WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Students at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences are part of a rich history of learning, innovation, service, and community. They enjoy the benefits of well-established professional and pre-professional degree programs, complemented by hands-on and extracurricular experiences.

- Our courses cover the biological spectrum from organisms to ecosystems.
- Students often pursue groundbreaking research projects, internships, and service learning opportunities—all of which are hallmarks of an education at one of the top public research universities in the nation.
- Our school offers a wide variety of majors that provide excellent preparation for professional school (medical, dental, veterinary medicine, and law), graduate study and positions in government, industry, business, and health-related areas.
- Our graduates attend some of the nation’s most prestigious universities, and they become leaders in their fields.

We foster an environment that encourages leadership and values individuals. Our integrated teaching, research, and outreach programs offer students a complete and well-rounded education both inside and outside the classroom and prepares students for employment and citizenship in an increasingly interrelated, global community. Located just one hour from New York City, 90 minutes from Philadelphia, and one hour from the Jersey shore, the school offers our students the best of all worlds.

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

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- Agriculture and Food Systems
  - Animal Science
    - Preveterinary Medicine and Research
    - Laboratory Animal Science
    - Equine Science
    - Production Animal Science
    - Companion Animal Science
  - Biochemistry
    - Biochemistry of Microbial Systems
    - Biochemical Toxicology
    - Biochemistry of Plant Systems
    - Protein and Structural Biochemistry
  - Biological Sciences
  - Biotechnology
    - Animal Biotechnology
    - Bioinformatics
    - Bioscience Policy and Management
    - General Biotechnology
    - Microbial Biotechnology
    - Plant Biotechnology
  - Environmental and Business Economics
    - Business Economics
    - Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
    - Food Industry Economics
    - Food Science and Management Economics
  - Environmental Engineering
    - Students must enroll through the Rutgers School of Engineering
  - Environmental Planning
    - Environmental Geomatics
  - Environmental Science
    - Environmental Health
    - Environmental Science
  - Food Science
    - Food Science Research
    - Food Science and Management
    - General Food Science
    - Pet Food Track
  - Kinesiology and Health
    - Landscape Architecture
    - Marine Sciences
    - Marine Biology/Biological Oceanography
    - Marine Chemistry
    - Marine Geology
    - Physical Oceanography
    - Directed Marine Studies
  - Meteorology
    - Atmospheric Meteorology
    - Environmental Meteorology
    - Climate
  - Microbiology
    - Nutritional Sciences
    - Community Nutrition
    - Dietetics
    - Food Service Administration
    - Nutrition
    - Food and Business
  - Plant Biology
    - General Plant Biology
    - Horticulture and Turf Industry
    - Horticulture Therapy Specialization
    - Public Health
  - Companion Animal Science
  - Production Animal Science
  - Equine Science
  - Food Industry Economics
  - Business Economics
  - Agricultural Economics
  - Economics
  - Food Science and Management
  - Economics
  - Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
  - Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behavior
  - Environmental Sciences
  - Environmental Health
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FACULTY

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**EXPERIENCE-BASED EDUCATION**

Students who participate in the Student to Professional Internship Network (SPIN) at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences gain experience related to their course of study or career interests while earning academic credits to fulfill the school’s experience-based education requirement. SPIN is an academic program, so the credits are earned through the completion of academic assignments while the student is involved in part-time or full-time work experience within business, industry, government, or non-profit agencies. Visit SPIN website at sebsspin.rutgers.edu.

Experience-based education may also be achieved through the following:

- Independent Research
- Departmental Internships
- George H. Cook Scholars Program
- Study Abroad (studyabroad.rutgers.edu)
- SEBS International Summer Study Abroad Program (sebs.rutgers.edu/international)
- ARESTY (Research Assistant Program)
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**HONORS PROGRAMS**

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences students graduate from the school with honors on the basis of their final cumulative grade-point average. Three honors programs are available to our students:

1. The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Honors Program admits high school seniors based on their academic record and test scores. Admission is competitive. Students who submit applications by the December 1 Undergraduate Admissions deadline are eligible.

2. The Rutgers Honors College offers invitations to a select group of top students admitted into the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences each year. First-year students in the Honors College, a residential college comprised of students from all university schools, live within the Honors College residence on College Avenue Campus, and in the following years have programming requirements and experiences as a larger honors student community.

3. The George H. Cook Scholars Program is a senior honors thesis program undertaken under the direction of a faculty advisor. Eligible students, in the upper 15% of their class, are invited to join the program in the fall of their junior year. The project is normally undertaken in the last two terms of the senior year but students are encouraged to begin the work as early as possible. Upon completion and acceptance, the student graduates with honors as a George H. Cook Scholar.

**SCIENCE TEACHER EDUCATION**

The Science Teacher Education program is available as a minor course of study for students enrolled at the school. This minor is a prerequisite or "gateway" to a five year study in the university's Graduate School of Education and culminates in a master's degree with New Jersey certification, as a teacher of science or agriculture. For more information, call 848-932-9164 or visit sciencelearning.rutgers.edu.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The Rutgers-New Brunswick campus offers students many opportunities to become involved in co-curricular and extracurricular activities. There are over 400 recognized university-wide student clubs and organizations. There are also school-based activities like the SEBS Governing Council, Designer Genes (Biotechnology), the Veterinary Science Club, or the Fraternity of Alpha Zeta, the school’s honors and service organization. For more information, visit getinvolved.rutgers.edu.

**RECREATION**

Recreation serves as an adjunct to academic pursuits and all students enrolled at the school are encouraged to participate in the wide range of campus recreation/intramural activities. For more information, visit recreation.rutgers.edu.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM**

The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) is designed to provide a network of academic support services for students, especially those who qualify for the State of New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund. Academic workshops, courses, career path development, advising, and seminars are part of the services available. For more information, visit sebseof.rutgers.edu.

**HOUSING**

Options for on-campus housing include residence halls, apartments, suites, learning communities (fulk.rutgers.edu), Helayn Home cooperative living community (ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/helayn-house), and a residential college for women (Douglass Residential College). For housing information, visit ruoncampus.rutgers.edu.

**TUITION AND FEES**

For information pertaining to tuition and fees, visit Office of Student Accounting, Billing and Cashiering at studentabc.rutgers.edu.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
Funding for matriculated Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences students is available in a number of forms: need-based scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study funds administered by the Financial Aid Office (studentaid.rutgers.edu); merit scholarships offered by Rutgers Undergraduate Admissions and the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; and scholarships from sources external to Rutgers University.

To be eligible for federal, state, and Rutgers University needs-based financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. For more information about the school’s scholarship criteria, the application process, and website links, visit us at sebs.rutgers.edu/scholarships.

STUDY ABROAD
Study in English or in another language. Go for a year, a semester, or a summer. Take regular classes, participate in an internship, or even teach in a school, work in a clinic, observe the wildlife, or savor the local cuisine all while earning Rutgers credits. The benefits of world travel are universal. Every destination has a friendly and supportive program director or international office to guide you along the way, helping you to get the most out of your experience. For more information, visit Rutgers Study Abroad at studyabroad.rutgers.edu and the school’s International Programs at sebs.rutgers.edu/international.

TOURS AND INFORMATION
Tour and Information sessions are available throughout the year. Information sessions are conducted by one of the deans in the Office of Academic Programs, followed by a walking tour of the George H. Cook campus conducted by current undergraduate students. To schedule a tour of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences visit sebs.rutgers.edu/tours for available dates. To learn more about university tours, visit admissions.rutgers.edu.

ADMISSIONS
An online application is available on the Rutgers’ Undergraduate Admissions website at admissions.rutgers.edu.

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