Rutgers English Diversity Institute (REDI)
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

The Institute

This week-long program at the flagship New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University is designed to encourage students from diverse cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds to consider graduate study in English. Students will spend their days learning about the different subfields in English and American literature, and emerging fields and approaches, from faculty who are at the vanguard of these developments. Current graduate students will supervise Institute students and offer advice and assistance regarding the graduate school application process, both informally and as part of a formal application workshop. The Institute will cover travel and living expenses for the duration of the program and provide a stipend to each student of $750.

Eligibility

Students who are in their junior year or later are encouraged to apply; recent graduates who intend to pursue graduate study are also welcome. Those already enrolled in a graduate program are not eligible. Students should exhibit good academic standing and be interested in pursuing the study of English Literature as a career.

How to Apply

All applications (including supporting documents) should be submitted electronically to redi@english.rutgers.edu no later than February 25, 2020. While we prefer to receive all materials electronically, if necessary hard copies of supporting documents may be mailed to:

Rutgers English Diversity Institute
Department of English
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
510 George Street, Murray Hall
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1167

Responsibilities

Students agree to participate fully in the REDI program, by attending all lectures, workshops, and discussion groups. Students are also subject to the rules and regulations of Rutgers University.

Selection

Up to fifteen students from around the country will be selected based on a comprehensive review process. Academic records, personal statements, academic writing samples, and faculty recommendations will all be evaluated.
Completed applications should be submitted electronically to redi@rutgers.edu no later than **February 25, 2020**. Submit all materials, except recommendation letters and transcripts, as attachments to the same email. Please only submit .doc, .docx, or .pdf files. Recommendation letters and transcripts should be sent directly to the REDI email address by the professor or institution. If hard copies must be sent, they should be mailed to:

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**I. Personal Information**

Name:
Permanent Address:
_______________________________________________________________________________

Phone number: (main) (other)
School Email: _____________________________________________________________________________
Permanent Email: __________________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth: Place of Birth:
Citizenship:
Gender identity:
Ethnic Heritage (check all that apply):

__ Black or African American
__ American Indian
__ Asian/Pacific Islander
__ Latino/a
__ Native of Alaska/Hawai‘i

__ White/Caucasian
__ Other (Mixed race, etc.)
Please Specify: __________________________

Are you a student with a disability? Yes __ No __
If yes, please describe your disability and note any necessary accommodations you require.
How did you hear about the REDI program?

II. Education
Current College/University:

College/University Address:

Date Enrolled: Projected Graduation Date:

Previous College/University Attended (if applicable):

High School:

High School Address:

Current Major/Concentration:

Cumulative GPA: Major GPA:
For this section, add a separate page if necessary:

Please list any honors, awards, or other recognition received while in college:
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Please list any significant extracurricular or work experiences for your college career:
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Please list all English courses taken, with grades achieved. For current courses, estimate grades.
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Please list any graduate programs to which you have already applied. Please indicate if you have accepted, and note what year and semester you plan to matriculate:
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Please list any REDI-type programs, which you have attended or will be attending (include dates):
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III. Additional Materials

A) Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member at your current college/university who is sponsoring your application. Recommendations should be on university letterhead, signed, and emailed directly to the Rutgers English Diversity Institute at redi@english.rutgers.edu. Please provide contact information for your letter writers below.
1) **Name of Faculty Sponsor:**

Department:

College/University:

College/University Address:

Email Address: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________________

2) **Name of Additional Reference:**

Department:

College/University:

College/University Address:

Email Address: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________________

B) Write a brief essay (500–750 words) on your academic and professional goals. This program is designed to encourage students from diverse cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds to consider graduate study in English. How do you imagine that your particular background and life experience will contribute to the field of English literary studies?

C) Please submit an academic writing sample (typically a 7–15pp paper you wrote for an English class).

D) Please request that an official copy of your most recent transcript be emailed to redi@english.rutgers.edu. If only physical copies of official transcripts can be provided, they may be mailed to:

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My signature below indicates that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given on this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature: Date:

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