

## **INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

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

The positions of international visiting scholar are non-compensated appointments aimed to accommodate the scholars' research and enrich the research community of Rutgers SPAA. Scholars will be provided with workspace in the SPAA building and access to Rutgers libraries. They are welcome 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 scholars for fall and spring semesters. The length of stay ranges from a couple of weeks to one year.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- All international visiting 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. The Rutgers SPAA international visiting scholars program will give preference to applicants with standardized test scores equivalent to a TOEFL score of 80 or higher (or an IELTS score of 6.0 or higher).
- Applicants with no standardized test scores may instead provide English-proficiency certification from their home institutions. Otherwise, a phone or Skype interview will be arranged 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.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit the following documents to Professor Gregory Porumbescu and Professor Pengju Zhang, Co-Directors of International Programs by emailing [spaa.international@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:spaa.international@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. Your up-to-date curriculum vitae (including a list of your publications)
4. A letter of support with funding sources from the Dean at your home institution
5. English language proficiency test or certification (if available)

**DEADLINES**

If you wish to start your visit in fall semester, please submit your application by February 10. If you wish to start in 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 scholars at Rutgers SPAA are expected to:

- 1 Conduct their research under supervision of a SPAA faculty member, or collaborate with a SPAA faculty member on his/her research.
- 2 Give a presentation of their work to the Rutgers SPAA community.
- 3 Participate in research activities at Rutgers SPAA, such as conferences, webinars and colloquiums.
- 4 Publish about their work at Rutgers during or after their visits.