The Honors College at Rutgers University–New Brunswick is built on a legacy of honors education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The Honors College redefines the leading edge of interdisciplinary education by inviting students from across the liberal arts and professional schools to live and work together to tackle global issues through social innovation. Attracting the highest achievers from New Jersey, across the country, and around the world, the Honors College is a unique community where intellectual curiosity, hands-on knowledge, diversity, collaboration, and giving back are central to its philosophy—doing well by doing good in the world. This commitment is captured in its motto:

**Curiosity. Knowledge. Purpose.**

The Honors College welcomed its inaugural class of 500 students in the fall of 2015 and now has a population of approximately 2,000 students. It serves students from the School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers Business School, School of Engineering, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, and Mason Gross School of the Arts.

All Honors College students receive a merit scholarship of at least $10,000 per year. These bright and motivated students not only get a first-class, hands-on, globally inspired education, but they also learn to work in interdisciplinary teams to transform their ideas into action. These experiences and skills make them prime employment recruits. In fact, Honors College graduates are not only going on to study law and medicine, do research in their fields, and more, they’re being hired by such top-tier companies as Goldman Sachs, Johnson & Johnson, Boeing, and many others.

Honors College students chose Rutgers over schools such as University of California-Berkeley, Princeton University, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Boston University, Johns Hopkins University, Northeastern University, University of Michigan, Penn State University, University of Maryland, and others.

Almost all students cited the Honors College as a significant factor in their decision to attend Rutgers, with scholarships and the Honors College being the deciding factor. In fact, the advent of the Honors College raised the yield of the highest achieving students by more than 30 percent at Rutgers–New Brunswick.
Benefits of the Honors College Experience

A close-knit living-learning community with a deep commitment to advancing diversity, inclusivity, and equity so all members have the opportunity, understanding, and support to thrive.

Broad network of support located within the Honors College, from live-in Changemaking Mentors and Faculty Fellows, to an in-house Wellness Counselor, and access to the Deans and the Honors College staff.

Dedicated onsite Academic Advisers focused on Honors College and school-based offerings and requirements to ensure that students stay on-track while exploring all that Rutgers has to offer.

Small classes with award-winning faculty from across schools and disciplines, and an innovative teaching model to explore what it means to be an “Innovation Citizen.”

Exposure to research opportunities from the very beginning through a range of courses and programs, including the Aresty Research Center.

Spaces to learn in, from high-tech seminar rooms and the Honors College Makerspace, to the Fireside Lounge with a coffee bar and study areas designed for collaboration.

Exceptional professional development including intensive career counseling, internship and externship support, masterclasses with industry leaders, and employer and alumni networking.

International travel opportunities tied to Interdisciplinary Honors Seminars led by faculty.

Guidance and interview training for all students pursuing prestigious fellowships, including the Goldwater and Fulbright fellowships.

A small college feel with access to Rutgers’ vast resources, located in the heart of the historic College Avenue campus overlooking the Raritan River.

Students must apply to Rutgers University–New Brunswick by December 1 of their senior year to be considered for the Honors College. Visit admissions.rutgers.edu for application information. Invitations to the Honors College are sent the following January.