



Rutgers Global

2023-2024



ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from the Vice President for Global Affairs



Dear all,

I am pleased to share international highlights from the 2023-2024 academic year at Rutgers University. Our work continued to focus on growing the University's global footprint in the areas of education, partnerships, and research. Through stories, photos, and data points, you'll find some of the many ways that we have engaged internationally.

Rutgers Global is dedicated to empowering students, fostering innovation, and making meaningful contributions to society. Through various initiatives, we endeavor to cultivate a culture that welcomes new international students and scholars yearly 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 grew in 2023-24, underscoring Rutgers' enduring appeal as a destination for global education. In addition, we had record enrollment for our study abroad programs.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on our 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

In closing, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our campus partners, our dedicated faculty and staff, and our 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 in Argentina with Professor Alejandro Vagelli on the “Exploration of Biodiversity, Natural History, and Conservation of Patagonia” program

STUDY ABROAD

FACTS AT A GLANCE

TOP STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS FOR RUTGERS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



TOP COUNTRIES*

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

**In alphabetical order*

TOP MAJORS*

Finance
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Social Work

**In alphabetical order*



\$ 640,000+

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

1,151

Students Studying
Abroad

**New Brunswick, Camden, Newark*

111

Study Abroad
Programs

**New Brunswick, Camden, Newark*

43

Study Abroad
Countries

**The data for this report is representative of New Brunswick, Newark, Camden, and Rutgers Health during the 2023-24 Academic Year. The numbers presented for ISSS Students and Scholars is based on Fall 2023 Open Doors data.*

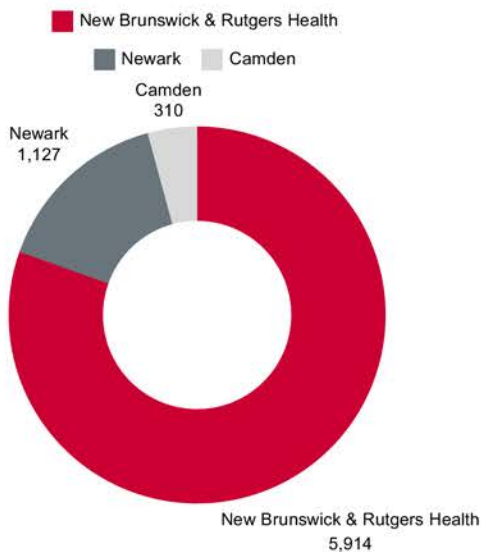
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FACTS AT A GLANCE

TOP HOME COUNTRIES OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



International Students By Campus



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TOP MAJORS*

- Computer Science
- Economics
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Pre-Business
- Statistics

*In alphabetical order

7,351

Number of
International Students

123

Countries



STUDY ABROAD AND THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

RUTGERS GLOBAL HOSTS STUDY ABROAD FALL FAIR

Rutgers Global–Study Abroad hosted their annual Study Abroad Fair on October 11, where more than 600 students came to learn about programs and internships all over the world and initiatives like Access the World, which allows students to study abroad for a semester at or below the cost of attending Rutgers.



Students at the Study Abroad Fall Fair



PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS

The following schools and departments completed the “Partnerships and Pathways” program in fall 2024, developing international partnerships and global opportunities for Rutgers undergraduate students in their programs:

- School of Management and Labor Relations:** Shuenn Grace Tien, Student Counselor, Human Resource Management
- Department of Plant Science, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences:** Nrupal Patel, Director, Undergraduate Program in Plant Science
- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering:** Sasan Haghani, Program Director

- Earth and Planetary Sciences, School of Arts and Sciences:** Lauren Neitzke Adamo, Undergraduate Program Director
- Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences:** Issac Vellangany, Undergraduate Program Director

OUR MEDIA TEAM SCHOLARS:

Twice a year, students studying abroad on a semester program apply to be a Media Team Scholar, wherein they receive a scholarship to help offset the cost of their program by recording their experiences in real-time through short videos. We post these videos to our Instagram and TikTok accounts so Rutgers students can get a genuine glimpse into the study abroad experience.



Fall 2023 Media Team Scholars:

Sharellis Feliz (England); **Sneha Dova (Switzerland)**, at left; Vanessa Ruiz Perez (Spain); Alexis Pastas (Hong Kong); Zain Zahoor (Japan); **AnnMarie Bediako (France)**, at right

Spring 2024 Media Team Scholars:

Tenzin Topten (South Korea); Saniyah Jean-Georges (Greece); Kritika Chug (UAE); **Jonathan Dulce (England)**, at right; Angelica Castillo, (South America); **Emma Lockburner (Ireland)**, at left.

FULBRIGHT AT RUTGERS



Alice Militaru (left), Julianna Johnson and Leonardo Calzada

In October, it was announced that Rutgers University–New Brunswick was again named a top producer of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, a distinction announced by the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The university produced 12 Fulbright students, including recent college graduates and students attending the School of Graduate Studies and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In addition, Rutgers University–Newark was proud to be named as a Fulbright Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Leader for 2023.

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD INITIATIVE EXPANDS ACROSS RUTGERS

Rutgers Global–Study Abroad launched the Passport to the World Initiative, which seeks to increase the number of Rutgers University matriculated students with U.S. passports. It has received immense support from across Rutgers, with Rutgers University-Camden Chancellor Antonio Tillis and Associate Dean of International Students and Global Programs Elizabeth Atkins announcing in September 2023 that all qualified Camden campus students would be awarded grants. Passport to the World is open to all Rutgers University campuses, levels of study, and majors.



Rutgers University-Camden Chancellor Antonio D. Tillis



Andrew Krapivin

ANDREW KRAPIVIN EARNS CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP, THE FIRST AT RUTGERS IN A DECADE

In January, Andrew Krapivin was named a Churchill Scholar, becoming the first Rutgers University–New Brunswick student in a decade to earn the award that funds graduate study at the University of Cambridge in England. Previously, he was named a Goldwater Scholar for his work in theoretical computer science involving the optimization of algorithms.

STUDY ABROAD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MEET SHARELLIS SEPULVEDA

When Sharellis Sepulveda first enrolled at Rutgers University in Camden, she wasn’t sure what she wanted to study. But as a first-generation student who had come to the United States with her family from the Dominican Republic when she was 13 years old, she did know she was passionate about attending college.

Sepulveda matriculated at Camden Honors College, double majoring in criminal justice and global studies with minors in Spanish and sociology, and studied abroad at the University of Manchester in England for a semester after receiving a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for International Study (and a Media Team Scholarship). Looking ahead, she plans to eventually work in a diplomatic position, helping underserved people around the globe. As for her time at Rutgers University–Camden, she found it truly transformative.



Sharellis Sepulveda



SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMS



The Fall 2023 International Student Orientation, held at Jersey Mike's Arena, was packed with high energy, as Rutgers Global helped to onboard its largest class of incoming students since the pandemic.

MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADERS

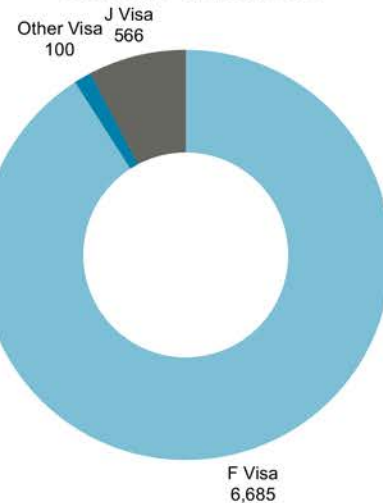
This summer, we conducted Q&A sessions with our International Student Orientation Leaders, who play a vital role in leading the orientations. These stories offered new students a chance to learn about the sights, sounds, and experiences of Rutgers through the unique perspectives of fellow international students.

Meet our Orientation Leaders:

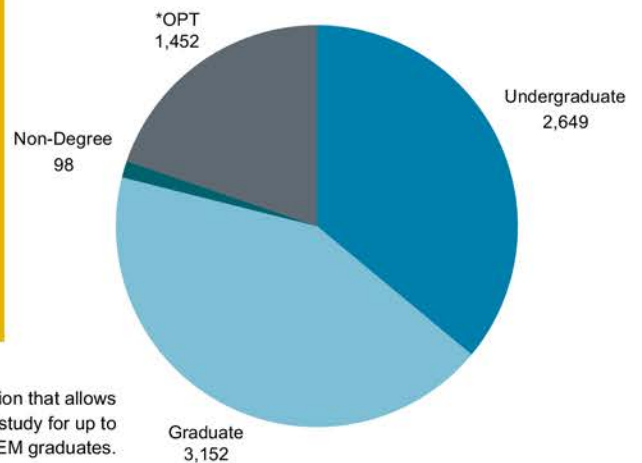
- (Top left to right) Avanthika Bharath (India);
 Danaya Rakhimova (Tajikistan)
 Beatrice Colclough (England);
 Jiwei Shao (China)
 Jolene Fu (Malaysia);
 Yikai Zhao (China)
 Hamida Paiman (Afghanistan)



STUDENT VISA TYPES



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEGREE LEVEL



*Optional Practical Training (OPT) is employment authorization that allows international students in the U.S. on F-1 visas to work in their field of study for up to 12 months, with an additional 24-month extension for eligible STEM graduates.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATIONS IN INDIA AND CHINA



A group of senior administrators and academic leaders from Rutgers traveled to India and China in the summer of 2023 to conduct Pre-Departure Orientations (PDOs) for admitted students in Delhi, Mumbai, Shenzhen, and Shanghai. “These PDOs provide an excellent opportunity to meet our newest international students and help set them up for success at Rutgers,” said Anu Gupta, Assistant Dean of Global Academic Programs, who organizes the events.

RU-FIT: RUTGERS GLOBAL’S FIRST-YEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSITION COURSE



Rutgers welcomed students from 83 different countries as part of its incoming class in the fall of 2023, with 438 of them enrolled in the First Year International Transition Course (RU-FIT). The course helps students from abroad adjust to campus life in the United States and navigate university resources. RU-FIT is now in its seventh academic year as a credited and graded course taught by trained peer instructors (third- and fourth-year undergraduate students).

PROGRAMMING TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WELLNESS EVENTS

CAPS and Rutgers Global-ISSS present

Wellness Workshops

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

2/15: 5:00-6:30 pm
FOMO is Real!
Join us for interactive discussions and community bonding games/activities.

3/21: 5:00-6:30 pm
Finding it hard to adapt?
We are here to help! Learn effective ways of adapting to a healthy new lifestyle in the U.S.

Location:
Rutgers Global ISSS
180 College Ave.

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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WORKSHOPS



ISSS also holds special workshops each semester to help students navigate issues like off-campus employment (CPT and OPT) and more.

ADVISING AND COMPLIANCE

In the last year, the International Student Services team has conducted 1,234 one-on-one appointments with students to advise on topics such as employment, change of visa status, program changes, and status maintenance. 6,022 students were seen in virtual “drop-in” advising sessions, which support students with questions that can be addressed more quickly. In addition to advising, our team processed 20,536 document requests for students in Academic Year 2023-24.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR SPEAKER SERIES HIGHLIGHTS



In November 2023, Dr. Selin Bengi Gümrükçü, a postdoctoral associate at Rutgers University's Department of Political Science, presented "Democratic Backsliding: The Case of Türkiye," as part of Rutgers Global's International Scholar Speaker Series. In April 2024, Dr. Ming-Yi Chou and Dr. Claudia Gil Arroyo, two faculty members from Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) discussed their research and outreach as part of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

PROGRAMMING TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL FACULTY & SCHOLARS

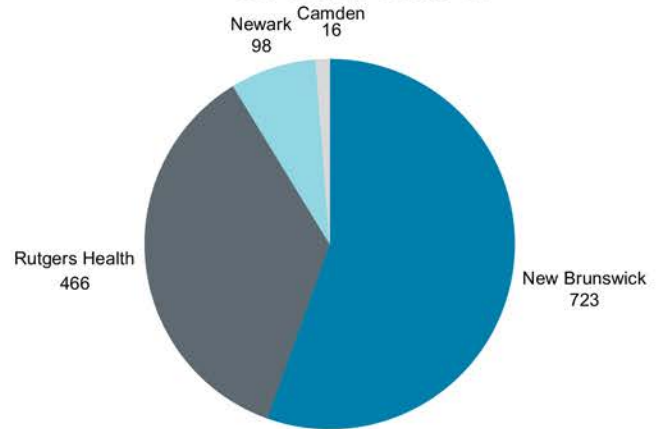
In the last year, the International Faculty and Scholar Services team welcomed 270+ new international faculty and scholars to the Rutgers community with bi-weekly orientations. In addition, the team hosted workshops for 370+ attendees at their Fall and Spring Employment of Foreign Nationals Workshops. These workshops provide administrators with everything they need to know about hiring and sponsoring international faculty and scholars.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR TOP SPECIALIZATION*

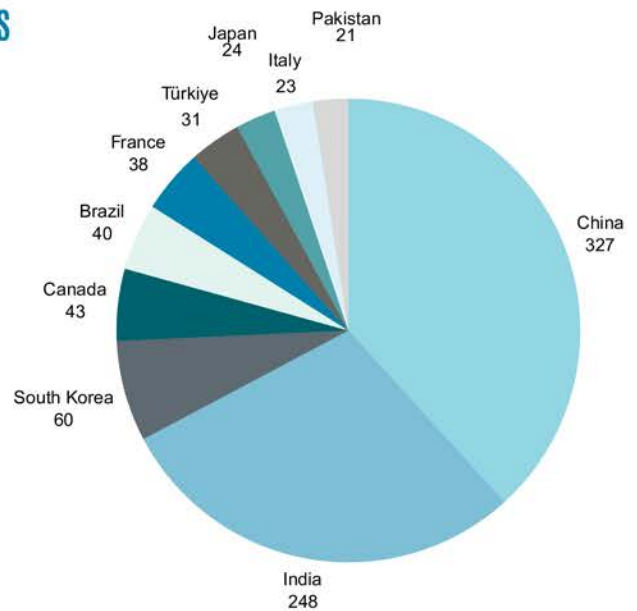
- Biological & Biomedical Sciences
- Computer & Information Sciences & Support Services
- Engineering
- Health Professions and Related Programs
- Physical Sciences

**In alphabetical order*

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS BY RUTGERS CAMPUS



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS TOP COUNTRIES



A WORKSHOP ON CONNECTING ACROSS CULTURES

Our International Faculty and Scholars group led a workshop called "Connecting Across Cultures: Strategies for Successful Intercultural Communication" in March for the Rutgers community. Guest speaker Christine Goldthwaite, Associate Director, Office of Organizational Leadership, provided many insights along with members from the Global team.





PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA

MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP

In June, Rutgers welcomed 25 emerging leaders from Africa for a six-week Leadership in Business Institute, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Rutgers has been chosen as an Institute Partner each year since the program's inception in 2014. A special part of this year's program was a networking event set up by Neal Rosenthal, founder of the Mad Rose Group and a proud Rutgers alum (Class of '67), who has helped set up the Access Africa Initiative at Rutgers. This initiative aims to enhance undergraduate education in African Studies at Rutgers University through travel support for study abroad programs in Africa.



Rutgers alum Neal Rosenthal, at left, hosted a networking event for the Rutgers Mandela Washington Fellows



RUTGERS ENGAGES IN GHANA AND NIGERIA

Rutgers University–Camden Chancellor Antonio Tillis traveled to Ghana and Nigeria in January to explore ways for the university to engage more deeply in the region through student and faculty exchanges and collaborative partnerships. He was accompanied by Senior Vice Chancellor Jimmy Jung on the visit and, in Nigeria, joined by Rutgers Global Associate Director Shakirat Bola Ibraheem.

"We were honored to join Rutgers Global in collaboration with a few of the finest educational institutions in Ghana and Nigeria to provide students from these two countries a world-class education, and to foster international opportunities for faculty."

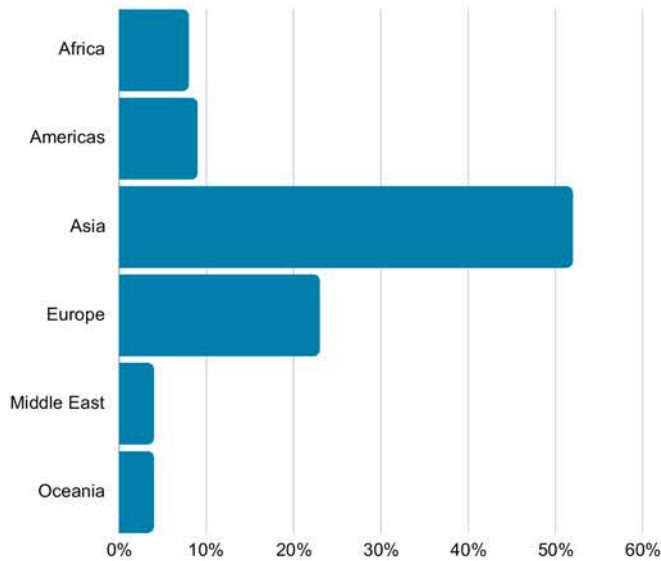
--Rutgers University–Camden Chancellor Antonio D. Tillis

Rutgers Mandela Washington Fellows celebrating at the closing ceremony



PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERSHIP BY REGION



A Rutgers delegation, including Shakirat Bola Ibraheem, Dan Waite, and Ousseina Alidou, visited His Royal Majesty Saka Adelola Matemilola, king of the Owu Kingdom (at right), in Nigeria



Rutgers University-New Brunswick Chancellor Francine Conway and Professor Zuo Wei from Southeast University in China

SELECT INSTITUTIONS WITH STRONG ENGAGEMENT*

- Capital University of Economics and Business
- Jilin University
- Seoul National University
- University of Fukui

**In alphabetical order*

A majority of the Active Agreements included here 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.

162

NUMBER OF PARTNERSHIPS

207

ACTIVE AGREEMENTS

49

COUNTRIES

SPOTLIGHT ON INDIA



Head of IIE India Vivek Mansukhani, Mohini Mukherjee, Rahul Anand, and Rick Garfunkel

RUTGERS TRAVELS TO INDIA TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

In February, Rutgers University was part of the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Delegation that convened 100+ higher education leaders and senior officials from both countries. Vice President for Global Affairs Rick Garfunkel and Executive Director of International Student Services Mohini Mukherjee from Rutgers Global represented the University and met with alumni while in India.

IIE-INDIA VISITS RUTGERS

In May, Rutgers Global was honored to host Vivek Mansukhani, Head of the Institute for International Education (IIE) - India office, and Akta Sawhney, Senior Program Specialist at IIE-India, at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Our team had the pleasure of engaging in inspiring discussions on enhancing educational collaborations between India and the U.S. We explored new opportunities for student exchanges, academic partnerships, and innovative programs that will foster global learning and cross-cultural understanding.



Left to right: Mark Ge, Amanda Wen, Maya Sarno, Akta Sawhney, Mohini Mukherjee, Vivek Mansukhani, Dan Waite, Johanna Bernstein

ADVANCING U.S.-INDIA EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION

Mohini Mukherjee served as a content leader for an initiative led by the University of Denver, supported by the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai and Rajika Bhandari Advisors. The collaboration resulted in a free online course for Indian HEI faculty and staff, focusing on internationalization, U.S.-India educational ties, and partnership best practices.

DELEGATION FROM TAIWAN'S NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY VISITS RUTGERS

Rutgers hosted a prestigious delegation from National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) led by President Ying-Yao Cheng. Together they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), resulting in mutual agreements at multiple levels including student mobility, faculty exchange, and research collaboration. The ceremony was attended by university leaders including Rutgers University-New Brunswick Chancellor Francine Conway and School of Engineering Dean Alberto Cuitiño. Following the visit, NSYSU President Cheng assumed his role as the Education Minister of Taiwan.



National Sun Yat-sen University President Ying-Yao Cheng and Rutgers University-New Brunswick Chancellor Francine Conway

RUTGERS AND SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In April, a distinguished delegation from Southeast University in China visited Rutgers and was led by University Council Chairman Zuo. The centerpiece of the visit is a 3+2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the first agreement between two universities. Rutgers welcomed the first cohort of 3+2 students from SEU in the fall of 2024, and we believe that this partnership will lead to even greater success in jointly nurturing more outstanding talents in the future.



A team from Southeast University in China visits Rutgers for a signing ceremony at the Rutgers School of Engineering



A delegation organized by the China Education International Exchange Association comes to Rutgers

CHINA DELEGATION VISITS RUTGERS TO ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

A delegation of 27 representatives from leading Chinese universities visited Rutgers University in late September to meet and discuss ways to collaborate in the areas of student and faculty exchange and international research. Organized by the China Education International Exchange Association (CEAIE), a Chinese organization focusing on facilitating conversation between China and the world in the field of education, the "Double First-Class" universities represented included Peking University, Beijing Normal University, Fudan University, South China University of Technology, and more.

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY DEEPENS PARTNERSHIP WITH RUTGERS

Rutgers and Seoul National University (SNU) have a longstanding and successful partnership that began in 2009, primarily focused on student exchange. In October, the two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that expands their partnership beyond student exchange to other areas of interest, including faculty exchange and research collaboration. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and Rutgers Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Antonio Calcado traveled to South Korea with Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs Ji-Yeung Jang for the ceremony.



Seoul National University President RYU Hong Lim, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, and Rutgers Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Antonio Calcado

PROGRAMS



More than 500 recent Rutgers alumni attended a special graduation celebration in Shanghai hosted by Rutgers Global

RUTGERS HOSTS “MAKE-UP” COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY IN SHANGHAI

On November 4, Rutgers Global joined with the Rutgers Foundation to hold a make-up in-person graduation celebration in Shanghai for our Chinese students who graduated during the pandemic. These students completed their studies at Rutgers but, due to the travel and capacity restrictions enacted during the Covid pandemic, were only able to participate in an online ceremony. The Shanghai event was a success, drawing an audience of more than 500 recent Rutgers alums and their friends and family. It was also livestreamed on WeChat garnering more than 500K views.

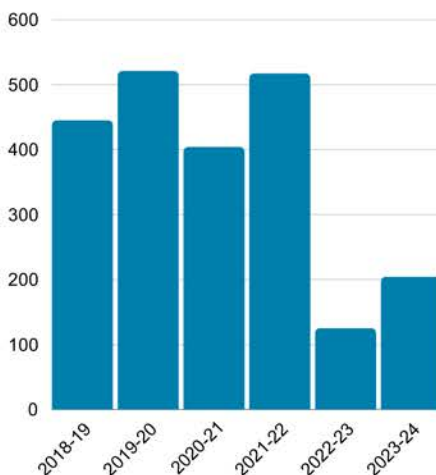
RUTGERS GLOBAL CELEBRATES GRADUATING INTERNATIONAL AND STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

On April 29, Rutgers Global hosted a graduation celebration for all graduating international students and students who participated in a study abroad program during their time at Rutgers. The event drew a crowd of more than 200 and was held in Traves Hall on the Cook Douglass campus. Student speakers included Naira Soltany, originally from Egypt, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Sociology and took part in the Lifestyles of the Mediterranean study abroad program in Greece, and Kush Chheda, an international student from Kenya who holds a bachelor’s degree in computer science and graduated with a master’s degree in Analytics and Data Science.



Graduating international students raise a glass at the year-end celebration

SHORT-TERM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



Rutgers Global offers a wide range of short-term, customized international programming for inbound international high school and university students as well as scholars and professionals in various disciplines.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT RUTGERS: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Rutgers Global Programming & Events launched the year with a full line-up of some of our students' favorite events, including Friendship Fridays, but also some new ideas designed to bring together our international and domestic students and the greater Rutgers community.

GLOBAL SPRING FESTIVAL



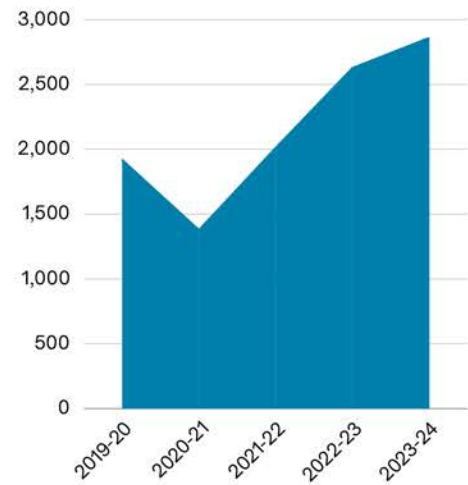
FRIENDSHIP FRIDAYS



DUMPLINGS AROUND THE WORLD



STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ON-CAMPUS GLOBAL EVENTS



RUTGERS GLOBAL CELEBRATION 2023

In November, Rutgers Global hosted its Global Celebration to celebrate with campus partners and reflect on our global initiatives and achievements over the past year. Our guest speaker was Rutgers University–Camden Chancellor Antonio D. Tillis.



Rutgers Global staff celebrated with campus partners



Chancellor Antonio Tillis with Rick Garfunkel and Asenath Lutabingwa

FACULTY ENGAGEMENT



GLOBAL GRANTS

Rutgers Global awarded the 2024 Rutgers Global Grants to 24 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

Kimberlee Moran	Jonathan Gingerich
Rahul Mittal	Simiao Niu
Hadi El Farr	Krystal Strong
Sarah Gallo	Rajiv Malhotra
Sylvie Rangan	Salim El Rouayheb

Global Health Seed Grants

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

Selvakumar Subbian
 Maria Gloria Dominguez-Bello
 Hari Iyer
 Ubydul Haque
 Lisa Lewis

Global Environmental Change

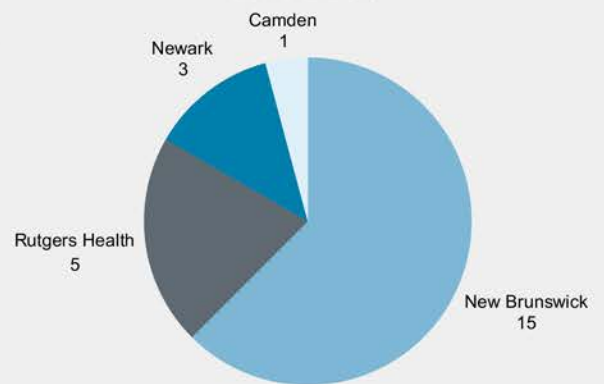
(offered in partnership between Rutgers Global, the Rutgers Institute of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, and the Rutgers Climate Institute)

Kristina Keating
 Andrea Restrepo-Mieth
 Fiorella Prada

Faculty-led Study Abroad

Jack Harris
 Tracy Chang
 Mary D'Ambrosio
 Janice Gallagher
 Frederick Curry

GLOBAL GRANTS AWARDED PER CAMPUS



GLOBAL GRANTS SPOTLIGHT: FIORELLA PRADA



Fiorella Prada, assistant professor in the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences (DMCS), was awarded a two-year Rutgers Global Environmental Change Grant for the project, "Upwelling Systems: thermal refugia for reef-building corals in the Eastern Tropical Pacific." Fiorella's project aligns with the missions of local non-governmental organizations such as Raising Coral Costa Rica and alliances such as the Culebra Reef Gardens Alliance that are working to restore corals reefs in Costa Rica.

UN ENGAGEMENT

RUTGERS GLOBAL HOSTS UN NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Rutgers Global hosted a UN Faculty Network Luncheon in March, where the group heard from Professor Pamela McElwee and Professor Cymie Payne, both from the department of human ecology, who presented highlights from the COP28 conference, as well as Manuela Gomez, a student who shared about her experience at the Global Peace Summit in Bangkok.



Johanna Bernstein at the UN Networking event

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

RUTGERS ALUMS ENGAGING GLOBALLY



Vukosi Marivate: After receiving his doctoral degree in computer science from Rutgers University in 2015, Vukosi Marivate has risen to become a global leader in teaching machines to process languages, particularly those spoken in Africa. Now as chair of data science at University of Pretoria, South Africa he is teaming up with Critical AI @ Rutgers, an interdisciplinary initiative that aims to deepen the understanding of the emerging technology to make sure no culture is left out of the AI revolution. “This revolution is coming or is already here and we want to make sure that Africans benefit.”



Sheldon Morris: It is no exaggeration to say a few Learning Abroad courses changed the trajectory of Sheldon Morris's life. The Rutgers University–Camden alumnus lives in Paris, where he works as an engineering consultant and has planted roots in Europe, which surprises even him some days. “If you had told me when I was 18, I'd be working in Paris, speaking and understanding French with native speakers, I would have been shocked,” Morris said. “It wasn't even in my realm of possibilities.”



Mohammed Sanu: For years Mohamed Sanu made his mark on the football field at Rutgers and then for the NFL. Now he is working to make a difference for children in Sierra Leone, his mother's native country where he lived briefly growing up. After a decade in the National Football League, Sanu was released by the Miami Dolphins and decided to dedicate his time to a project with Develop Africa, a non-profit that empowers people in poverty in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. Now he is working side by side with his mother, Aminata Koroma, to improve his native country.

RUTGERS GLOBAL ENGAGES WITH ALUMNI IN SEOUL

In May, Assistant Vice President for Global Affairs Ji-Yeung Jang (at center with banner) visited with alumni in South Korea.



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Mohini Mukherjee Selected to Participate in HERS Institute

Mohini Mukherjee, Executive Director of International Student Services at Rutgers Global, was selected as one of sixty-four higher education leaders from across the country to participate in the prestigious Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Leadership Institute (2023-2024). The HERS Leadership Institute is a transformational institute for higher education professionals, founded to fill pipelines across the United States with dynamic leaders capable of ushering their respective institutions into a more inclusive and equitable future.



Maya Sarno Presents at NAFSA Conference

Members of our Rutgers Global team were at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference in New Orleans in June, learning, growing, and networking with colleagues and experts. Maya Sarno, Associate Director for Student Support, presented a poster session on crisis management.

From left to right: Karl Baumle, Ji-Yeung Jang, Maya Sarno, Mohini Mukherjee, Stephanie Otte, and Asenath Lutabingwa.



Rutgers Global Team Celebrates Fulbright Distinction

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs welcomed Fulbright Top Producers to a reception held at Planet Word in Washington, DC in March. Our Rutgers University global team was there to celebrate our distinction as a Top Producer.

From left to right: Asenath Lutabingwa, Ji-Yeung Jang, Megan Francis, Johanna Bernstein, and Kim Pernice.



Stephanie Acuna Named Campus Partner of the Year

The Career Discovery unit within the Office of Career Exploration and Success at Rutgers University selected Stephanie Acuna, Senior International Student Adviser, as Campus Partner of the Year, recognizing her ongoing efforts to provide outstanding resources to students as they reach toward their career outcomes.

Rutgers University was proud to receive the OpenDoors75 Seal of Excellence in recognition of our participation in the survey since it was first published in 1949. Rutgers Global staff in the International Student & Scholar Services and Study Abroad offices compile data for this report that is used to track international education trends.





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