

Honors Living–Learning Community (HLLC) Parents/Guardians Information Session Fall 2020

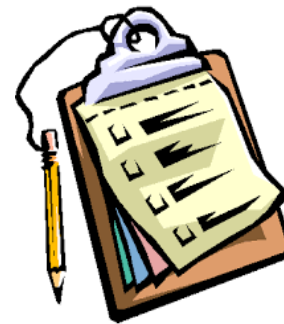


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AGENDA FOR SESSION

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Overview of Today's Event – Student's Activities
3. Overview of the HLLC and Admissions Process
 - a. **What is a Learning Community?**
 - b. **Learn more by visiting our website: <http://hllc.newark.rutgers.edu/>**
4. Importance of Applying for Financial Aid
 - a. **How to Apply and Eligibility**
 - b. **Learn more by visiting website: <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/>**
5. HLLC Residential Scholarship
6. Important Dates to Remember
7. Exploring Campus Life
8. Question & Answers



OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S EVENT

Today, our scholars will...

1. Participate in group activities
2. Be given the opportunity to meet and socialize with the other students who have applied to be a part of the HLLC
3. Meet some of the RU staff and faculty
4. Have a Q&A Forum — to ensure that all questions and/or concerns are addressed
5. Learn about next steps – HLLC Essay and the Personal Interview

OVERVIEW OF LEARNING COMMUNITY

Collaborative **LEARNING COMMUNITIES** provide students with a *small, focused,* and *highly supportive college environment*. The overall goal is to support the student's academic achievement, personal interests, and career goals.

The REWARDS and BENEFITS of a Learning Community:

1. A cohort of students will academically and socially explore their common academic interests together
2. Collaboratively led by a select group of faculty and professional staff
3. Share common academic courses and co-curricular experiences
4. Students will develop a close community of peers to enrich their college experience
5. Opportunities for leadership on and off campus
6. Students will receive personalized academic mentoring and advisement

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The Honors Living-Learning Community

- The Honors Living-Learning Community (HLLC) is a **signature initiative** growing out of the RU-N strategic plan that starts by considering a new notion of talent and excellence.
- Rutgers University–Newark is **committed to exploring bold innovations** that will set new expectations for students from Newark and, by extension, across urban America, to thrive in college.
- Starting with the admissions process, this dynamic living-learning community **will create a pathway and environment that will be inclusive** of students who might be missed by traditional honors admissions processes.

THE HLLC STUDENT

The HLLC cohorts will include students who enroll in postsecondary education immediately following high school graduation and transfer students from any of the 19 NJ county colleges, who have obtained an associate's degree.

Examples of HLLC students include:

- ✓ High school graduates
- ✓ First-generation college students
- ✓ Transfer students
- ✓ Veterans
- ✓ General Education Development (GED) recipients
- ✓ Financially independent students

CHARACTERISTICS of an **HLLC STUDENT**...

- The HLLC student is resilient, hardworking, determined and ready to succeed
- The HLLC student is interested in community and civic engagement
- HLLC students are open to explore new ideas and experiences
- An HLLC student is excited about putting their academic lessons into action through meaningful work and partnerships in the City of Newark and beyond.

HLLC PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Applying for the HLLC. Easy as 1-2-3

1. Complete the online [University Admissions Application](#)
2. Sign up for a Large Group Interview (email notifications are sent to all applicants that select an RU-N school)
3. Complete the supplemental application before 1st interview
4. Students selected for the second round of personal interviews will also complete the HLLC essay

INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

- Group interview
- Personal interview with two faculty/staff members

ORIENTATION REQUIREMENT

- Required to attend the HLLC Orientation/Retreat usually held at the end of August/ early September

FACULTY AND STAFF MENTOR REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to meet with mentors and HLLC Deans
- Mentor cohort dinners/lunches during the academic school year

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Maintain full-time enrollment (at least 12 credits per fall/spring semester)
- Reside in HLLC residential spaces
- Maintain satisfactory scholastic standing (GPA of at least a 2.5)
- Adhere to HLLC curriculum requirements - Scholars will pursue a Second Concentration through the Honors Living-Learning Community. At minimum, Scholars must enroll in at least one HLLC course per term until completion of the Second Concentration

FEATURES of the HLLC

2020-2021 Cohort Model — 80 Scholars

- **Reimagining what honors means**
 - It's not just the test or the score, it's about evaluating the student as a whole.
 - Exploring our Anchor Mission
 - What it means to be a global citizen of the City of Newark. Academic/community outreach and enrichment that explores community and civic responsibilities.
- **Open to first year and transfer students**
 - Wisdom is seeing and understanding life as a whole. The people we encounter will introduce us to life's lessons and invite us to grow wiser as we mature.
- **Residential Experience**
 - Approximately 85% of U.S. college students opt to stay on campus.

Wrap around student services and co-curricular opportunities

- Leadership training
- Service learning projects
- International and domestic service learning opportunities

Block scheduling – living and learning together:

- HLLC offers an innovative curriculum that is interdisciplinary, engaging all sectors of the University. The HLLC curriculum will intentionally intersect with Scholars' curriculum in their major, fostering a greater breadth of knowledge acquisition and engagement, which in turn facilitates college persistence, retention, and success.
- Scholars must enroll in at least one HLLC course per term until completion of the Second Concentration

HLLC CURRICULUM

- 18 Credits
- Satisfies **Second Concentration Requirement**
- Shared interdisciplinary curriculum
- Theme: “**Local Citizenship in a Global World**”
 - Promotes *critical intellectual inquiry*
 - Increases *cultural competence*
 - Explores what it means to be a *responsible citizen, both locally and globally*
- Brings together students, faculty, and community partners to address some of our nation’s most complex social issues

HLLC COURSES



Race & Ethnicity In Multicultural Societies

Faculty: **Melissa M. Valle**

Explores the often complex and misunderstood topics of race and ethnicity and challenges students to think critically about the sociological dimensions of race, ethnicity and their influence on identity, racial categorization, and interlocking systems of oppression.



Portraits of Climate Inequalities

Faculty: **William Garcia**

In collaboration with the Humanities Action Lab, this course explores local stories about environmental justice and climate change through documentary video techniques and personal explorations of people. The class specifically focuses on the current water crisis in Newark and its surrounding areas.



Community Filmmaking

Faculty: **Yvonne Shirley**

By utilizing non-fiction storytelling, specifically, documentary filmmaking, as a tool of protest, resistance, and empowerment for marginalized communities, students are introduced to research and development practices involved in community-centered documentary filmmaking.



Entrepreneurship Practicum

Faculty: **Ted Baker**

Through the engagement and supporting of local ventures – especially social impact and justice oriented ventures – provides students with the opportunity to learn and apply fundamental skills and knowledge for starting and nurturing new organizations.

HLLC

Specialized Pathways and Programs

Opportunities for scholars to cultivate their leadership and professional skills, receive mentorship, engage in dynamic courses and fortify their pathway to successful pursuits of advanced degrees and professional careers.

- **BOLD Women's Leadership Network:** cohort-based leadership and career development program for transfer students who identify as women.
- **Price-Humanities Scholars Program:** specialized academic pathway program that identifies, cultivates and supports HLLC scholars' (*sophomores and juniors*) interest in pursuing graduate degrees and careers in public and traditional humanities fields.
- **PSEG-STEAM Scholars Program:** Funded by the PSEG Foundation - supports HLLC Scholars (*sophomores and juniors*) pursuing academic majors in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math.
- **Prudential Scholars Program:** Funded by the Prudential Foundation - supports incoming HLLC students from Newark who have a keen interest in community development through urban social entrepreneurship.

The Honors College

Traditional honors college

- Curious, Motivated students
- GPA and application
- [19 credit minor within SASN](#)
- 200 students
 - Diverse, First Generation
 - Residential and commuters
 - Members of SASN, SPAA, SCJ, and RBS

Application process

- New students are invited to apply via email
- Must complete a short application; 3 short essay questions about goals & priorities

Benefits

- Conduct original faculty-mentored undergraduate research
- Prepares students for graduate studies at top universities, nationally competitive fellowships and scholarships
- Prepare students for leadership roles in the public and private sectors



Mussab Ali

- Truman Scholarship (2017)
- Schwartzman Scholar (2018)

Nuhu Osman Attah (2018)

- University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D. in History and Philosophy in Neuroscience

B. Khan and A. Torres

- Atlantis Project Fellowship to study global healthcare
- Gilman Scholarship to study abroad in Milan, Italy in Summer 2018

Contact information

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Other Scholar Programs at RU-N

- [BA/MD](#)

- <https://tinyurl.com/RUNBAMDINFO>
- 7 year program
- November 1 application deadline
- Interviews will begin early January



- [Pre-Health](#)

- <https://tinyurl.com/RUNPREHEALTH>
- Check list at website



- [Pre-Law](#)

- <https://tinyurl.com/RUNPRELAW>
- Information is on the website
- Suggested class; summer opportunities
- Information on Legal Studies minor



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THE IMPORTANCE OF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

All students at Rutgers University–Newark are strongly encouraged to apply for financial aid assistance to help finance their educational goals.

TO APPLY:

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually for federal, state, and institutional aid assistance
- Completing and processing the FAFSA is **FREE**
- If filing FAFSA on the Web, make sure you go directly to: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- All candidates who file the FAFSA are automatically considered for all federal, state, and institutional funds for which they may be eligible

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Schedule an appointment to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor

249 University Avenue
Blumenthal Hall, Room 302
Newark, New Jersey 07102-1896

phone: 973-353-5151

fax: 973-353-5057

e-mail: newark_aid@ofa.rutgers.edu

Basic **ELIGIBILITY** Requirements Federal Student Financial Aid

1. U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens with a valid Social Security Number (SSN)
2. Working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program
3. Show you are qualified to obtain a postsecondary education (high school diploma, GED, passed an approved ability-to-benefit test)
4. Register with Selective Service (male students between the ages of 18 - 25)

NJ State Aid for Dreamers

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application allows undocumented students enrolled in eligible New Jersey colleges and universities to apply for state financial aid at:

<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx>

Who should complete this application?

1. Complete this application if you are **not** a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen and meet all of the following criteria;
2. Attended a New Jersey high school for at least three (3) years
3. Graduated from a New Jersey high school **or** received the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey
4. Registered for Selective Service (male students only)
5. Are able to file an affidavit stating that you will file an application to legalize your immigration status **or** will file an application as soon you are eligible to do so

HLLC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

All HLLC students are required to apply for financial aid assistance to help finance their educational goals. Regardless of financial need, all students selected for HLLC receive a Residential Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- Renewal for 4 academic school years – 8 semesters (First Year Students)
- Renewal for 2 academic school years – 4 semesters (Transfer Students)
- Students **must** apply for financial aid by all stated deadlines
- Adhere to all financial aid requirements/policies to maintain financial aid eligibility
- Student must be in good academic standing
- Scholarship will be awarded in the financial aid package. The scholarship is awarded after all federal, state, and institutional/external scholarships and grants are offered
- If funding permits, all students are offered a \$500 book voucher (\$250 per fall/spring semester)

SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE

- Scholarship covers the cost of Rutgers University–Newark residential housing and meal plan only.
- Scholarship is not transferable to any other Rutgers University campus (e.g New Brunswick, RBHS, or Camden)

RU-N SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MERIT Scholarships – These scholarships are only offered during the Fall Admissions cycle

- Chancellor’s Scholarship (First Year and Transfer)
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarship (Transfer only)
- Rutgers - James Dickson Carr Scholarship (First Year only)
- BA/MD Presidential Scholarship (First Year only)

NEED Based Scholarships

- **The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) II**
 - A continuation of NJ STARS and provides eligible NJ STARS students attending NJ community colleges with funding (up to \$1,250 per semester) to transfer to a NJ four-year university to earn a bachelor’s degree.
- **RUN to the TOP**
 - Newark Resident and/or NJCC Associate Degree holders with adjust gross income (AGI) of 60k or less
 - Open to both First Year and Transfer students
- **National Dream.US (Temporary Protected Status or DACA and DACA eligible only)**
 - Scholarship application available as of November 2019

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- RU-N specific scholarships are not transferable to any other Rutgers University campus (e.g New Brunswick, RBHS, or Camden)

RU-N to the TOP SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

- Covers undergraduate *mandatory* in-state tuition and fees
- The award is applied after federal, state, internal, and external scholarships have been offered

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- All Newark residents who gain admission and whose household adjusted gross income (AGI) is \$60,000 or less.
- Admitted students who are transferring to RU-N after earning an associate's degree from a New Jersey county college, with a household AGI of \$60,000 or less
- Must be eligible for in state tuition charges
- No additional application required except for a FAFSA. Scholarship determination is made at the time of admittance

<https://admissions.newark.rutgers.edu/paying-for-college/ru-n-top>

Financial Aid Timeline

DATES	ITEM
October-December	<p>October 1: 2020-2021 FASFA goes live</p> <p>December 1: Priority filing date to be considered for maximum funding</p>
January-February	Notification: Financial Aid Award letters are sent out (via email)
March-April	<p>March: review award letter and plan for educational finances</p> <p>April 18: Admitted Student Day</p>
May	May 1: National College Decision Day
June	RU-N check-in: follow-up with the Office of Financial Aid to ensure that all required documentation has been submitted and that you are ready for September
July	Term bill: statements are available for Fall semester
August	Term bill due: due dates are indicated on term bill
September	September 1, 2020 (before Labor Day)
October	October 1: 2021-2022 FASFA Priority Deadline to reapply

FIRST-YEAR HLLC DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 9, 10, 11, 15, 16: Large Group Interviews (first-year students only)• Week of January 31: Email notification to students who will proceed onto the Personal Interviews in February
February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 4,6,10, & 12: Personal Interviews (first-year students only)• Week of February 28: HLLC Selection Notifications sent out
April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 8: HLLC Scholars Day• April 18: RU-N Admitted Student Day – Need Confirmation
May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 1: Admitted student acceptance day
August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 26: HLLC Move-In• August 27 & 28: HLLC Retreat
September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 1: Start of the academic school year• September 2: Convocation 2020

Housing and Residence Life



Focal Points

- Over 2,100 Residents
- Resident Assistants on every floor
- 24-Hour security at all entrances
- ShopRite Home Delivery
- Proximity to academic buildings
- Proximity to major transportation systems
- 24-Hour quiet community

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(across the street from Center from Law & Justice and Annabelle)***

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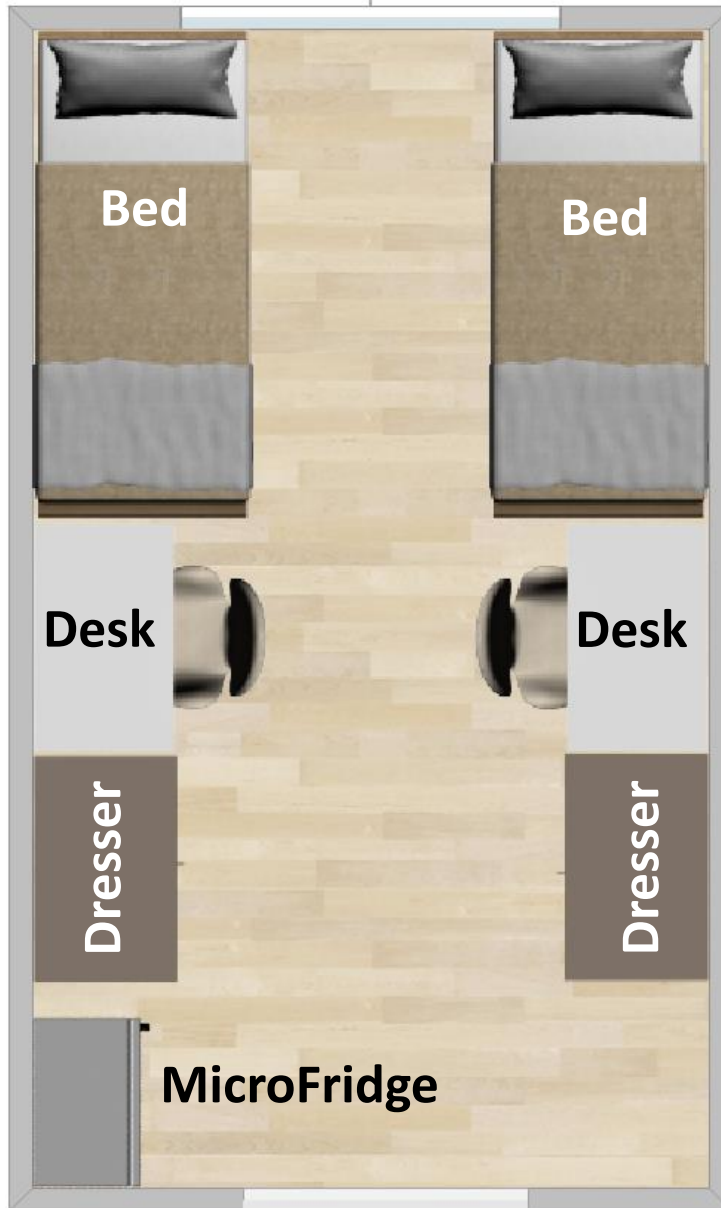
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Parking Deck on Linden Street

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Floor Plan



Building Highlights:

- Double bedrooms (shared)
- Community Bathrooms
- HLLC Staff Offices
- Residence Life Staff
- Academic and Social Spaces
- Laundry Room
- Global Piazza
- Retail Space

Housing and Residence Life



Meal Plan

- ✓ First-Year Scholars will receive the HLLC15 Meal* Plan which includes:
 - Weekly meal swipes at *all you can eat* Stonsby Commons
 - \$175 Raider Dollars to be used at on-campus eateries and surrounding local businesses (Halal Guys, Qdoba, Whole Foods, Subway, etc.)

Housing and Residence Life



Important Information

Priority Deadlines for Housing Application May 15, 2020

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Rutgers Housing and Residence Life website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://oncampus.rutgers.edu/hmswebstudent/ApplyPref.asp?Function=6984&PageName=ApplyPref4. The page header features the Rutgers logo and the text "Housing and Residence Life" and "JERSEY ROOTS, GLOBAL REACH". The main content area is titled "EOF/Financial Aid/Scholarship Information" and includes a breadcrumb trail: "Henry Rutgers > Roommate Preference". A message states: "If you are an EOF or full Financial Aid or full Scholarship recipient, the \$200.00 housing deposit is waived." Below this, a section titled "Financial Aid Status" asks the user to select one of the following options: "I do not fall into the above categories. I will be required to pay the nonrefundable \$200.00 housing deposit when submitting my agreement." (highlighted in blue), "I have received a full financial aid award. My deposit will be waived.", "I have received a full scholarship. My deposit will be waived.", "I am an EOF student. My deposit will be waived.", and "I do not fall into the above categories. I will be required to pay the nonrefundable \$200.00 housing deposit when submitting my agreement." (highlighted in blue). A "Next >" button is visible below the options. The footer of the page reads "Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey".

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP!

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