Come to Learn

Where the Highest Achievers Come to Learn

THE NEW HONORS COLLEGE

ADMITTING OUR FIRST CLASS FOR FALL 2015
At Rutgers University–New Brunswick, we're harnessing the global resources of our renowned research university to create something new and innovative—a residential Honors College for the nation’s highest-achieving students. We’re building a scholarly community where our most intellectually driven students and our internationally acclaimed faculty can explore, learn, and create together.

The new Honors College will feature small seminars; intensive research groups; discussions that carry on into the evenings; and opportunities to work in labs, in the archives, and in the field, where knowledge is garnered firsthand.

All this happens against the backdrop of Rutgers’ colonial history in a new brick and garreted-roof complex on a bluff overlooking the Raritan River. On warm days, honors students will gather below the clock tower in the college’s courtyard that spills out onto a campus green framed by ivy-covered halls, a place of Revolution-era skirmishes and ancient college traditions.

This is more than a place of study. It’s more than a college experience. The new Honors College is a citadel for students for whom learning has always been a passion.
A 21ST-CENTURY LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY
Combining the University’s traditional architecture and the inside-outside continuity of cutting-edge design, your new home is within walking distance to the arts and cultural center of downtown New Brunswick and just a block from the train station, allowing you to enjoy urban living in New Brunswick and easy access to New York City, one of the richest cultural centers in the world. Living here with your Honors College classmates, students from across the disciplines, you will meet lifetime friends and mentors, explore new intellectual frontiers, and prepare to engage the world beyond.

EVERY DAY IS A CHANCE TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW
You will be one of 500 of the most promising students from across New Jersey and the nation living and learning in a new state-of-the-art facility, a place where 21st-century technology meets the traditions of a liberal arts education.
• Students pursuing different majors study and live together
• Faculty fellows live on site to lead the scholarly community
• A café, fireside lounges, and outdoor spaces allow students and faculty to interact and collaborate
• Practice and study rooms are available for contemplation, experimentation, and innovation

At Rutgers, Christopher Monopolis found an instant community of like-minded, high-achieving engineers. At the same time, he appreciates having access to classes and students in a range of disciplines. It is something he doesn’t think he could have experienced anywhere else.
“Wisdom stands at the turn in the road.”
—Khalil Gibran, Author and Poet

THE JOURNEY STARTS HERE
Honors scholars aspire to change the world. But not alone. At the Honors College, you will be paired with professors and peer mentors who will guide you in your education. Faculty scholars-in-residence and advisers will help you find the academic path that’s right for you. And your honors classmates will be there to share, collaborate, and learn with and from you.

AN INSPIRING COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS
Prepare to bring your own perspective to a unique community of scholars, where students with different interests and majors live together and engage in experiential learning. In classes and seminars, at conferences and symposia, during mealtime and downtime, the inspiring people around you will spark creative ideas, challenging you to take the next intellectual leap.

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS
Your Honors College experience is the most significant step in a lifelong journey. Break out of your comfort zone, meet people who are eager to exchange views on a wide range of topics, and explore new ways of thinking.

Madhuri Swarna was amazed to find herself in class with one of the most important legal philosophers of our time, and with another faculty member considered to be one of the leaders of modern epistemology. Having conversations with professors whose ideas she had read about is the most inspiring part of her Rutgers journey.
A TOOLBOX FOR ADVANCED LEARNING

Many students can talk about what they have learned, but few can say they had a hand in creating new knowledge. In your first semester, you will immerse yourself in innovative learning and hands-on research. You will learn how to pose scholarly questions, evaluate evidence, and analyze arguments, data, and ideas. You will gain a big-picture understanding of research and writing, and sharpen and shape your critical reasoning and communication skills.

RESEARCH LEADS TO DISCOVERY

In your second year, you will undertake an honors research project in your chosen discipline. With faculty mentoring and staff and advanced-peer support through the prestigious Aresty Research Center, you will become a research scholar in your own right.
- Master essential research skills
- Develop grant proposals
- Learn the process of scholarly inquiry
- Collaborate with other researchers in the field
- Present your research at an academic conference or symposium

ASKING BIG QUESTIONS IN SMALL SEMINARS

Interdisciplinary Honors Seminars will introduce you to the central issues of our time—from climate change and bioethics to war and conflict resolution. In small, intensive classes, professors give individualized attention and delve deeply into compelling topics.

David Yang is thrilled to be doing the kind of research most students don’t undertake until their postdoctoral work. As a pharmacy student, he’s researching the anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory effects of compounds used in traditional Chinese medicine. His research could one day lead to therapies that replace chemotherapy.
ADD IT ALL UP FOR REAL-WORLD VALUE
From campus leadership positions and semesters abroad, to projects that connect your learning together, the Honors College creates opportunities to unleash your talent. Each summer brings a new internship or service learning experience aligned with your interests. Whether you are considering a career in biotech, new media, medicine, archaeology, engineering, ancient languages, or on Wall Street, you will apply discipline-specific knowledge while developing and refining skills that help you excel in any profession.

PROVING GROUND FOR ORIGINAL THINKING
Your Honors College experience will culminate in a capstone project you develop with a faculty mentor. Whether it’s a thesis, an exhibition, or a research project, you’ll understand how your knowledge and field-specific expertise take form in practice. And you might present your project at a national or international conference or publish it in a peer-reviewed journal.

A NETWORK FOR WHAT’S NEXT
Launch a startup? Pursue graduate or professional school? Excel in a career? Discover the next big thing? The future is yours. But wherever you go, your portfolio will include a Rutgers network of peers, alumni, faculty mentors, advisers, University Career Services counselors, and business contacts to consult for advice and guidance.

Alexis N. Holmes loves the connections she’s making at Rutgers. She’s had externships with doctors and dentists at five different locations. How did she manage that? She made connections with physicians through Rutgers networks. Experiences like these will mean as much as the prestigious Rutgers name when she applies to medical school.
GLOBAL LOCALS
Your Honors College education will be a multicultural experience—every day. Members of our community come from all parts of the globe, and we offer courses, programs, and opportunities that will help you master the skills to thrive in an increasingly connected world. At Rutgers, our diversity is as much a mark of distinction as our world-class academics.

- Ranked in the top 30 among national universities for student diversity, with 41,500 students from every state in the nation and more than 105 countries
- 1,000 international scholars visit each year, bringing diverse backgrounds and expertise to our community

GPS: GLOBALLY POSITIONED SCHOLAR
Your journey as an honors student will take you further, with study abroad opportunities that will introduce you to a community of scholars in their home nations. Whether learning Arabic in Morocco, exploring economics for a semester in Beijing, or studying renewable energy for a summer in Reykjavik, you can select from more than 170 study abroad programs that will take you to universities around the world.

ABUZZ WITH INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- Top 3 university for producing Fulbright student scholars
- One of 27 universities with a formal relationship with the U.N. Department of Public Information
- Upcoming master’s degree partnership with the U.S. Peace Corps
- Dual-degree engineering programs with partner universities in China, Turkey, and Vietnam

GLOBAL LOCALS

Name: Maxwell Williams
Country: Argentina
Experience: Taught elementary school students
What’s next: Currently teaching English in Bogota, Colombia, as a Fulbright recipient

Name: Devin Ward
Country: Italy
Experience: Worked with a graduate student studying remains found during the excavation of a Roman villa
What’s next: Pursuing a master’s in applied biological anthropology at the University of Cambridge

Name: Alejandra Villalobos
Country: Belize
Experience: Performed veterinary examinations at working ranches while learning about farm animal medicine and its production systems
What’s next: Conducting research for a project with hopes of publishing as a co-author

Name: Aishwarya Bhattacharjee
Country: Indonesia
Experience: Learned about agricultural preservation and subsistence farming, studied the ecosystems of a national park, conducted field research on wild orangutans, and engaged in community-building activities with villagers
What’s next: Applying to Ph.D. programs in conservation biology and working to achieve publication of her Aresty Research Center project in a scholarly journal

Name: Madison Little
Country: Australia
Experience: Presented his research examining health care policy and structural drivers of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa at the 20th International AIDS Conference
What’s next: Finding ways to galvanize a movement toward global health equity

Name: David Kolchmeyer
Country: Switzerland
Experience: Conducted research alongside Spanish and Italian researchers at CERN
What’s next: Pursuing a master of advanced study degree in applied mathematics and theoretical physics at the University of Cambridge as a Churchill Scholar

Name: Alejandra Villalobos
Country: Belize
Experience: Performed veterinary examinations at working ranches while learning about farm animal medicine and its production systems
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### ABOUT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - NEW BRUNSWICK

Established in 1766, Rutgers University - New Brunswick is America’s eighth oldest institution of higher learning and one of the nation’s premier public research universities. Rutgers University is the only school in the nation that is an original colonial college, a land-grant institution, a top-100 world university, a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, and a member of the storied Big Ten, Conference and its esteemed academic counterpart, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, a consortium of 15 world-class research universities.

### AT A GLANCE
- Top 25 Public National Universities (U.S. News & World Report)
- #3 nationally for producing U.S. Fulbright recipients
- 41,500 students
- 55% of full-time undergraduates are men; 45% are women
- 18 schools including medical, dental, and pharmacy schools
- 100+ undergraduate majors
- 200+ graduate programs
- 19 libraries and centers
- 85% of first-year undergraduates live in university housing
- 400+ clubs and organizations
- 80+ fraternities and sororities
- Division I Athletics
- Big Ten Conference

### IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Easily accessible to New York City, Philadelphia, and the famous Jersey Shore, Rutgers University is anchored at the epicenter of the Boston to Washington, D.C., corridor. Our location—in one of the world’s great regions for enterprise, commerce, education, creativity, and natural beauty—attracts students and faculty from all 50 states and around the world.

### RUTGERS ALUMNI GO PLACES

Rutgers alumni make a difference every day in every field of human endeavor. Some notable alumni include:

- Mario Batali
  Chef, Author, Restaurateur
- Greg Brown
  Motorola Solutions CEO
- Junot Diaz
  Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
- Mark Fields
  Ford Motor Co. CEO
- Rana Kapoor
  Yes Bank Founder, Managing Director, and CEO
- Carl Lewis
  Two-time Gold Medal Soccer Olympian
- Duncan MacMillan
  Bloomberg LP Co-founder
- Bernard Marcus
  Home Depot Co-founder
- Sheri McCoy
  Axios Products CEO
- Natalie Morales
  Today Show Co-anchor
- Duncan MacMillan
  Bloomberg LP Co-founder
- William F. Rasmussen
  ESPN Founder
- Harvey M. Schwartz
  Goldman Sachs CFO
- Mark Fields
  Ford Motor Co. CEO
- Megan Boone
  TV Show Co-anchor
- Michael Newhouse
  Principal architect
- Owen Hurley
  CEO, Elkus Manfredi Architects

### APPLY TO RUTGERS

Admission to the Honors College at Rutgers University - New Brunswick is competitive and is based on a variety of factors. High school students wishing to be automatically considered for the Honors College must apply for admission by December 1 and include a response to our essay question. All other required academic credentials must be provided by December 15.

### Special events for prospective Honors College scholars will be held, during which you can meet with deans, faculty, and students, and attend information sessions.

### MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship packages will be available for students who qualify.

### WRITE

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[admissions.rutgers.edu](http://admissions.rutgers.edu)

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[admissions.rutgers.edu/visiting](http://admissions.rutgers.edu/visiting)

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[virtualtours.rutgers.edu](http://virtualtours.rutgers.edu)