

INTERNATIONAL VISITING DOCTORAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) provides opportunities for international doctoral students in public administration to pursue their dissertation research while in residence at Rutgers. International visiting doctoral students should work on projects related to the research interests of SPAA faculty.

The positions of international visiting doctoral students are non-compensated appointments aimed to accommodate the students' dissertation research and enrich the research community of Rutgers SPAA. Students will be provided with access to Rutgers libraries. A workspace in the SPAA building is possible, but not guaranteed, and is based upon availability. International visiting doctoral students are expected to participate in conferences, webinars, and colloquiums held by SPAA. They may also, with permission from the instructor, audit up to two classes in SPAA each semester.

Rutgers SPAA accepts international visiting doctoral students for fall and spring semesters. The length of stay typically ranges from six to twelve months. Applicants must be Ph.D. students in public administration from prestigious universities or institutions worldwide.

REQUIREMENTS

- All international visiting students and scholars coming to the United States, except native English Speakers, are required by the U.S. Department of State to demonstrate English proficiency before a DS-2019 can be issued. Rutgers SPAA requires that international visiting students have standardized test scores equivalent to a TOEFL score of 90 or higher (or an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher). Applicants with no standardized test scores may instead schedule a phone or Skype interview with a SPAA faculty member to assess the applicant's English language proficiency.
- All international students and scholars will be required to carry health insurance at a level equivalent to or greater than the coverage offered at Rutgers for international students/scholars. This health insurance must be compliant with the Affordable Care Act.
- There are two SEVIS fees charged to international visiting scholars for a J-1 visa application.
- Other requirements for J-1 visa application are listed on the website of Rutgers Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISS):
<http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/office-international-student-and-scholar-services/j1-research-scholar-professor-or-short-term-schola>

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the following documents to Professor Yahong Zhang, Director of International Programs by emailing yahongzh@newark.rutgers.edu.

1. Your completed application form

2. Your research proposal (2-3 pages, double spaced) describing the project to be undertaken while in residence at Rutgers
3. A letter of support from your dissertation advisor
4. Your up-to-date curriculum vitae (including a list of your publications)
5. English language proficiency test (if available)

DEADLINES

If you wish to start your visit in the fall semester, please submit your application by February 10. If you wish to start in the spring semester, please submit by September 1 of the prior year.

Rutgers SPAA will contact you with further details and paperwork about your visit if your application is accepted.

EXPECTATIONS

International visiting doctoral students at Rutgers SPAA are expected to:

- 1 Stay at Rutgers for 6-12 months during the term.
- 2 Conduct their dissertation research under supervision of a SPAA faculty member.
- 3 Give a presentation of their work to the Rutgers SPAA community.
- 4 Participate in research activities at Rutgers SPAA, such as conferences, webinars, and colloquiums.