# POINTS OF RUTGERS PRIDE




## DISTINCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

**FOUNDED IN 1766,** Rutgers is the sole university in the United States that is a colonial college, a land-grant institution, and a leading national public research university.

**MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES,** comprised of just 73 research universities throughout North America.

**30+ GRADUATE PROGRAMS** among the nation's top 25. *–U.S. News & World Report*

**TOP PRODUCER OF FULBRIGHT GRANTS** 15 times in the past two decades.

**BIG TEN ACADEMIC ALLIANCE MEMBER,** enabling access to elite cross-institutional research initiatives.

**THE NATION'S FIRST INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL GAME** was played between Rutgers and Princeton on November 6, 1869. Rutgers wins 6–4.

**TRIPLE TOP 50 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**
*–U.S. News & World Report, 2026*

**#14**
**IN THE NATION**
Rutgers–New Brunswick

**#32**
**IN THE NATION**
Rutgers–Newark

**#43**
**IN THE NATION**
Rutgers–Camden

## ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

**FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS:** One-third of all first-year undergraduates are first-generation.

**RUTGERS FUTURE SCHOLARS:** Promising students from Rutgers' hometowns receive five years of precollege support. Those who complete the program and are accepted attend Rutgers tuition-free. A national model for 15 years, this program has empowered 3,500 first-generation New Jersey students.

**REMOVING BARRIERS:** Three programs—Bridging the Gap, RU-N to the Top, and Scarlet Guarantee—offer income-based financial aid that helps cover in-state tuition and fees.

**A LEADER IN SOCIAL MOBILITY**
*–U.S. News & World Report, 2026*

**#6**
**IN THE NATION**
Rutgers–Newark

**#16**
**IN THE NATION**
Rutgers–Camden

**#3**
**IN THE BIG TEN**
Rutgers–New Brunswick

**$13M+**
**IN LICENSING REVENUE**

**235**
**NEW INVENTIONS**

**120**
**ACTIVE START-UPS**
(11 launched in 2026)

## A RESEARCH POWERHOUSE

**$923 MILLION RESEARCH ENGINE:** Rutgers brings over $920 million in research grants and sponsored programs annually. (FY 2026)

**A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STANDOUT:** $873 million in annual research and development expenditures, more than any other New Jersey university, according to the latest NSF data.

**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SPONSORSHIPS:** Rutgers received $631.7M in federal grants, as well as $126.3M from the State of New Jersey, $107.3M from corporations, and $58.1M from foundations, associations, and other partnerships in FY26.



**TOP 40 U.S. UNIVERSITY FOR PATENTS**

*–U.S. News & World Report, 2025*

**#33**
**IN THE NATION**

**69**
**U.S. PATENTS IN 2025**

**#52**
**WORLDWIDE**
Top University Patents List for over a decade

## RUTGERS INNOVATIONS

**LUMBER FROM RECYCLED PLASTIC,** invented by Rutgers engineer Tom Nosker, is used all over the world in bridges, railway ties, and other structures.

**CRANBERRY AND BLUEBERRY VARIETALS,** found in many national fruit-based products and developed and Rutgers' Marucci Center.

**IMPOSSIBLE BURGER,** a meat-free alternative to the ground beef patty, established at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center.

**THE RUTGERS TOMATO,** an annual home gardener and New Jersey farmer favorite.

**DISEASE-RESISTANT OYSTERS,** helping to save the industry by increasing oyster populations and minimizing the effects of over-fishing, pollution, and new diseases.

**STREPTOMYCIN,** the first effective treatment for tuberculosis, discovered by Nobel Prize-winning Professor Selman Waksman and his graduate students, including Albert Schatz.

**TURFGRASS,** developed by Rutgers plant biologist C. Reed Funk, is an American staple found at iconic venues such as the White House, Yankee Stadium, and the majority of World Cup 2026 stadiums.

**RISK TERRAIN MODELING,** which makes communities safer by using data and technology to analyze and forecast high-crime areas, resulting in a 30% reduction in crime.

**THE BEAST,** Rutgers' Bridge Evaluation and Accelerated Structural Testing Facility, the world's only full-scale bridge laboratory, gather data on how extreme weather and traffic weaken a bridge's structural integrity.



## OUTSTANDING HEALTH CARE

Rutgers delivers the advantages of academic health care—research, clinical trials, the latest technology, and specialists—across 2.8 million patient visits annually in partnership with RWJBarnabas Health.

**RUTGERS CANCER INSTITUTE:** New Jersey's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, partnering with RWJBarnabas Health, and the Jack & Sheryl Morris Cancer Center, the state's only freestanding cancer hospital, provide premier research and cancer care.

**HELIX INNOVATION DISTRICT:** This state-of-the-art innovation district—a public-private partnership—represents the largest investment in life sciences in New Jersey's history and is the future home of Rutgers' medical school and translational sciences.

**WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM:** As New Jersey's exclusive CDC clinic, Rutgers provides essential long-term medical monitoring and care for first responders and clean-up workers still affected by the 9/11 attacks 25 years later.

**2.3**
**MILLION**
Patient Visits Annually

**1.3K+**
Paient Care Providers

**980+**
Ongoing Clinical Trials

## ONLY AT RUTGERS

**RUCOOL [THE CENTER FOR OCEAN OBSERVING LEADERSHIP]** develops ocean sensor technologies. The first circumnavigation of the globe by an undersea robot is underway, shedding light on hurricanes, climate science, and more.

**THE INSTITUTE OF JAZZ STUDIES,** part of Rutgers University Libraries, features what is considered the most comprehensive archive of jazz and jazz-related materials in the world.

**ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM,** one of the largest university-based museums in the country, features world-class collections and community programming, with free admission for all.

**THE PROTEIN DATA BANK (PDB)** is the world's only open-access, 3D digital archive for proteins, DNA, and RNA. PDB structures enabled the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for computational protein design and protein structure prediction.

**THE AMAREL SUPERCOMPUTER** performs over 500 trillion mathematical operations per second, powering innovation in disease prediction, galaxy discovery, and sea-level rise prediction.



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