and faculty contributed to discussions and research on climate adaptation, sustainability, and global environmental challenges.



MoU signing with CHA University



Rutgers & KU partner on Climate Corps Summer School



Korea-US R&D Symposium at Rutgers

GLOBAL IMPACT THROUGH COLLABORATION

Across India and South Korea, Rutgers is building partnerships that expand research excellence, increase global visibility, and create meaningful academic opportunities for students and faculty. These initiatives reflect the university's commitment to global engagement, innovation, and shared solutions for the many challenges confronting a rapidly changing world.

STUDY ABROAD AND THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

STUDY ABROAD FALL FAIR DRAWS A CROWD

Rutgers Global hosted its annual Study Abroad Fall Fair on September 2024 in the Livingston Student Center and welcomed nearly 600 students who came to learn about the 100+ study abroad programs in 40+ countries around the world that Rutgers offers. The number of students studying abroad at Rutgers has grown in the years since the pandemic shut down all international travel. Last year, Rutgers celebrated the highest participation in years, with over 1,000 Rutgers students studying across the globe in short-term, semester, and full academic year programs.



Students at the Study Abroad Fall Fair



Iris Park

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF FU-BEST: A TRANSFORMATIVE STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE IN BERLIN

"I had the time of my life while participating in the FU-BEST program, and this is no exaggeration," said Iris Park, a German and Philosophy double major at Rutgers, and Young Ambassador for the German Academic Exchange Service. "I met some of my best friends while studying abroad in Berlin and gained new members of my family while living with my host parents (we still keep in touch at least once a week!)."

A RECORD 20 RUTGERS STUDENTS EARN GILMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Gilman Scholars will study and intern in countries across Europe, Asia, Africa, and Central America through a variety of programs that span research, health, sustainability, governance, and cultural exchange. "This achievement is not just about numbers," said Lauren Meregalli Ferrer, Director of Study Abroad. "It's about access, equity, and the transformative power of international education. These students represent the future of global citizenship."

Study abroad students in Monteverde, Costa Rica



From left to right, top to bottom: Arianna Entero, Chen Li, David Parr, Drishti Kanakia, Erin Dacey, Jade Dunkley Davis, Jenna Ahmed, Joselyn Sabillon Corea, Nandini Doddi, QueenTeja Cooper, Steisy Gomez, and Tiffany Chan



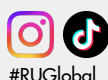
ACCESS AFRICA



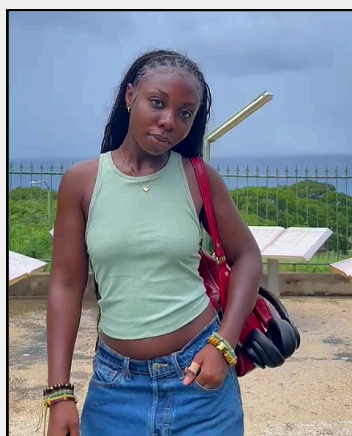
Neal Rosenthal

Rutgers was honored to welcome to campus Neal Rosenthal, founder of the Mad Rose Group and a proud Rutgers alum (Class of '67) in October. Mr. Rosenthal is a generous supporter of the Access Africa initiative, which seeks to enhance undergraduate education in African Studies at Rutgers University through travel support for study abroad programs in Africa.

OUR MEDIA TEAM SCHOLARS:

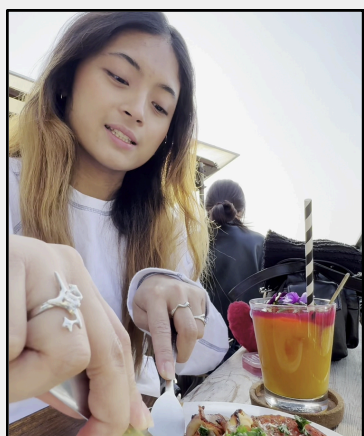


Rutgers Global Media Team Scholars receive a scholarship to help offset the cost of their program by recording their experiences in real-time through short videos that we post to our Instagram and TikTok accounts. These videos offer Rutgers students a genuine glimpse into the day-to-day study abroad experience.



Fall 2024 Media Team Scholars:

Dotun Adedokun (Japan), at left; **Chealsy Clotney (Barbados)**, at right; **Liyalani Roebuck (Barbados)**; **Gloria Sohn (South Korea)**; **Aryan Patil (United Kingdom)**.

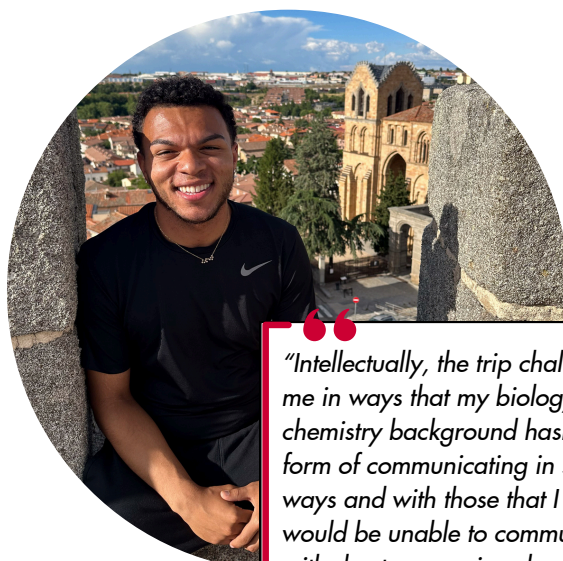


Spring 2025 Media Team Scholars:

Aljona Casingal (South Korea), at left; **Jonah Tullman (Spain)**, at right; **Dora Engler (Belgium)**; **Gillian Delacruz (Ireland)**; **Greddy Cruz (Italy)**.

RUTGERS HUMANS OF STUDY ABROAD (#RUHOSA)

The Rutgers University Humans of Study Abroad (#RUHoSA) is a social media campaign that highlights our students studying abroad with vibrant photos and short essays each week.



"Intellectually, the trip challenged me in ways that my biology and chemistry background hasn't, in the form of communicating in simple ways and with those that I normally would be unable to communicate with due to a previous language barrier."

Travis Anane
Rutgers in Spain



"Studying abroad in Barbados has been amazing. It was a journey that has truly allowed me to learn more about myself and build resilience."

Liyalani Roebuck
University of the West Indies at Cave Hill (Barbados)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS (ISSS)

RUTGERS WELCOMES A STRONG INCOMING CLASS OF NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



International Student Orientation Leaders

Rutgers Global hosted a well-attended International Student Orientation (ISO) in August 2024 at the Jersey Mike's Arena and locations across campus. More than 1,200 new international students participated, joined by nearly 300 parents and family members, many of whom first connected with Rutgers through admitted student events and our Pre-Departure Orientation programs in India and China. This represents a substantial increase from 750 attendees in 2023 and reflects the continued momentum in international student engagement.



International Student Services team

WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WORKSHOP

In the spring of 2025, the ISSS team presented their twice-annual workshop for Rutgers faculty and staff to provide guidance for supporting international students. Participants received a Rutgers digital badge.

CAPS/ISSS SUPPORT SPACE

Our International Student Services team partners with Rutgers CAPS Mental Health Services to provide a series of Wellness Workshops each semester to help support international students with topics that might especially resonate for them.



ISSS staff and international students at the multicultural potluck

WORKING GROUP FOR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Rutgers Global-International Academic Success Office (IAS) co-chairs with the Senior Vice Provost and Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education at Rutgers-New Brunswick a Working Group for International Academic Success that has representatives from key schools and units within the University, including the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS), School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS), School of Engineering (SOE), Rutgers Business School (RBS), Division of Student Affairs, Learning Centers, Career Exploration and Success, Writing Program, Counseling Services, and Undergraduate Admissions. The goal of the Working Group is to share information, assess needs, and develop strategies to provide holistic support to international students.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATIONS IN INDIA AND CHINA



India



China

In June 2025, a delegation from Rutgers traveled to China and India to meet with newly admitted undergraduate students and their families to answer questions about academics and life at Rutgers.

RU-FYT (FIRST-YEAR TRANSITION COURSE)

Rutgers welcomed students from 83 different countries as part of its incoming class in Fall 2024 with 735 of them enrolled in the First-Year Transition Course (RU-FYT). The course helps students from abroad adjust to campus life in the United States and navigate university resources. RU-FYT is now into its seventh academic year as a credited and graded course taught by trained peer instructors (third- and fourth-year undergraduate students).

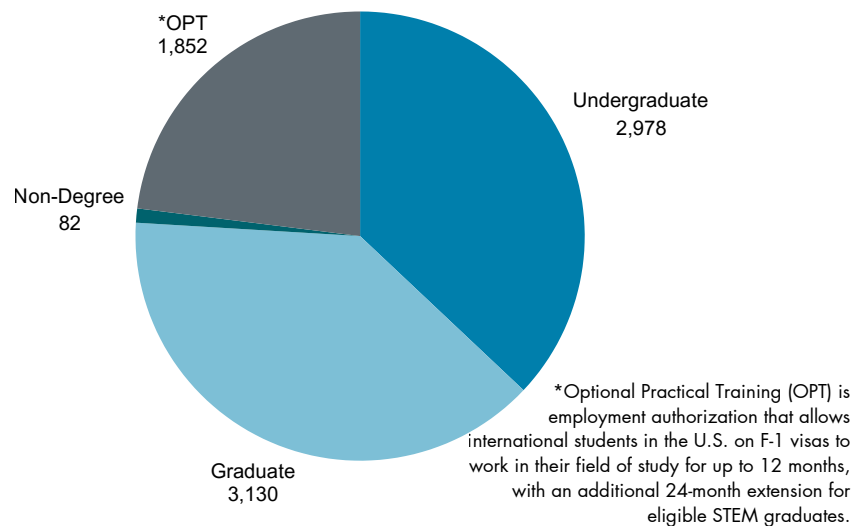


Students at the RU-FYT course

REFUGEES AND DISPLACED STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

The ISSS office coordinates funding and support for refugee and displaced students and scholars from regions including Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Gaza. In collaboration with external and internal partners, students and scholars are connected to comprehensive resources to establish a foundation for their social and economic mobility.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEGREE LEVEL



Illia Kholiavin, second from left

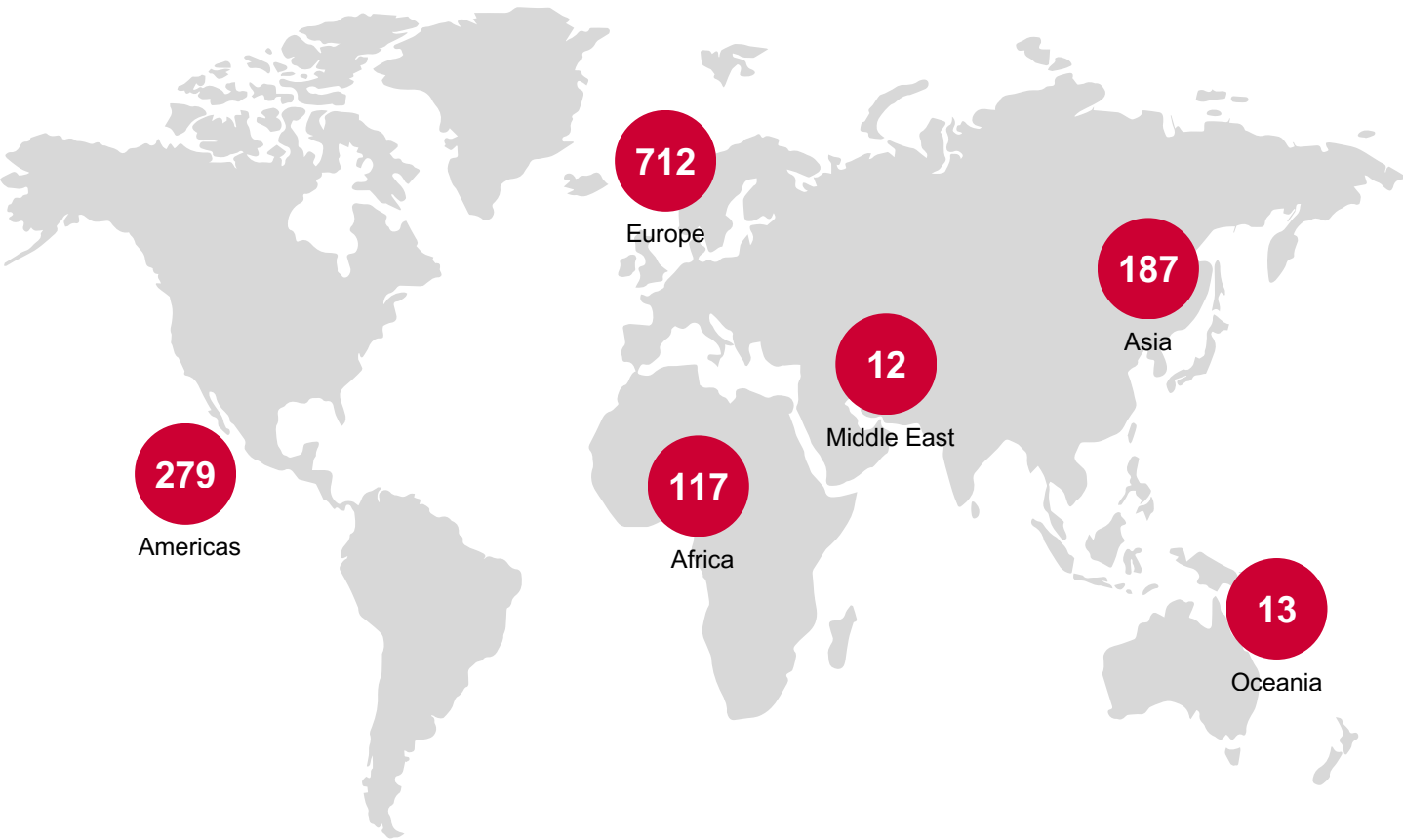
THREE YEARS AFTER FLEEING WAR-TORN UKRAINE, GRADUATE HONORED AMONG RUTGERS' HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

When Illia Kholiavin fled his war-torn Ukrainian hometown of Mariupol in 2022, he left behind the only life he'd ever known. "What we experienced was brutal. It changed something in us," he said. In May 2025, Kholiavin was inducted into Rutgers University's prestigious Matthew Leydt Society along with 234 of his peers who ranked in the top 2% of Rutgers University-New Brunswick's and Rutgers Health's graduating Class of 2025.

STUDY ABROAD

FACTS AT A GLANCE

TOP STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS FOR RUTGERS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



TOP COUNTRIES*

Belize Japan
France South Africa
Greece South Korea
Guatemala Spain
Italy United Kingdom

**In alphabetical order*

TOP MAJORS*

Finance
Political Science
Psychology
Social Work

**In alphabetical order*



\$ 570,000+

Scholarships Awarded
Includes both external and internal scholarships/funding that are tied to our specific programs/initiatives

1,320

Students Studying
Abroad

130

Study Abroad
Programs

**New Brunswick, Camden, Newark*

50

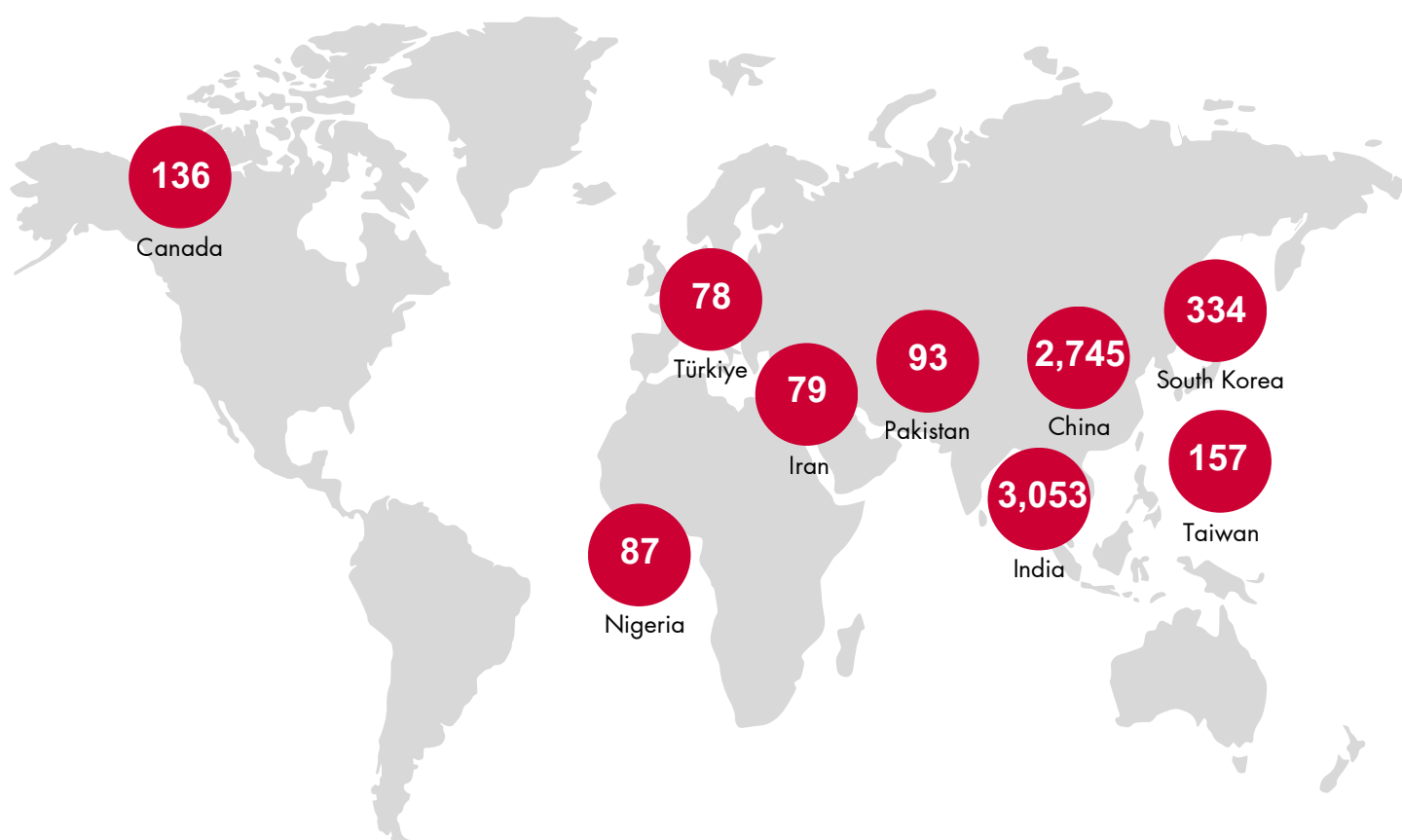
Study Abroad
Countries

**The data for this report is representative of New Brunswick, Newark, Camden, and Rutgers Health during the 2024-25 Academic Year. The numbers presented for ISSS Students and Scholars is based on Fall 2024 Open Doors data.*

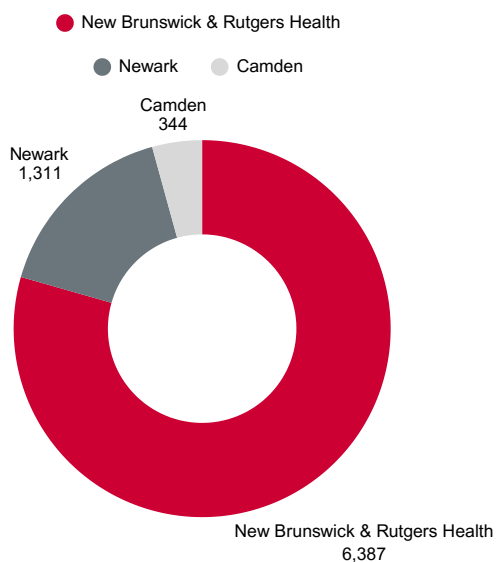
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FACTS AT A GLANCE

TOP HOME COUNTRIES OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



International Students By Campus



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TOP MAJORS*

Biological & Biomedical Sciences
 Business; Management; Marketing & Related Support Services
 Computer & Information Sciences & Support Services
 Engineering
 Health Professions & Related Programs
 Mathematics & Statistics
 Physical Sciences

**In alphabetical order*

8,042

Number of International Students

135

Countries

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR SPEAKER SERIES



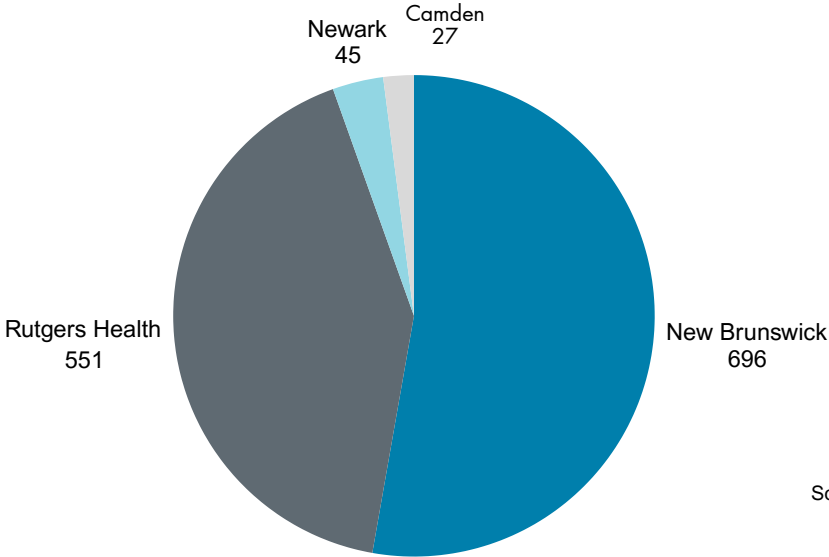
In November, the International Scholar Speaker Series featured a presentation from Dr. Paul O'Keefe, at left, and Dr. Michael Conteh, at right, on the topic of *Intersecting Journeys: How the Refugee Experience in East Africa is Shaping Scholarship, Learning, and Social Awareness at Rutgers and Beyond*.

GLOBAL SCHOLARS RECEPTION

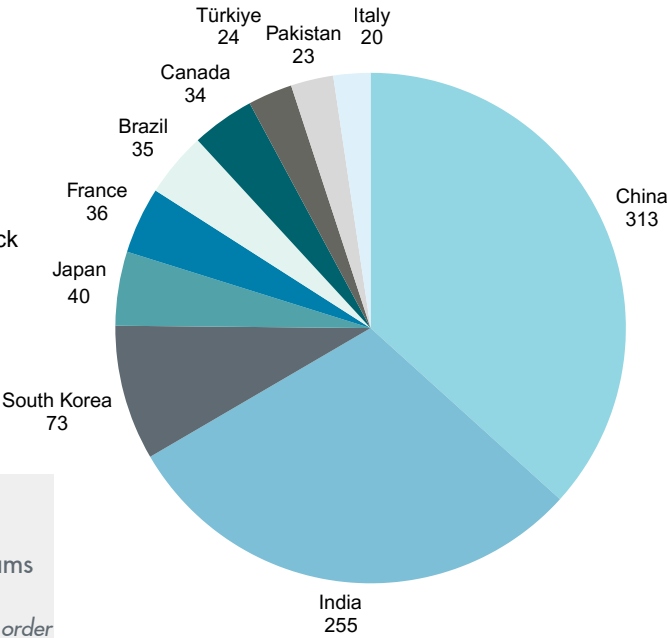


In October, the Rutgers Global International Faculty and Scholar Services team celebrated our Rutgers international faculty and scholars at a reception. Guest speakers included Benedetto Piccoli, Joseph and Loretta Lopez Chair Professor of Mathematics and Henry Turner, Vice President for Academic Initiatives.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS BY RUTGERS CAMPUS



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS TOP SENDING COUNTRIES



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR TOP SPECIALIZATION*

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Biological & Biomedical Sciences | Engineering |
| Computer & Information Sciences & Support Services | Medical Residency Programs |
| | Physical Sciences |
- *In alphabetical order

CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

In April, the International Faculty & Scholar Services team presented the second annual professional development event with a focus on intercultural communication. Laura Ramírez Polo, Assistant Teaching Professor, Coordinator of the Translation and Interpreting Program, was the keynote speaker and Nicole Houser, Assistant Dean for Curriculum Internationalization, led the workshop.



PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

DELEGATIONS TO RUTGERS

From August 2024 to August 2025, Rutgers Global welcomed delegations from 20 institutions from around the world and, in some cases, strengthened partnerships with signings of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).



Korea University (KU)

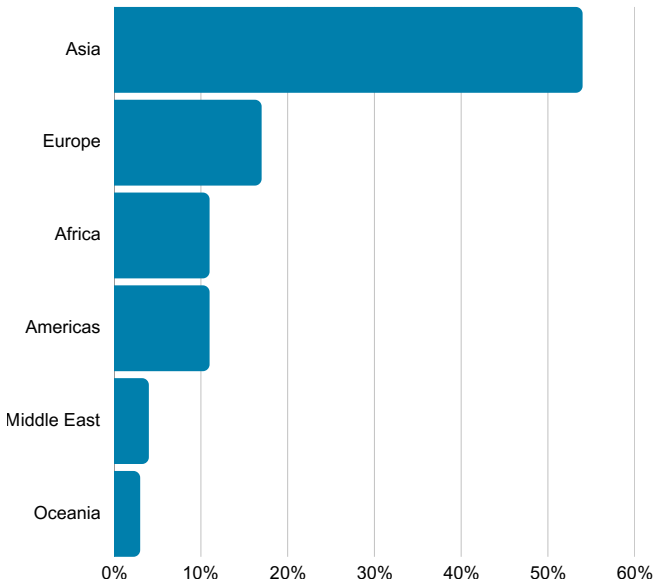


South China University of Technology (SCUT)



Ambassador Mikio Mori, Japan

PARTNERSHIP BY REGION



159
NUMBER OF
PARTNERS

198
ACTIVE
AGREEMENTS

50
COUNTRIES

CHA University, Korea



SELECT INSTITUTIONS WITH STRONG ENGAGEMENT*

Seoul National University, South Korea
South China University of Technology, China
Universitas Nasional, Indonesia
Xavier School of Management, India

*In alphabetical order

A majority of the Active Agreements are general Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), which allow for a range of common collaboration activities, including faculty mobility, graduate student mobility, and basic research collaborations.

GLOBAL PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP AT RUTGERS



Mandela Washington Fellows at the Opening Reception

The Mandela Washington Fellowship was established in 2014, and Rutgers helped celebrate its tenth anniversary in the summer of 2024. Rutgers has the distinction of having been chosen as an Institute Partner every year since the program’s inception and are proud to be connected with 400 alumni who have participated in the program.



Mandela fellows with Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway

MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI PRESENT AT RWANDA CONFERENCE



A panel comprised of alumni from the 2024 Rutgers Mandela Washington Fellowship Program presented at the 12th International Conference of the African Materials Research Society (AMRS) in Kigali, Rwanda in December. Assistant Dean of Faculty Engagement Johanna Bernstein helped organize the panel discussion, titled “Tech Entrepreneurship in Practice” which included Highness Mtemah from Zimbabwe, Douglas Remhunga from Zimbabwe, and Rivaldo Costa from Angola.

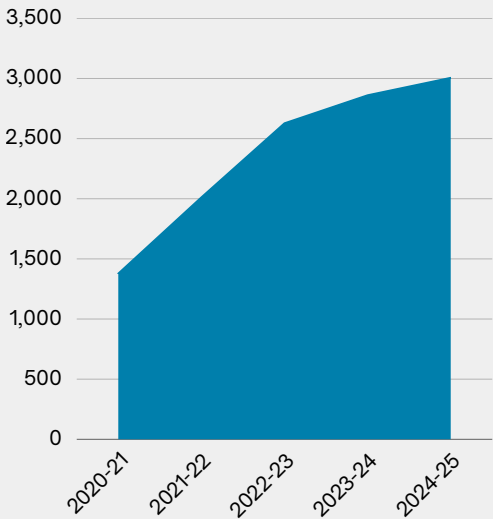


Mandela fellows at RUCOOL tour



Mandela fellows in New York

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ON-CAMPUS GLOBAL EVENTS



During the 2024-2025 academic year, Rutgers Global offered a range of programming during the year for students, faculty, and staff, all with an international focus. Our signature monthly series, Friendship Fridays, continued to draw a crowd of both international and domestic students looking to socialize and make new connections. Below are photos from some of our programs.



Global Graduation Celebration



Korea Night



Global Showcase



Tie-Dye Event



Friendship Fridays



Global Health Fair



Chocolate Around the World

INTERNATIONAL SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Rutgers offers customized short-term programs for international high school and university students in various disciplines, including AI technology, Computer Science, and Philosophy. Here are some cohorts we welcomed during the 2024-2025 academic year.



Ritsumeikan Short-Term Program



Kyung Hee University Student Visit at the United Nations

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT



GLOBAL GRANTS

Rutgers Global awarded the 2025 Rutgers Global Grants to 34 Rutgers faculty, including tenured, tenure-track, clinical, and NTT faculty. These modest seed grants are offered yearly and encourage work on new global projects.

International Collaborative Research

Ioannis Androulakis Jody Miller
Karen Bishop Shriram Ramanathan
Miguel Jimenez Saul Rubenstein
Yong Kim Charles Senteio
John C. Lore Abigail Williams-Butler

Global Health Seed Grants

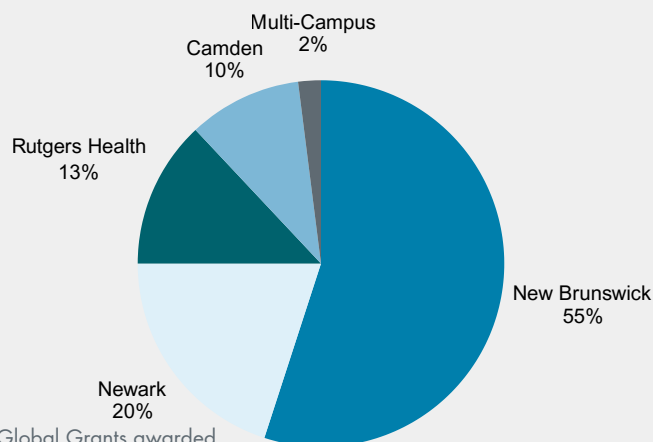
(offered in partnership between Rutgers Global and the Rutgers Global Health Institute)

Christina Bergey
Edward Lee
Zorimar Rivera-Nunez
Diana Roopchand
Stanley Weiss

Faculty-led Study Abroad

Ann Bagchi
Brigitte Cypress
Ryan Greenbaum
Lynnette Mawhinney
Paul Meers
Jennifer Oberle
Alex Seggerman
Pengju Zhang

GLOBAL GRANT AWARDS BY CAMPUS



This data represents all Rutgers Global Grants awarded since the inception of the program in 2013.

GLOBAL GRANTS SPOTLIGHT: RAHUL MITTAL

Rahul Mittal, assistant professor in the Department of Health Informatics at Rutgers School of Health Professions, is harnessing the power of international collaboration to support health and social care in underserved communities abroad. Awarded a 2024 Rutgers Global Grant for International Collaborative Research, Dr. Mittal is leading a project in Cornwall, United Kingdom, titled "Taxonomy of the Voluntary Sector in Cornwall."

UN ENGAGEMENT



RUTGERS PROFESSOR PAMELA MCELWEE PRESENTS AT UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE COP 16 IN COLOMBIA

Pamela McElwee, professor in the Department of Human Ecology, participated in three formal side events, including an event organized by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) on upcoming assessments. McElwee is the co-chair of the nexus assessment on the interlinkages between biodiversity, water, food, health and climate change.



17 ROOMS AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

In March, Rutgers Global with Rutgers Business School, Global at Douglass, and the Rutgers Office of Climate Action hosted 17 Rooms, a competition for Rutgers students to present innovative ideas that tackle global challenges based on the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

FULBRIGHT

SIX RUTGERS FACULTY RECEIVE FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR AWARDS

The 2024-2025 Rutgers award recipients are: **Rebecca Davis**, Professor, School of Social Work, in Romania; **Olabode Ibironke**, Associate Professor, Department of English, School of Arts and Sciences, in Nigeria; **Ani Javian**, Assistant Professor, Department of Dance, Mason Gross School of the Arts, in Armenia; **Adam McCollum**, Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, in Kazakhstan; **Asa Rennermalm**, Professor, Geography, Fulbright Arctic Initiative; **Samah Selim**, Professor, Department of African, Middle Eastern and South Adial Languages and Literatures, in Egypt. Fulbright U.S. Scholars are faculty, researchers, administrators, and established professionals teaching or conducting research in affiliation with institutes abroad.



From left to right, top row: Adam McCollum, Ani Javian, Rebecca Davis; bottom row: Samah Selim, Asa Rennermalm, Olabode Ibironke

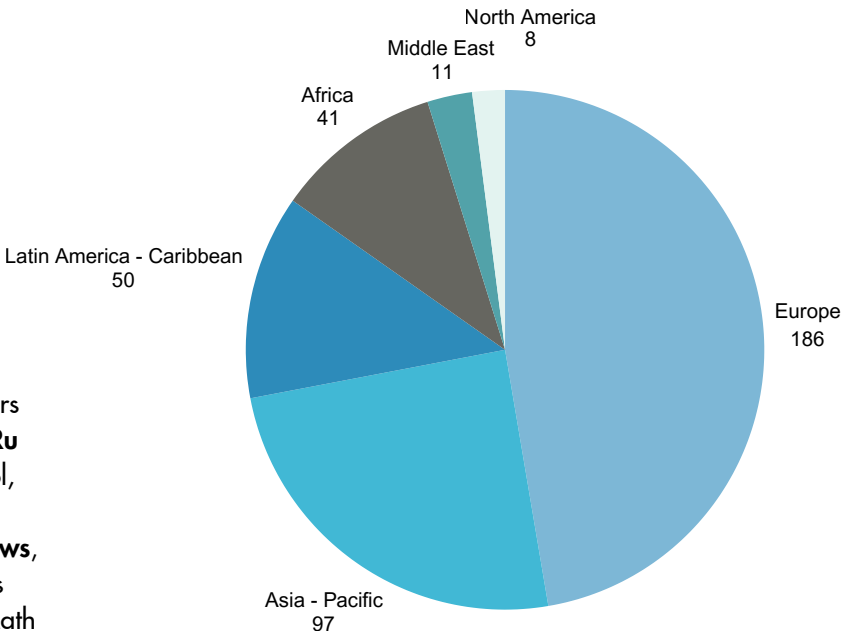


Dr. Karen Wei-Ru Lin

FOUR RUTGERS FACULTY RECEIVE FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST AWARDS

The U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board presented four Rutgers faculty members with a Fulbright Specialist Program award: **Karen Wei-Ru Lin**, M.D., Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, at Kobe University in Japan; **John Lore III**, Rutgers Law School, at National Law University in India; **Karl Matthews**, Agriculture, Rutgers-New Brunswick, at Mariano Marcos State University in the Philippines; and **Arthur Powell**, Math Education, Rutgers University, at Federal University of Technology-Parana in Brazil. These faculty members are part of the more than 400 U.S. citizens who share expertise with host institutions abroad in short-term programs.

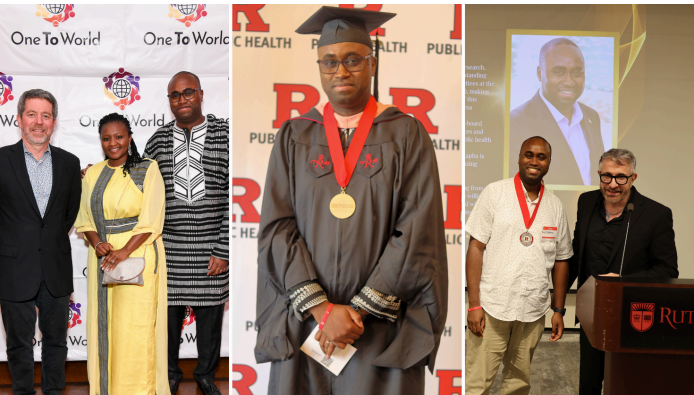
RUTGERS U.S. SCHOLAR FULBRIGHT AWARDS FOR ALL CAMPUSES BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGION



This data represents Rutgers U.S. Scholar Fulbright Awards since 1949.

SPOTLIGHT ON MOUSTAPHA DIALLO, FULBRIGHT STUDENT

Thierno Moustapha Diallo, a Fulbright Rutgers Health student originally from Guinea, received his Master of Public Health (MPH) in Global Public Health from the Rutgers School of Public Health in the spring and was granted the 2025 Stanley S. Bergen Medal of Excellence Award, the school's highest student honor. As the Bergen awardee, he also delivered the graduate keynote address at the school's 2025 Convocation ceremony.



INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

Rutgers Global in partnership with Rutgers Foundation hosted alumni receptions in India, China, Taiwan, South Korea, and Thailand.



Alumni Reception in India



Alumni Reception in China



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



Euichul "Charles" Jung

RUTGERS WELCOMES BACK DISTINGUISHED ALUM EUICHUL "CHARLES" JUNG

After nearly two decades, Rutgers University proudly welcomed back alumni Professor **Euichul "Charles" Jung** for a heartfelt reunion with faculty, students, and the Korean community at the School of Communication and Information. Now serving as director of library services and professor of media studies at Sangji University in South Korea, Professor Jung's return underscored the enduring bonds within the Rutgers global network.

THREE SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS MARK HISTORIC FIRST FOR RUTGERS

In January, it was announced that two Rutgers alumni and one senior – one from each campus location in a historic first for the university – were named Schwarzman Scholars and awarded a funded graduate fellowship in Beijing. **Tania Martinez**, a 2022 graduate, is the first from Rutgers University-Camden, and the other two are **Chinonso Anyanwu** from Rutgers University-Newark and **Nina Gohel** from Rutgers University-New Brunswick.



Chinonso Anyanwu, Nina Gohel, and Tania Martinez

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



RICK GARFUNKEL INDUCTED AS FELLOW OF AFRICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Rutgers University's Vice President for Global Affairs Rick Garfunkel was elected as a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), joining an elite group of eighty-eight distinguished scientists and scholars (16 from beyond the continent) recognized for their exceptional contributions to scientific advancement and scholarship.

RUTGERS GLOBAL STAFF RETREAT

The entire staff of Rutgers Global gathered for a staff retreat in the summer of 2024. Guest speakers included Rajika Bhandari, an international education expert with over 25 years of executive and management experience in student mobility. There was also time for plenty of team-building exercises and opportunities to connect with fellow staff.



2025 BTAA SIO STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to Assistant Director of Programs Greg Costalas and Assistant Director for Compliance Stephanie Otte, who participated as Rutgers representatives in the 2025 Big Ten Academic Alliance Staff Development Program on Internationalization. This professional development opportunity is for staff to learn about the internationalization of higher education and best partnership practices. The program included a capstone experience abroad to Spain during the summer.

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Joshua Baumgarten
International Student
Coordinator, ISSS



Aidan Fredericks
Accounting Assistant,
Study Abroad



Austin Goss
Lead Recruiter & Events
Coordinator, Study Abroad



Lynell James
Program Manager for Student
Enrollment & Access Initiatives,
Study Abroad



Adeline Tao
International Student
Coordinator, ISSS



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Elizabeth Schauer
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