



Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Application Guidance

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Rutgers University was founded in 1766, making it the 8th oldest college in the United States. Rutgers University–New Brunswick has significant strengths across many areas.

Academic Excellence

- **National Rankings:** Ranked 42nd among all universities and 15th among public universities nationwide.
- **Program Strength:** Over 40 programs are ranked in the top 50 in their fields.
- **Research Power:** With substantial research funding and more than 178 research centers, Rutgers is classified as an R1 institution, a top-tier research university in the U.S..

Prime Location

- **Strategic Location:** The university is located in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in close proximity to New York City.
- **Career Opportunities:** The surrounding area is home to numerous companies and research institutions, offering a wealth of internship and career opportunities.
The state's economy is primarily based on pharmaceuticals and chemicals, earning it the nickname "Chemical Capital of the US." Other major industries include high-tech IT, information technology, and finance.
- **Industry Access:** With 79 of America's Fortune 500 companies headquartered in New York and New Jersey, Rutgers students can leverage the benefits of their location to participate in various internships and professional development opportunities while still in school.
- **High Value of Living:** New Brunswick offers a very cost-effective lifestyle, featuring low taxes and a high degree of safety. New Jersey's economic development and safety are both

ranked among the top three in the nation, ensuring a high quality of life for students.

High Graduate Employment

- **Career Success:** The graduate employment rate exceeds 90%, and average starting salaries are higher than the national average.
- **Powerful Alumni Network:** With a network of more than 600,000 alumni across various industries worldwide, Rutgers provides a rich resource for graduates.
- **Alumni Support in China:** Rutgers University also has a China office that regularly organizes networking events for its alumni in the region.

Exceptional Value

- **Academic Support:** Despite the university's large size, the student-to-faculty ratio is only 15:1.
- **Affordable Tuition:** The annual tuition is approximately \$33,734.
- **High ROI:** When compared to other schools, Rutgers stands out for its prime location and lower tuition, making it an excellent overall value.

Global Collaboration

- **Rutgers University collaborates with top international universities for its study abroad programs. In China, partners include Peking University's Guanghua School of Management, Zhejiang University, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.**

Program Offering and Important Dates

(Direct Admission for Undergraduate First-Year & Transfer Students)

Term	Applicant Type	Deadlines (Shorelight Portal)	Deadlines (Rutgers University Portal)	Open Majors/Colleges
Spring Term	First-Year Applicants	September 24	October 1	Majors are opened in the College of Arts and Sciences
Spring Term	Transfer Applicants	September 24	October 1	Majors are opened in the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Management and Labor Relations, and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
Fall Term	First-Year Early Action	October 24	November 1	
Early Action	Applicants			
Fall Term (Regular Decision)	First-Year Regular Decision	November 24	December 1	
Fall Term	Transfer Applicants	January 26	February 1	

Admission Requirements

(Detailed requirements are subject to the official university website)

Academic Requirements

College/School	First-Year Applicants Minimum GPA	Transfer Applicants Minimum GPA
College of Arts & Sciences	3.5	3.0
Other Colleges	3.6	3.3

International Curricula Requirements

Curriculum	College of Arts & Sciences Minimum Score	Other Colleges Minimum Score
IB Overall	32 or an average of 5.5 or higher	34 or an average of 5.6 or higher
A-Level	120 UCAS Points	125 UCAS Points
Canadian System (BC)	79	81
Canadian System (OSSD)	75	76

English Language Requirements

English Test	Minimum Score	Official Code
TOEFL	79 (Home Edition accepted, MyBest Scores not accepted)	2765
IELTS	6.5	
PTE	53	
Duolingo	115	
ACT English	21	
SAT Reading & Writing	550	

Language Exemption Policy:

- Students who have attended a school where the language of instruction is English may be eligible for a language test waiver. The university will review eligibility on a case-by-case basis.
- You may also be exempt if you have completed a college-level English writing course with a grade of B or higher at a regionally accredited U.S. institution (not an overseas affiliate).
Note: This exemption does not apply to ESL courses, English as a second language courses, courses requiring special tutoring, or courses completed outside the United States. Rutgers does not accept correspondence or online courses to satisfy this language proficiency requirement.
- To apply for a waiver, please send your complete application materials to RUinternational@admissions.rutgers.edu for review.

Additional Application Requirements

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Optional.
- **Essay:** Required for first-year applicants, optional for transfer applicants. The essay should be between 250–650 words.
- **Art Programs:** For a list of additional requirements, please check the official website: <https://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/admissions/>.

Estimate Tuition and Cost
(Final information is subject to change by the university)

- Annual tuition is approximately **\$33,734**.

SHORELIGHT Admissions Portal Application Guidance
Through the Shorelight Admissions Portal

STEP 1 | Submit via Shorelight Admissions Portal for Record

- Go to the Shorelight admission portal: <https://admissions.shorelight.com/login>
- Click "Apply Now" in the top right corner to start your application.
- Begin filling in your basic information. (For the email address, please be sure to provide an accurate address that belongs to the student. This email must be consistent with the one used for the official university application.)
- Select Rutgers University – New Brunswick, then choose your desired program and the correct start term."

Please complete the Shorelight admission portal application step by step, providing accurate application information and materials. Shorelight will conduct an initial review upon receipt of the application.

Materials Required for Shorelight Portal

- Official Transcripts: Secondary school (grades 9 to latest term) and university transcripts (if applicable).
- High School Diploma: Official diploma and English translation (electronic copies required if graduated).
- Official English Proficiency Scores: Official score reports and official submission to the university.
- English Waiver: Complete and upload the English Waiver Form if minimum criteria are met. Form link: <https://shorelight.widen.net/s/cgmfv6czs/english-waiver-form>

STEP 2 | Submit Official Application to the University

Once you receive a Messenger from the Shorelight admission Portal that your application has been sent to Rutgers University New Brunswick or your student email received the next step instruction email, then proceed to submit your application on the official Rutgers University website and complete all required steps.

Official Rutgers Application Portal: <https://rutgers.my.site.com/ApplicantPortal/AppPortalCustom>

Important Notes

- Transcripts: If you are unable to obtain an official transcript, you must provide an unofficial transcript by uploading it to the Shorelight Portal.
- STAR System: Rutgers does not require official transcripts to be mailed during the application phase. The university uses the STARs system (SRAR). The STARs is required for current high school seniors applying as first-year students. Transfer students and those who have already graduated from high school are exempt from completing it but provide official transcripts.
- STAR Requirement: Essays and Extracurricular Activities could be found in the link : <https://admissions.rutgers.edu/apply/first-year-applicants#panel-2=&tab=panel-2>
- **For A-Level System Students:**
 - Final Results: Provide IGCSE, AS/A Level unified examination results issued by the examination board (e.g., CIE, Pearson, etc.).
 - Waiver: If the unified exam was not taken, the student must provide a personally signed statement explaining and confirming this fact.
 - Current Students: Must submit A-Level predicted grades issued by the school/institution.
- **For International Baccalaureate (IB) System Students:**
 - Graduated Students (Year 12 completed): Provide final IB diploma results issued by the examination board. If the unified exam was not taken, provide an explanatory statement.

For Admissions Questions Before Submitting to the Shorelight Portal:

• North Asia (China, Korea, Japan, etc.) and Southeast Asia:

alina.wan@shorelight.com

• South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.), Middle East, Africa, and Europe:

tissa.chandrasekera@shorelight.com

For Questions After Submitting to the Shorelight Portal:

It is strongly recommended that you contact the corresponding Admissions Officer directly through the Portal Chat for any questions.

For Questions After Submitting Your Application to Rutgers:

Please contact the university directly. Admissions & Application Questions Email:

ruinternational@admissions.rutgers.edu



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