Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Instructional Model Fall 2021 semester

Rutgers University is currently open and operational and expects to welcome back students and all members of the university community to our campuses in the fall (https://www.rutgers.edu/president/our-path-forward). This will mean increased in-person instruction model in the fall 2021 semester while remote/hybrid options may also be available for students who are unable to attend in-person. While we remain vigilant, practice social distancing and take other recommended precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community, all departments, offices, and services remain fully operational.

International students are strongly encouraged to attend Rutgers in-person for the fall 2021 semester. However, if they are unable to come to the US for the fall, they may enroll remotely if their specific programs allow them to do so. The fall semester begins on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and new student orientation is from Monday, August 23 onward. This year students may need to arrive in the United States by early August to meet public and university health guidelines and attend some transition programming and activities offered through their schools/departments.

We also recognize that individual students may face difficulty in making an entry to the U.S. prior to the official start of instruction. In acknowledgment of possible travel and visa issuance disruptions, Rutgers University will allow delayed arrivals (on a case by case basis) and will update the student program start date on their I-20/DS-2019, as needed. In the event of any delays in arrival, the student may also begin the semester remotely. Any student maintaining active F-1 or J-1 status will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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