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.

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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.

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
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
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Big Ten Conference

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
• 56% of full-time undergrads are men; 44% are women
• 18 schools including medical, dental, and pharmacy schools
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SPECIAL EVENTS
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.

APPLICATION 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.
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  Chef, Author, Restaurateur
• Greg Brown
  Motorola Solutions CEO
• Junot Díaz
  Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
• Mark Fields
  Ford Motor Co. CEO
• Rana Kapoor
  Yes Bank Founder, Managing Director, and CEO
• Carly Lloyd
  Two-time Gold Medal Soccer Olympian
• Duncan Mac-Millan
  Bloomberg LP Co-founder
• Bernard Marcus
  Home Depot Co-founder
• Sheri McCoy
  Axon Products CEO
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  ESPN Founder
• Harvey M. Schwartz
  Goldman Sachs CFO
• Candy Torres
  NASA Scientist

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.

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