

Honors Programs at Rutgers—New Brunswick

"The honors program at Rutgers is truly excellent. I love it here, and a lot of that feeling has to do with the top-notch education and attention that the honors program affords me."

—MATTHEW CORTLAND, CLASS OF 2011

"The honors program has been an integral part of my Rutgers experience. It provided a community for me in my residence hall and afforded me the opportunity to apply for numerous scholarships."

—SARAH FLUK, CLASS OF 2009

"The honors program has given me the benefits of a small Ivy League school with all that a large state university has to offer."

—AVI SMOLEV, CLASS OF 2009

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Founder of the environmental club. Champion of the robotics competition. Lead in the spring musical. You've accomplished a lot during your high school years.

Now you're looking for new challenges and opportunities.

Why not consider the honors programs at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and become a Rutgers scholar?

As a Rutgers scholar, you may

- read a thought-provoking novel one night and talk face-to-face with the author the next day
- head to the wondrous beaches of New Jersey to study the real-life effects of climate change
- perform innovative research that leads to fighting debilitating diseases like cancer and diabetes

You'll reap all the benefits of a large research university, while being part of an intimate learning community.

You'll experience small class sizes that make learning—and making friends—easier.

You'll have access to honors housing where you can live with peers who share your commitment to academics—and your desire for a study break every now and then.

And you'll get to know world-renowned faculty in the classroom, in the laboratory, and even over dinner.

The hands-on learning opportunities for a Rutgers scholar are limitless.

We know you want more details. Honors students always do. So explore the following pages to learn more about the programs offered by the six schools at Rutgers—New Brunswick, each with specific guidelines, curricula, and eligibility standards.

Enroll in an honors program at Rutgers and join other top students and faculty, who, like you, are engaged in the pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

Become a
Rutgers scholar.

School of Arts and Sciences



Open your mind to new ways of thinking about science, social science, and the humanities. Enroll in the honors program at the School of Arts and Sciences, and pursue an enriched course of study taught by

leading faculty members from across the disciplines.

At the School of Arts and Sciences, learning doesn't stop in the classroom.

As an honors student, you'll have the unique opportunity to attend special lectures, film screenings, art exhibits, and other academic and cultural events on and off campus. And you'll earn credit for it!

You might take a trip to New York City to attend a talk on Greek and Roman art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art or visit the Museum of Natural History for a lecture by a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist.

You'll also benefit from one-on-one academic advising as well as our faculty mentor program, which helps you connect with your instructors on the basis of shared interests in academic disciplines, hobbies, and careers.

As you advance through the honors program, you may apply for research funding and work toward completing a Capstone Project that enables you to pursue independent study.

And when you complete the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program requirements, you'll graduate with the designation "School of Arts and Sciences Honors Scholar."

Selection Criteria: High school seniors who are admitted to the School of Arts and Sciences and meet the following minimum criteria will automatically be offered admission to the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program:

- High school class ranking in the top 10 percent (90th percentile)
- Combined Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1350
- Critical Reading SAT score of 650

High school seniors who have been admitted to the School of Arts and Sciences but do not meet all of these criteria, or admitted students who come from schools that do not report class ranking, may also apply for admission.

Visit sashonors.rutgers.edu and select "Prospective Students" and then "Admission" to learn more about the application requirements and deadlines. Admitted students may visit admissions.rutgers.edu/forms/sashonors1.aspx to access the application.

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School of Engineering



You have a mind for calculus and physics, and an imagination that may have gotten you into trouble when you were younger.

But learning how to get out of hot water then just might have

prepared you for the honors program at the School of Engineering now.

School of Engineering honors students are problem solvers who tackle real-life challenges that range from developing the next generation of wireless communication to redesigning the entrance to the Holland Tunnel.

As an honors student, you'll receive guidance from special advisers and participate in a selective orientation program. You'll have access to honors courses in calculus, physics, exposition and argument, and engineering.

As you advance, you may register in an honors seminar offered by the School of Arts and Sciences, and you will participate in the James J. Slade Scholars Program.

Slade Scholars undertake independent study in a particular problem area under the guidance of a faculty member. Candidates prepare a thesis paper and present their findings at a public seminar.

Students then receive special honors certificates and the notation "James J. Slade Scholar" on their university transcripts.

Selection Criteria: All students are automatically considered for nomination based on their application to the Office of University Undergraduate Admissions and supporting credentials.

Potential candidates must submit a completed personal statement by March 15 for full consideration.

Students are notified of their selection for the honors program by April 15. SAT scores, class rank, and placement in honors calculus are among the selection criteria.

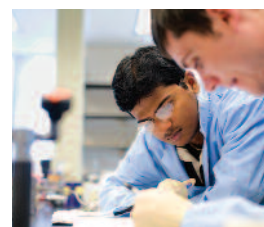
Emphasis is also placed on the personal statement and past accomplishments reflected in the student's résumé, including academic projects, community service, and leadership.

Visit coewww.rutgers.edu/oaa/honors.php for further details about the School of Engineering Honors Program and the James J. Slade Scholars Program.

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School of Environmental and Biological Sciences



From protecting shore-dwelling birds to studying the viability of algae and switchgrass as alternative energy sources, the research performed at the School of Environmental and Biological

Sciences is making the world a better place in which to live.

As an honors student, you'll join other highly motivated students in courses that span the biological spectrum from organisms to ecosystems. Each year, you'll participate in interdisciplinary seminars on such topics as health and disease, or race, gender, and class.

And you'll pursue groundbreaking research projects, internships, and service learning opportunities at one of the nation's top public research universities.

You also may consider the George H. Cook Scholars Program honors thesis project, an opportunity available to any School of Environmental and Biological Sciences senior nominated by a faculty member.

The honors program also sponsors theater trips, receptions, movie nights, picnics, and other activities.

Selection Criteria: Students admitted to the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences who qualify for consideration on the basis of their SAT scores and grade-point averages are invited to apply and interview for the program. Students are selected by a faculty honors committee on the basis of the following: a writing sample, an individual interview, a group interview, SAT scores, and grade-point average. Each year 22 to 25 first-year students enter the program.

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Rutgers Business School: Undergraduate—New Brunswick



Move beyond a challenging curriculum and further expand your intellectual capabilities and potential for graduate study in the Rutgers Business School Honors Program (RBSHP). As an honors student, you'll start off taking interdisciplinary seminars and colloquia, offered through the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, that will encourage you to think creatively about business practices and trends. Later, you'll take part in an honors business seminar, which will lead you to conduct original research for your senior year project.

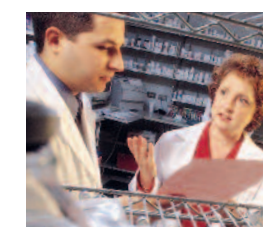
Selection Criteria: Students admitted into Rutgers Business School who meet the following minimum criteria will be offered admission to the RBSHP:

- High school class ranking in the top 10 percent (90th percentile)
- Combined Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1350
- Math SAT score of 650

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Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy



Love research projects? Rather hang out at the lab than the mall?

Looking for hands-on experience?

The honors program at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy provides you with the opportunity

to fulfill those interests right here in New Jersey—the pharmaceutical hub of the nation.

Students in the honors program experience an early introduction to pharmacy subjects, greater access to faculty, and personalized counseling about courses, academic programs, and potential career opportunities.

As an honors student, you'll have access to state-of-the-art instrumentation usually available only for senior investigators, postdoctoral fellows, or graduate students.

You'll gain hands-on experience in pharmaceuticals, pharmacology and toxicology, medicinal chemistry, molecular and cellular biology, and biochemistry.

Beginning in your second year, you'll select a personal research adviser with whom you will work to formulate and complete an honors project that culminates in a research thesis.

Toward the conclusion of your studies, you also may have the opportunity to present your work at local and national scientific meetings as well as at the honors symposium.

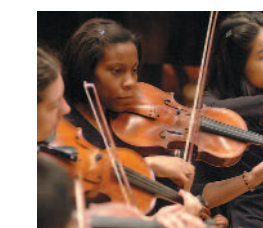
Students who complete the required coursework and research thesis are considered graduates of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Honors Program.

Selection Criteria: First-year pharmacy students who have strong SAT scores are invited to participate in honors program activities. Second-year students with a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average (for the first year) are invited by the honors program committee to submit an application in the fall of their second year. Applicants are asked to write an essay explaining why they would like to participate in the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Honors Program.

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Mason Gross School of the Arts



Whether watching a performance or starring in one, students of the Mason Gross School of the Arts have a unique opportunity to work and study with professional artists who are dedicated to nurturing their students' creativity and originality.

Small class sizes enable faculty to focus on the educational and artistic needs of each individual.

- Dance students may be invited to appear in the work of faculty and guest choreographers.
- Acting students may have a chance to study at Rutgers' Conservatory at Shakespeare's Globe in London.
- Music students may have the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and other New York City venues.
- Visual arts majors meet some of the most influential artists of our time as part of the Visiting Artist series.

At the Mason Gross School of the Arts, almost every night of the week is filled with performances and exhibitions. It is truly a community of professional artists studying, teaching, and performing together.

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