2018 INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 27– August 31

Hosted by Rutgers Global—International Student and Scholar Services
Use the map below to find your way around College Avenue this week. The buildings and locations where sessions will take place are marked for your convenience.
Dear Students,

Welcome to Rutgers! We are delighted to bring you into the university family during this exciting time of international growth. As one of our largest classes of incoming international students, you help us to envision Rutgers’ future in an interconnected world. As our newest global citizens, you help us strengthen our tradition of academic excellence and our commitment to learning. Rutgers has been an international university since its founding as a Dutch seminary school in 1766, and we are honored that you have chosen to join us.

Rutgers Global is here to provide you with much of the assistance you need as an international student. We invite you to make the most of your time while at Rutgers and to participate in conversations and activities through the many exciting programs and opportunities offered at the university. Inside and beyond the classroom, you will meet people from around the United States and across the globe. They will be eager to learn about your stories—so please make an effort to share your experiences with your peers and classmates. As your hosts this week, we will help you to streamline your arrival and cultural adjustment, as we’ve done for thousands of international students and scholars who came before you, through advising services, immigration processing, and cross-cultural events and programs.

We know that it may take time for many of you to adjust to your new environment, and we are dedicated to ensuring that while you are at Rutgers and in the United States, you are comfortable in your surroundings and have the tools to succeed in the classroom—as well as outside of it. Our Office of International Academic Support is designed specifically to address the academic challenges unique to international students.

We want Rutgers to be your home away from home, a welcoming and safe environment for you to learn, to thrive, and to live. Rutgers Global is here to make your stay at Rutgers a memorable one. We are always open to suggestions on how we can improve the services and resources we offer to you and to the rest of our large international community, so feel free to contact us at info@global.rutgers.edu.

Best wishes for the new school year!

Professor Eric Garfunkel
Vice President for Global Affairs
Dear Students,

Welcome to Rutgers and to the 2018 International Student Orientation. You have chosen to study at a premier U.S. university, and we are pleased to welcome you to the Rutgers family.

As you begin your journey, I would like you to think of Rutgers Global–International Student and Scholar Services as your home away from home. Our team of dedicated and expert staff is committed to providing high-quality services, programs, information, and support to international students, scholars, faculty, academic departments, and administrative units at Rutgers–New Brunswick and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS). We also partner with various units to ensure an integrated experience for international students and scholars. Our team will assist you with your immigration related needs and provide information, application processing services, and referrals on matters related to your legal status, such as employment and overseas travel. We can also assist with questions and concerns related to social and personal adjustments to a new culture, a new educational system, as well as connect you with appropriate on and off-campus resources as needed.

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You can connect with our office through in-person advising, phone and email contacts, attending programs, receiving email announcements, and by visiting our website, global.rutgers.edu.

During your time at Rutgers, I am sure that you will hear us say that, “legal status and academic success go hand in hand.” Communicating effectively with our office will help you achieve your academic goals while maintaining your legal status. While our services will help you remain compliant with immigration regulations, we will also provide avenues for you to expand your social networks. Our office coordinates the International Friendship Program (IFP), which is a cross-cultural social initiative that brings together international and American students for fun and exciting events. You can follow the IFP event schedule at global.rutgers.edu.

Adjusting to a new school and a new country takes time, and we are here to help you during this transitional phase and beyond. You’ll find that the International Student Orientation will be a valuable learning experience for you, as well as an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the diverse environment we have cultivated here at Rutgers. This week is carefully designed to help you take care of all essentials before you start your academic program at Rutgers and to introduce you to the incredible resources available to you on campus. I encourage you to make the most of this program, from attending all mandatory sessions to enjoying our social events.

As we hope you’ll learn this week, we’re passionate about welcoming and supporting our international students at Rutgers. You bring with you so many new ideas, talents, and perspectives that contribute richly to the Rutgers community.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Urmi Otiv
Director, Rutgers Global–International Student and Scholar Services
ABOUT Rutgers Global

Rutgers Global is comprised of several units that work to define and attain the university’s internationalization priorities and provide you with the tools and services you need including international student and scholar services, study abroad programming, on campus global programming, international partnership facilitation, funding for international research, and much more. Visit us at our website, global.rutgers.edu, to learn more about how we engage and advance the university’s global mission through:

Rutgers Global–Study Abroad
Fostering the development of global citizenship in Rutgers students by providing opportunities for international study, research, internships, service learning, and multicultural experiences.

Rutgers Global–Programs and Partnerships
Developing and facilitating programs that foster teaching, learning, and research while encouraging and supporting global engagement for faculty, staff, and students; cultivating strong and consequential partnerships with universities, governments, and communities abroad to encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas, expertise, technology, and cross-cultural dialogue.

Rutgers Global–International Academic Support
Identifying and addressing the unique academic challenges facing international students.

Jianfeng (Jeff) Wang, Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs
Anu Gupta, Assistant Dean
Flora McVay Bozkurt, Program Coordinator

Rutgers Global–International Student and Scholar Services
Providing members of the Rutgers community and visitors with quality services that support both the growth and strength of our university’s global network and integrate international visitors into the Rutgers campus community.

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Vanessa Mayton, Secretary
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Welcome to Rutgers! Please review the orientation schedule carefully. All sessions take place on the College Avenue Campus (CAC) unless otherwise specified.

**SUNDAY August 26**

**Vendor Fair**
5:00–6:30 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Main Lounge
Meet local businesses including various U.S. banks, cell phone companies, food markets, and University vendors that can help you with your transition to the U.S.

**MONDAY August 27**

**Program Registration and Welcome**
9:00–10:00 a.m. • College Avenue Gym
You will receive orientation materials, meet other international students, and hear a welcome address and introductions by Christopher J. Molloy, chancellor of Rutgers University–New Brunswick; Eric Garfunkel, Rutgers’ vice president for global affairs; and Urmi Otiv, the director of Rutgers Global–International Student and Scholar Services along with other staff.

**Resource Fair**
10:00–11:30 a.m. • College Avenue Gym
Meet various Rutgers student services units to learn how you can use these resources during your time at Rutgers.

**Parent and Family Orientation**
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. • Multiple Locations
For parents and family members only. Registration is 10:00 a.m. at the College Avenue Gym. Parents and families are a big part of students’ success at any university or college. Knowing what a student is going through during college and what questions to ask are just some of the helpful pieces of advice that parents and families get at Rutgers Parent and Family Orientation. This event is limited to two parent/family member tickets per student. Please register at globalservices.tix.com.

**LUNCH**
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • College Avenue Gym
Enjoy a quick bite with other new students and university administrators before heading to the afternoon sessions.

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**Special Training for TAs and PTLs Who Will Teach a Language Other than English**
12:30–4:00 p.m. • Rutgers Academic Building (15 Seminary Place), West Wing, Room 5190
This is the first session in this week’s series of four workshops required for all new Language TA/PTLs. Workshop 2 will be August 28, 1:30–4:00 p.m. Workshops 3 and 4 will be August 29 and 30, 1:30–4:30 p.m. (full schedule distributed upon check-in).

**School of Graduate Studies Orientation and Staying in Legal Status (for TAs, GAs and Fellows ONLY)**
1:00–5:00 p.m. • College Avenue Student Center, Multipurpose Room
If you are a TA, GA, or Fellow from the School of Graduate Studies, you must attend this session to learn about registration, academic integrity, fellowships, benefits, and academic policies. A Staying in Legal Status session will
also be presented by Rutgers Global—International Student and Scholar Services, where you will learn about legal obligations and receive necessary paperwork for on-campus employment. You must be checked-in before attending this session. Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and job offer letter (if any). Do not leave this session without getting your International Payroll Form signed. TAs, GAs, and fellows must attend this session today; others should attend Tuesday.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS I (1:30 p.m.)**

**Health and Wellness at Rutgers**
1:30–2:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135
Learn how to maintain your health and wellness at Rutgers and discuss topics that contribute to positive health behaviors. Repeated Wednesday, August 29, at 2:30 p.m.

**Opening a Bank Account**
1:30–2:15 p.m. • Van Dyck Hall, Room 211
Discuss opening a bank account in the United States with a group of experienced student volunteers. Repeated Wednesday, August 29, at 1:30 p.m.

**Sponsored Student Welcome**
1:30–2:30 p.m. • Rutgers Global Conference Room, 30 College Avenue
If you are a sponsored student (on a visa sponsored by an outside organization such as EADB, IIE, LASPAU, or USAID), attend this session to receive a summary of program requirements, general Rutgers information, and expectations for the year ahead.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS II (2:30 p.m.)**

**Safety on Campus**
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100
Presented by Rutgers University Police Department, learn about the role of the university police, campus safety, crisis situations, and resources and services for students. Repeated Tuesday, August 28, at 2:30 p.m.

**Finding Off-Campus Housing**
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Voorhees Hall, Room 105
Learn about issues related to living off-campus, like legal rights of tenants and sharing bills with roommates.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS III (3:30 p.m.)**

**RU Roommate Ready?: Successful On-Campus Living with Residence Life**
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100
Learn how to have your best experience living on campus. Residence Life will provide valuable information and tips on how to build great roommate relationships and navigate difficult conversations. Highly recommended for all students living with a roommate for the first time.

**Computing on Campus**
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135
Receive an introduction to all the computing and technology services available at Rutgers. Learn where the computer labs are located,
where and how to print, where to buy computing related items, and more. You will also learn many useful and fun apps to use as a Rutgers student!

**Bus Tour of Rutgers–New Brunswick**  
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Meet in front of the College Avenue Student Center  
Tour Rutgers–New Brunswick with experienced guides. Repeated Tuesday, August 28, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**AFTER HOURS FUN**  
**Welcome Dinner at The Yard**  
5:00–7:00 p.m. • The Yard, College Avenue Campus  
Join us for a Rutgers-themed celebration filled with food, games, and a chance to socialize with fellow new students and university administrators! Don’t miss the chance to get your picture taken with the Scarlet Knight and win prizes by participating in a scavenger hunt! After the social, end your night with a fun outdoor movie showing. Be sure to bring your meal voucher from your orientation folder with you.

Share your photos and videos of tonight’s festivities!  
Snapchat: use the chat to send your photos and videos to RutgersGlobal and RutgersGlobal_ISSS  
Instagram: send your photos and videos to Rutgers.Global and RutgersGlobal_ISSS  
Be sure to use our hashtag #RUGlobal18

Join us at The Yard on College Avenue for fun, friends, and food!  
5:00–7:00 p.m. | The Yard
Check-In Support
9:00–11:00 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 1210 and 1220
F-1 and J-1 students are required by U.S. immigration regulations to complete a check-in procedure at their host institutions. You will need to submit an online form to complete this process. Please note that your record cannot be activated in the SEVIS database until this process is completed. You can access the form through our online student portal at RGLOBAL. If you have any questions or need assistance, our expert orientation volunteers will be available to guide you at this campus computing lab during this time. Remember to bring with you:
• Passport
• U.S. visa (Canadians will not have a visa)
• DS-2019 or I-20 issued by Rutgers
• I-94 record (access this on CBP’s website)
This session is repeated daily.

* School of Graduate Studies Orientation
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room
If you are a School of Graduate Studies student and you didn’t attend the School of Graduate Studies Orientation on Monday, August 27, you must attend this session to learn about registration, academic integrity, fellowships, benefits, and academic policies and procedures.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I (9:30 a.m.)
Study Abroad 101
9:30–10:15 a.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100
Attend this session to learn about study abroad programs, scholarship opportunities, and the application and visa process for international students.

* Staying in Legal Status
9:30–10:30 a.m. • Scott Hall, Room 123
Come and learn about work, study, and travel for international students; legal obligations; and benefits of nonimmigrant visa holders. You must be checked in before attending this session. Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and job offer letter (if any). Do not leave this session without getting your International Payroll Form signed. Repeated daily.

Zumba (an interval-style calorie-burning dance fitness class) with Rutgers Recreation
9:30–10:30 a.m. • College Avenue Gym, Upper Gym
Start the day with a high-energy Zumba class! This exhilarating, easy to follow, Latin-inspired exercise will keep you dancing and smiling throughout. At the end of the class, learn about all the fitness classes Rutgers Recreation offers and how you can continue to work on your fitness beyond orientation.

Bus Tour of Rutgers–New Brunswick
9:30–10:30 a.m. • Meet in front of the College Avenue Student Center
Tour Rutgers–New Brunswick with experienced guides. Repeated today at 11:00 a.m.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE BUS
10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. • Scott Hall or 180 College Avenue  *(Bus will depart from Scott Hall at 10:45 a.m.; subsequent departures will leave from 180 College Avenue and run on a loop. Last departure is at 2:00 p.m.)*
You must have an on-campus job to be eligible to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN). You must have checked in and attended the Staying in Legal Status session before applying for an SSN. A bus will take you to the SSN office.

You MUST bring all of the following documents to this session:
• Original passport
• I-20 or DS-2019 (original)
• SSN job confirmation letter or TA/GA/Fellowship offer letter or job-offer letter
(continued on next page)
J-1 students on a non-Rutgers visa sponsorship MUST also bring:
• Letter from sponsoring agency authorizing on-campus work
Repeated on Thursday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS II (11:00 a.m.)**

**Paying Student Bills**
11:00–11:45 a.m. • Scott Hall, Room 123
Receive information about bill-paying procedures, billing cycles, special payment plans, late charges, and other billing matters.

**Graduate Student Panel: Grand Jeopardy!**
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Van Dyck Hall, Room 211
Join in an interactive game to learn about Rutgers. Current students will share their experiences and answer your questions.

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**LUNCH**
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Brower Commons
Grab a quick lunch before the next sessions. Bring your meal voucher from your orientation folder with you.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS III (1:30 p.m.)**

* **Academic Integrity for Graduate Students**
1:30–2:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135
Hosted by the Graduate English Language Learners and International Teaching Assistant's Program (GradELL & ITA), the workshop reviews Rutgers' principles of academic integrity with regard to the graduate student experience and provides academic resources so that students can effectively adhere to these principles. If you cannot attend today, you must attend the session on Thursday, August 30, at 2:00 p.m.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV (2:30 p.m.)**

* **Student Health Insurance**
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 123
(General session for all students)
Milledoler Hall, Room 100 (TAs, GAs, Fellows and Post-Docs ONLY)
Learn the ABCs of Student Health Insurance Plans: A-Advantages of the plan, B-Benefits explanation as to what is covered or not covered and how much you have to pay, and C-Comprehension of the steps from selecting a provider, to how a claim is processed, and your out of pocket expenses. Get tips on comparing the Student Health Insurance Plan to other plans. This is a mandatory session. If you cannot attend today, you must attend the session on Thursday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m.

How can Rutgers help you get ahead in the job market? Attend the Introduction to University Career Services session and learn about resources you can use to gain a competitive edge.
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Safety on Campus  
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135  
Presented by Rutgers University Police Department, learn about the role of the university police, campus safety, crisis situations, and resources and services for students.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V (3:30 p.m.)  
Introduction to University Career Services  
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135  
Learn about the online tools, workshops, and advising sessions University Career Services offers in this session on what they do and how they can help you make the connection between your academic experience and career path.

Introduction to Library and Information Services  
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Van Dyck Hall, Room 211  
Learn how the Rutgers Libraries can help you succeed in your studies and research. We will introduce you to the spaces, the services, the amazing collections (of books, journals, media, and data), and the helpful librarians of Rutgers! Repeated on Wednesday, August 29, at 11:00 a.m.

AFTER HOURS FUN  
Dinner at Livi!  
5:00–6:30 p.m. • Livingston Student Center, Livingston Campus  
Join us for another night of fun, food, games, crafts, and prizes!

Vendor Fair  
5:00–6:30 p.m. • Livingston Student Center, Livingston Campus  
Meet local businesses including various U.S. banks, cell phone companies, food markets, and University vendors that can help you with your transition to the U.S.

Shopping Trip  
6:30–9:00 p.m. • Livingston Student Center (bus departs from front of Livingston Student Center)  
Shopping event provided by Bed Bath & Beyond. Find everything you need for campus living: dorm essentials, health and beauty aids, kitchen must-haves, paper products, laundry and cleaning items, and much more. Please see the flyer in your folder. Repeated on Wednesday, August 29, at 6:00 p.m.

Movie Night  
7:00–10:00 p.m. • Rutgers Cinema, Livingston Campus  
Come enjoy the latest movies, screened just for you, at the state-of-the-art cinema right on Livingston Campus. Admission is free, first-come first serve. You will receive one movie ticket, a bag of popcorn, and a soda. Parents and families are welcome to join.
* TA Orientation  
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • College Ave Student Center, Multipurpose Room  
If you are a new international teaching assistant (TA), you are required to attend this session on Rutgers’ instructional practices, its diverse undergraduate population, and the role of the TA. Contact the TA Project at tap.rutgers.edu/orientation if you have not yet registered. Breakfast will be served during this session.

Check-In Support  
9:00–11:00 a.m. • Academic Building Room 1210 and 1220  
F-1 and J-1 students are required by U.S. immigration regulations to complete a check-in procedure at their host institutions. You will need to submit an online form to complete this process. Please note that your record cannot be activated in the SEVIS database until this process is completed. You can access the form through our online student portal at RGLOBAL. If you have any questions or need assistance, our expert orientation volunteers will be available to guide you at this campus computing lab during this time. Remember to bring with you:  
• Passport  
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• DS-2019 or I-20 issued by Rutgers  
• I-94 record (access this on CBP’s website)  
This session is repeated daily.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I (9:30 a.m.)  
* Staying in Legal Status  
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Understanding the American Classroom  
9:30–10:15 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 1170  
Presented by the Graduate English Language Learners and International Teaching Assistant’s Program (GradELL & ITA), this workshop presents the academic norms, expectations, responsibilities, and rights in the American classroom, and at Rutgers. You’ll learn about resources and tips to enhance your graduate experience at Rutgers.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II (11:00 a.m.)  
* Students Challenging Realities and Educating Against Myths (SCREAM) Theater  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135  
This interactive theater experience will educate you on issues of interpersonal violence, specifically on sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and bullying. This is a mandatory session for all new students.

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Converting Culture Shock to Cultural Enrichment
1:30–2:15 p.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100
Develop a personal plan for adjusting to life at Rutgers and in the United States at your own pace.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV (2:30 p.m.)
Health and Wellness at Rutgers
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Voorhees Hall, Room 105
Learn how to maintain your health and wellness at Rutgers University and discuss topics that contribute to positive health behaviors.

Finding On-Campus Jobs
2:30–3:15 p.m. • Scott Hall, Room 135
Gain an understanding of the resources available to search for on-campus jobs and learn how to be competitive in applying for positions by improving your resume and interview skills. In addition, understand the legal requirements international students need to follow in order to work on-campus.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V (3:30 p.m.)
Student Legal Services
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100
Learn about the free legal services offered through the Office of Student Legal Services at Rutgers. Assistance is available on a range of questions about apartment leasing, driver licensing and motor vehicle issues, car insurance coverage, protecting your identity from fraud, and more.

Getting Around: Using Public Transportation
3:30–4:15 p.m. • Van Dyck Hall, Room 211
Learn about local and long-distance transportation options that will help you maximize your mobility around New Brunswick and the surrounding area.

International Friendship Program (IFP)
3:30–5:00 p.m. • Voorhees Hall, Room 105
Learn about IFP, make friends and get involved. Team up, participate and compete with others in trivia and scavenger hunt to win prizes!

AFTER HOURS FUN
All-American Pizza Party!
5:00–6:30 p.m. • College Avenue Student Center, Multipurpose Room
This festive pizza party features a variety of American pizza flavors and fun games showcasing many iconic American states. Come for pizza, activities, fun, and prizes!

Shopping Trip
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Shopping event provided by Bed Bath & Beyond. Find everything you need for campus living: apartment essentials, health and beauty aids, kitchen must-haves, paper products, laundry and cleaning items, and much more. Please see the flyer in your folder.

Volleyball 101 with Rutgers Athletics
6:45 p.m. • College Avenue Gym
You are invited to come cheer on the Scarlet Knights as they get ready to start their season with a three set match. The first 100 students to arrive will receive a free volleyball! There will be a meet and greet with the team and a chance to learn volleyball on the court after the game.

*Mandatory Session
For those of you looking to go to New York or Philadelphia, please make sure you don’t have any other commitments and have already attended the mandatory Academic Integrity and Student Health Insurance sessions earlier in the week.

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Trip to New York City  
8:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Spend a fun day in New York City your way! Visit the famous landmarks, restaurants, and shops in the Big Apple. Tickets include transportation to New York City and back to your campus. Check your orientation folders for ticket sales information.

Trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
8:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Visit historical sites, museums, shops, cafés, and parks on the banks of the Delaware River. Tickets include transportation to Philadelphia and back to your campus. Check your orientation folders for ticket sales information.

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• DS-2019 or I-20 issued by Rutgers  
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This session is repeated daily.

* Staying in Legal Status  
9:30–10:30 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 2160  
Come and learn about work, study, and travel for international students; legal obligations; and benefits of nonimmigrant visa holders. You must be checked in before attending this session. Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and job offer letter (if any). Do not leave this session without getting your International Payroll Form signed. Repeated on Friday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m.
Walking Tours of Individual Campuses
10:00–11:30 a.m. • Multiple Locations
Take a guided walking tour of the campus of your choice—tours will leave from their point of origin (see below) promptly at 10:00 a.m. You can take the Rutgers bus to get to your campus.
College Avenue: Meet in front of College Avenue Student Center
Busch: Meet in front of Busch Student Center
Livingston: Meet in front of Livingston Student Center
Cook/Douglass: Meet in front of the Douglass Student Center

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE BUS
10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. • 180 College Avenue
(Bus will depart from 180 College Avenue and run on a loop. Last departure is at 2:00 p.m.)
You must have an on-campus job to be eligible to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN). You must have checked in and attended the Staying in Legal Status session before applying for an SSN. A bus will take you to the SSN office.

You MUST bring all of the following documents to this session:
• Original passport
• I-20 or DS-2019 (original)
• SSN job confirmation letter or TA/GA/Fellowship offer letter or job-offer letter
J-1 students on a non-Rutgers visa sponsorship MUST also bring:
• Letter from sponsoring agency authorizing on-campus work

* Student Health Insurance
11:00–11:45 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 2125 (General Sessions for all students)
Academic Building, Room 1170 (TAs, GAs, Fellows, and Post Docs ONLY)
Learn the ABCs of Student Health Insurance Plans: A-Advantages of the plan, B-Benefits explanation as to what is covered or not covered and how much you have to pay, and C-Comprehension of the steps from selecting a provider, to how a claim is processed, and your out of pocket expenses. Get tips on comparing the Student Health Insurance Plan to other plans.

* Mandatory Session

- Academic Integrity for Graduate Students
2:00–2:45 p.m. • Academic Building, Room 2160
Hosted by the Graduate English Language Learners and International Teaching Assistant's Program (Grad ELL& ITA), the workshop reviews Rutgers University's principles of academic integrity with regard to the graduate student and provides academic support and resources so that students can effectively adhere to these principles. This is a mandatory session. If you did not attend the session on Tuesday, you must attend today.

Ice Cream Social!
3:00–4:30 p.m. • Morrell Street, College Ave Campus
Cool off and relax with your new friends and enjoy free ice cream!
Check-In Support  
9:00–11:00 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 1210 and 1220  
F-1 and J-1 students are required by U.S. immigration regulations to complete a check-in procedure at their host institutions. You will need to submit an online form to complete this process. Please note that your record cannot be activated in the SEVIS database until this process is completed. You can access the form through our online student portal at RGLOBAL. If you have any questions or need assistance, our expert orientation volunteers will be available to guide you at this campus computing lab during this time. Remember to bring with you:  
- Passport  
- U.S. visa (Canadians will not have a visa)  
- DS-2019 or I-20 issued by Rutgers  
- I-94 record (access this on CBP’s website)

* Staying in Legal Status  
9:30–10:30 a.m. • Milledoler Hall, Room 100  
Come and learn about work, study, and travel for international students; legal obligations; and benefits of nonimmigrant visa holders. You must be checked in before attending this session. Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and job offer letter (if any). Do not leave this session without getting your International Payroll Form signed.

Downtown New Brunswick Walking Tour  
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • 180 College Avenue  
Take a walking tour of vibrant downtown New Brunswick and see all it has to offer.

CXWORX (Total Body Strength Workout) with Rutgers Recreation  
11:00–11:30 a.m. • College Avenue Gym, Upper Gym  
Take a 30-minute fitness core training class that hones in on the torso and sling muscles that connect your upper body to your lower body! At the end of the class, learn about all the fitness classes Rutgers Recreation offers and how you can continue to work on your fitness beyond orientation.

Field Hockey Game: Rutgers vs. Hofstra University  
1:00 p.m. • Bauer Track and Field Complex  
Meet at the Bauer Track and Field Complex on Livingston Campus (right behind the Rutgers Athletic Center). Come cheer on the Rutgers Field Hockey team as they take on Hofstra University. Admission is free; make sure you wear a Rutgers shirt to support our Scarlet Knights!

New Student Convocation  
6:00 p.m. • Rutgers Athletic Center, Livingston Campus  
Receive an official welcome event from Chancellor of Rutgers–New Brunswick. This event formally welcomes our newest students to the Rutgers University community and features speeches by students and administrators, as well as performances by several performing arts groups including the Rutgers Glee Club. Following the ceremony, students celebrate together at the Scarlet Carnivalé – a huge event where you can win prizes, play boardwalk games, compete in laser tag, race one another on giant tricycles, enjoy delicious snacks and drinks, and so much more.
The Graduate English Language Learners (ELL) Program offers academic course work, support and assessment for graduate students who are speakers of other languages and are matriculated in a graduate program. The English language assessment requirement* is set by the Office of the Dean at The School of Graduate Studies for students who are awarded an International Teaching Assistantship (ITA), and for students who are admitted with the condition that they take writing courses to enhance their academic skills. Graduate students are assessed with the Versant English Proficiency Test (VEPT) and ELL Writing Sample Evaluation. These assessments serve to accurately place students in courses that fit their existing reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

*Graduate ELL welcomes all graduate students who are speakers of other languages that wish to take Grad ELL classes for their own academic enrichment. Please note all students are required to take the Versant English Placement Test and Writing Sample Evaluation.

Graduate students will be assessed on multiple dates. Pre-registration is required. To view our assessment schedule please visit ell.rutgers.edu and click on “Fall 2018 English Language Assessment Schedule.” For additional information email: graduell@english.rutgers.edu.

**GRADUATE ELL AND ITA PROGRAM Assessment Dates**

**TUESDAY August 28**
GradELL & ITA English Language Proficiency Assessment  
3:00 p.m. • Academic Building, Room 1230

**THURSDAY August 30**
GradELL & ITA English Language Proficiency Assessment  
3:00 p.m. • Academic Building, Room 1230

**FRIDAY August 31**
GradELL & ITA English Language Proficiency Assessment  
9:30 a.m. • Academic Building, Room 1230

For those required to take the Versant English Proficiency Test (VEPT), visit ell.rutgers.edu for more information.  
Multiple dates and times
RESIDENCE LIFE INTERNATIONAL WELCOME PROGRAMS

*Welcome Programs are open to all international students living on campus!

MONDAY August 27

Liví’s International Student Welcome Event
9:30 p.m. • Livingston Apartments, Reading Room, Livingston Campus
Come out to a free night you won’t want to miss! Decorate your own ‘R’ letter, personalize your own coffee mug, enjoy a photo booth, prizes and so much more.

TUESDAY August 28

Cook/Douglass International Student Welcome Event
7:00–9:00 p.m. • PAL Patio (rain location: Scarlet Lounge at PAL), Cook/Douglass Campus
Join us for a fun night of activities for free! Tie dye, outdoor games, bingo with prizes and meeting new friends. Light refreshments will be provided.

College Ave Paint Knight
9:00–11:00 p.m. • Frelinghuysen Hall, Main Lounge, College Ave Campus
Come out and enjoy painting a canvas to help decorate your room! Bring your roommate and new friends to relax, paint and enjoy refreshments.

WEDNESDAY August 29

Busch Campus S’mores and Terrariums
9:00 p.m. • Buell Apartments Courtyard, Busch Campus
Come out to a free night of S’mores and making Terrariums, where you will meet new and exciting people.
SATURDAY September 1

Football Tailgate Party
10:00–11:30 a.m. • Bishop Beach, College Avenue Campus
Gear up for the first football game of the season in true American fashion with food, face painting, games and more! Get your Rutgers spirit on with International Friendship Program and Global Roommates Program members.

MONDAY September 3

Fall Involvement Fair
3:00–6:00 p.m. • College Avenue
Fall Involvement Fair is a great way to learn more about all the student organizations, fraternities and sororities, and numerous departments on campus. Visit the displays, talk with members, ask questions, pick up information and sign up to learn more on how to get involved at Rutgers. Rain date is Friday, September 7.

THURSDAY September 6

Culture Fest
7:00–10:00 p.m. • Livingston Plaza, Livingston Campus
A welcome event for all students! Nothing but food, fun and over 50 student organizations to engage with. We will be turning up at the Livingston Retail Plaza! Come sample cultural foods, engage with your community and kick off the year right!

FRIDAY September 7

LGBTQIA International Brunch
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. • Center for Social Justice Education and LGBTQ Communities | 17 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick
Join us for this free brunch and networking session for international lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and ally students.

Rutgers Volleyball vs. Tulane
4:30 p.m. • College Avenue Gym
Come cheer on the Scarlet Knights as they play Tulane University.

THURSDAY September 13

International Friendship Program (IFP)
Fall Welcome Party and Speed Friending Event
5:00–6:30 p.m. • Busch Student Center, Multipurpose Room
Join current IFP members and recently returned study abroad students as we welcome you to Rutgers! The event includes a fast-paced speed friending activity—a fun way to meet people from around the world! For more information on IFP and our events, see the IFP handout in your packet. Like us at facebook.com/RutgersIFP or contact cgsifp@global.rutgers.edu to join our email list.

THURSDAY September 20

Study Abroad Fair
4:00–7:00 p.m. • Morrell Street (outside College Avenue Student Center)
We’ve been running study abroad programs since the 1960s, and since then, thousands of students just like you have taken advantage of these life-changing cultural and social learning experiences. Come to our Fall 2018 Study Abroad Fair to find out more about our program offerings and how international exposure can give you a competitive edge in your job hunt. We’ll have food, music, and giveaways—including application fee waivers and scholarships.
GET INVOLVED Student Groups

Arab Cultural Club
acc.rutgers@gmail.com

Armenian Club
rutgers.armenianclub@gmail.com

Asian Student Council
rutgersasc@gmail.com
New Student Social
September 25, 2018 | 7:00–10:00 p.m.
Livingston Courtyard and Livingston Hall, Livingston Campus

Association of Indians at Rutgers
airboard.rutgers@gmail.com
AIR Social
September 17, 2018

Association of Philippine Students
raps.eboard@gmail.com
RAPS Presents: Fall Fiesta
September 10, 2018 | 8:30 p.m.
Busch Campus

Association of Punjabi Students at Rutgers University
associationofpunjabis@gmail.com

Bengali Students Association
bsa.rutgers@gmail.com

C.A.F.E. De Colombia
cafedecolombiapresident@gmail.com

Cantonese Club
rutgersrcc@gmail.com

Caribbean Fusion
rucaribbeanfusion@gmail.com

Chinese Student Organization
rutgerscso@gmail.com
Welcome Event
September 12, 2018 | 9:30 p.m.
Livingston Student Center, Room 202

French Club of Rutgers University
leclubfrancaisru@gmail.com

German Club at Rutgers University
rutgersdeutsch@gmail.com

Haitian Association at Rutgers University
haru.pr@gmail.com

Hellenic Cultural Association
HCA.rutgers@gmail.com
Regular meetings every other Thursday
9:00 p.m. | College Ave Student Center

Hungarian Club
rutgershungarian@gmail.com

Irish-American Culture Society
cmr10001@yahoo.com

Korean Cultural Group
20rkcg@gmail.com

Korean Students Association
rukoreanstudents@gmail.com

Latin American Student Organization
rulaso.treasurer@gmail.com

Latino Student Council
ru.lsc.cochairs@gmail.com

Malaysian Student Association
rutgersmysa@gmail.com
GET INVOLVED

Student Groups

Organization of Luso-Americans at Rutgers
rulusoamerican@gmail.com

Pakistani Student Association
contact@rutgers-psa.com

Persian Cultural Club
ruperstian@gmail.com

RU Sangam - A South Indian Foundation
ru.sif.sangam@gmail.com

Russian Club
rutgersrussian@gmail.com

Rutgers Chinese Students and Scholars Association
rutgersrcssa@gmail.com

Rutgers Hillel
studentboard@rutgershillel.org
Annual BBQ and Jewish Activities Fair
September 2, 2018 | 5:00–8:00 p.m.
70 College Avenue, New Brunswick NJ

Rutgers Hindu Students Council
rutgershsc@gmail.com

Rutgers International Student Association
isa.rutgers.nj@gmail.com

Rutgers Organization of Nippon Students
rurons@gmail.com

Rutgers University Programming Association (RUPA)
rupainformation@gmail.com
Interest Meeting
September 19, 2018 | 9:30 p.m.
Livingston Hall, Livingston Student Center

Sikh Student Association
rusikh-eboard@googlegroups.com

Sociedad Estudiantil Dominicana
ru.sed92@gmail.com

Students for Justice in Palestine
sjp.rutgersnb@gmail.com

Taiwanese American Student Association
rutgers.tasa@gmail.com

Turkish Student Association
ruturkishstudentassociation@gmail.com

TWELSE, The Organization for African Students and Friends of Africa
rutwese@gmail.com

Ukrainian Students Club
scarletukrainians@gmail.com

Vietnamese Student Association
vsa.rutgers@gmail.com

West Indian Student Organization
wisoru@gmail.com

Involvement Fairs
The Fall and Spring Involvement Fairs are a great way to learn more about the 400+ student organizations, the 60+ fraternities and sororities, and numerous departments. Visit the displays, talk with members, ask questions and pick up information.

This year’s Fall Involvement Fair will be held on Monday, September 3!
DINING OUT  Food options during orientation week

**BUSCH CAMPUS CENTER**
Moe’s Southwest Grill (Mexican food)
Monday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-463-0100

Gerlanda’s Pizza and Café
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-463-1616

Szechwan Ichiban (Asian food)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Friday, 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-463-8880

Panera
Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
732-509-3988

**DOUGLASS STUDENT CENTER**
Dunkin’ Donuts
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**LIVINGSTON STUDENT CENTER**
Dunkin’ Donuts
Monday–Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Rutgers Zone
732-445-0407

**COLLEGE AVENUE STUDENT CENTER**
Gerlanda’s Pizza and Café
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-846-9375

King Pita (Middle Eastern food)
Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-846-9375

Subway (sandwiches)
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-296-1122

Currito’s Burrito (Mexican-Asian fusion)
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-640-2222

Wendy’s
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
732-545-5545

Panera
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
732-509-3792

**DOUGLASS STUDENT CENTER**
Dunkin’ Donuts
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

**LIVINGSTON STUDENT CENTER**
Dunkin’ Donuts
Monday–Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Rutgers Zone
732-445-0407

**THE PLAZA LIVINGSTON CAMPUS**
Kilmer’s Market
Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
848-445-0106

Qdoba (Mexican food)
Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
732-839-2024

16 Handles (Frozen yogurt)
Monday–Friday, 12:00–10:00 p.m.
732-369-0800

Hoja (Chinese food, delivery available)
Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
732-463-1790

Henry’s Diner
Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
848-445-3232

Starbucks
Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
848-445-7239

**THE YARD ON COLLEGE AVENUE**
Honeygrow
Monday–Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
732-214-9182
DINING OUT Food options during orientation week

Jersey Mike’s
Sunday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
732-448-7300

Krispy Pizza
Monday–Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
732-658-3800

RU Hungry
Open 24 hours
732-246-2177

Scarlet Sweets
Monday–Sunday, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
732-993-1357

Starbucks
Sunday–Thursday, 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Surf Taco
Monday–Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
732-214-0528

NEW BRUNSWICK AND HIGHLAND PARK

Efè Mediterranean Grill (Middle Eastern)
32 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick
732-249-4100

Indochine Restaurant (Vietnamese)
371 George Street, New Brunswick
732-745-2928

My Way Korean Restaurant
351 George Street, New Brunswick
732-545-5757

Hunan Manor (Chinese food)
239 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park
732-247-8813

Stuff Yer Face (American food)
49 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick
732-247-1727

Noodle Gourmet (Chinese)
43 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick
732-828-8188

KBG Korean BBQ & Grill
6 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick
732-626-5406

Veganized (Organic vegan food)
9 Spring Street, New Brunswick
732-342-7412

Edo (Japanese food)
68 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick
732-514-0700

DINING HALLS

Brower Commons (College Avenue Campus)
Thursday, August 30, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 31, 9:00 a.m–2:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Busch Dining Hall
Thursday, August 30, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 31, 7:30 a.m–2:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Livingston Dining Hall
Thursday, August 30, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 31, 9:00 a.m–8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Neilson Dining Hall (Douglass Campus)
Thursday, August 30, 9:30 a.m–2:00 p.m.
Friday, August 31, 9:00 a.m–2:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m–8:00 p.m.

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