National Student Exchange

The National Student Exchange (NSE) provides opportunities for you to study for a semester or a year at another NSE university in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. With nearly 200 universities from which to choose, you should be able to find a campus with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your personal and academic needs and interests.

Students participate in NSE to:
- Broaden their perspectives
- Explore new areas of study
- Access new courses
- Break out of their comfort zones
- Experience personal growth
- Make new friends
- Live in a different area
- Investigate graduate schools
- Seek future employment
- Become more independent
- Experience life from a different point of view

NSE participation expands academic, cultural and personal experiences. The changes in attitudes, understanding of other people in other settings, flexibility, maturity, self-confidence, and decision-making are similar to the experiences of students who study internationally. NSE is an enhancement of your undergraduate program that demonstrates to graduate schools and future employers that you possess the flexibility to plan, follow-through and go beyond the expected.

Go to nse.org to browse member schools for exchange opportunities

Eligibility
Each year more than 2500 students participate in NSE. Rutgers students continue to make progress toward their degree programs while studying in new places, meeting new people, and enrolling in specialized courses or unique academic options to supplement their Rutgers degree program.

Exchange participation is a privilege, not a right. Listed below are the minimum requirements for NSE participation.
- Full-time enrollment at the Rutgers prior to exchange
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale)
- Completion of Expository Writing
- Good standing (academic, personal, and financial)

There may be additional requirements and/or restrictions on exchange participation imposed by Rutgers and/or your host campus. You can learn more of these from your Rutgers coordinator and from the Campus Profiles at nse.org. Students.

Length of Exchange
Students may exchange for a fall semester or for an academic year. We do not do exchanges for a spring semester only.

Courses and Grades
Rutgers determines the manner in which your host campus courses are transferred and used toward requirements. Consult with your academic advisor regarding course selection prior to going on exchange and preferably during the time you are exploring possible host campuses. A written Proposal for Study, indicating how work completed at the host campus will fit into your Rutgers degree program, must be completed after placement and prior to leaving for your exchange site.

Cost
There are two tuition payment plans utilized by NSE. Rutgers participates only in Plan A, in which you pay the resident (in-state or in-province) tuition/fees to your host campus.

On both tuition payment plans, fees which are assessed as a condition of enrollment (e.g., laboratory courses, general service, computer, technology, art and photography supplies) are paid to your host campus.

Room and meals are always paid to your host campus. You are responsible for transportation, personal expenses, and sightseeing opportunities while on exchange.

See the Program Coordinator to get an estimate of how much your exchange may cost.

Financial Aid
Financial aid for eligible students is applied for, awarded by, and disbursed by the host campus. Ask your home NSE coordinator.

Exploring Participation
The following are helpful resources as you consider exchange participation and select an appropriate exchange location.
- Meet with your NSE coordinator.
- Read the Exchange Policies and Procedures at nse.org. Students.
- Review Campus Profiles at nse.org. Students.
- Review member campus catalogs and course descriptions. (links at nse.org)
- Consult your academic advisor.
- Consider how much flexibility you have regarding course selection.
- Discuss participation with parents and significant others.
- Determine if financial and financial aid resources are sufficient for your exchange.

Application Process
Apply for exchange through your Rutgers NSE coordinator. The process includes a non-refundable application fee, biographical data, and a personal interview.

In addition to the eligibility criteria, other factors which may be considered in the application process include your flexibility, the ability to adapt to short-term relocation, clear academic and personal goals, support of your academic department, and a willingness to be a positive representative of Rutgers at your exchange college or university.

Placement
Most placements are made by the Rutgers NSE coordinator at NSE’s annual conference in early March where 97% of the applicants are placed at one of their selected campuses. Placement is governed by the number of openings at an institution and the number of students seeking that location.

After Placement
Placements are confirmed by signing a Placement Acceptance Form. Upon receipt of the form, the host NSE coordinator will forward enrollment materials which usually include a housing application, an institutional admissions form, and registration information. All materials must be completed and returned by stated deadlines. At the end of the term preceding exchange you must have maintained all eligibility requirements applicable at the time of your application or your exchange will be cancelled.

Discover a program that will change your life!

I LOVE IT HERE SO MUCH! I met wonderful people here my first day and we hang out all the time.
Zahra Janoowalla, Rutgers SAS to U. Hawaii Manoa
2018-2019 “Plan A” Exchange Sites

ALABAMA
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Auburn University
University of Alabama

ALASKA
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Alaska Southeast

ARIZONA
Northern Arizona University

CALIFORNIA
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Chico
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Bernardino
Sonoma State University

COLORADO
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado State University-Pueblo
Fort Lewis College
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Western Colorado University

CONNECTICUT
Eastern Connecticut State University

FLORIDA
Florida International University

GUAM
University of Guam

HAWAII
University of Hawaii at Hilo
University of Hawaii at Manoa

IDAHO
Boise State University
University of Idaho

ILINOIS
Eastern Illinois University

IOWA
Iowa State University

KENTUCKY
Murray State University
Western Kentucky University

LOUISIANA
Louisiana State University
Northeastern State University
Southern University
University of New Orleans

MAINE
University of Maine at Presque Isle

MASSACHUSETTS
Bridgewater State University
Salem State University
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
University of Massachusetts at Boston
Western State University

MINNESOTA
Minnesota State University Moorhead
University of Minnesota Duluth
University of Minnesota Morris
University of Minnesota Rochester
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

MISSISSIPPI
Jackson State University

MONTANA
Montana State University
University of Montana

NEBRASKA
University of Nebraska at Kearney

NEVADA
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

NEW YORK
Binghamton University
Queens College
Stony Brook University
SUNY College at Buffalo
SUNY Polytechnic Institute

OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma State University

OREGON
Eastern Oregon University
Southern Oregon University
University of Oregon
Western Oregon University

Pennsylvania
University of Pennsylvania
West Chester University

Puerto Rico
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico

Rhode Island
University of Rhode Island

SOUTH DAKOTA
South Dakota State University

TENNESSEE
Tennessee State University

TEXAS
Paris Institute A&M University
Texas A&amp;M University, Commerce
Texas A&amp;M University, Kingsville
Texas State University
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
University of the Virgin Islands

UTAH
Southern Utah University

VERMONT
Johnson State College

WEST VIRGINIA
West Virginia University

WYOMING
University of Wyoming

CANADA

MANITOBA
Brandon University

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland

NOVA SCOTIA
Cape Breton University

SASKATCHEWAN
University of Regina

“Rutgers-School of Arts and Sciences only exchanges students through “Plan A.” Under Plan A, students pay the resident (in-state or in-province) tuition and fees directly to the host school.

I am loving New Orleans. I have met people from all over the world and we are exploring and enjoying the city together.

Amanda Reddington
Rutgers SAS to University of New Orleans

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Deadline for 2018-2019 school year is February 2018.

Contact Dean Dudzak to find out more and get started!