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“Rutgers MSW program provided me with the foundation and tools I needed to launch my career. They were there for me both as a student and as a professional through continuing education workshops.”

—Tawanda Hubbard ’15, Private Practitioner, Clinical Supervisor, Consultant, Field Instructor, Trainer, NASW-NJ President-Elect, and Rutgers DSW Candidate

“Rutgers SSW was an excellent fit for me. I was able to work full-time, and study part-time, which was what my family needed. And I loved integrating what I learned in my MSW program with my work in the disability field.”

—Susan Parrish ’94, Nancy Lurie Marks Professor of Disability Policy and director of the Lurie Institute for Disability at Brandeis University

“The strength of the dual program is that each degree complements the other. The relationship and collaboration skills I learned in the social work courses have impacted me daily on the job.”

—Kyle Smiddie NLAW’11, SSW’11, attorney at the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
There has never been a better time or place to enter the field of social work. As of May 2014, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that New Jersey was home to more than 12,000 professional social workers and they earned annual average wages that were much higher than human services professionals in other areas of the country. Depending on the area of specialization, social workers in New Jersey earned an annual average salary between $35,930 and $70,740.

With increased growth in the healthcare and social service industries, national statistics also show that the social work profession is poised to grow by 12% through 2024. This makes social work one of the fastest growing professions in the country!

Graduates of Rutgers MSW are well prepared to take advantage of the many areas of opportunity in the human service industry. By taking advantage of one-of-a-kind certificate programs, specializations, and areas of emphasis, Rutgers students are able to set themselves apart from their competitors in the professional world.

If you are already a professional working in the field, a MSW degree expands the range of positions available to you and can increase your earning potential by 25% or more. Many MSW students also seek licensure and expand their opportunities in the areas of clinical social work, private practice, and public policy administration. All of this, combined with the profound satisfaction of a career that allows you to impact lives and communities each and every day. Are you ready to invest in your MSW?

At Rutgers, you receive a world-class university education without the big-ticket price tag. Most students, however, still need advice about how to finance their education. From financial aid to scholarships to graduate assistantships, Rutgers wants to help.

Merit and Need-Based Aid

Scholarships and Assistantships

The Rutgers School of Social Work awards over $400,000 in annual funding to current students. Newly-admitted students are automatically considered for Excellence Scholarships based on the academic, achievement and personal and professional qualities presented in their application. The total amount awarded can range from $6,000 to $10,000 for the MSW program.

Research assistantships and graduate assistantships are also offered through the School. These positions average six hours of work each week and are available in a variety of settings including research centers, student services, and academic program support. Once admitted to the school, you will be contacted about positions available to you.

Many graduate students also receive fellowships funded by sources outside of the university. Apply for externally-funded fellowships and scholarships as early as possible. Below are some resources to explore additional internal and external funding:

GradFund: gradfund.rutgers.edu/learn/awards/intra_ext_funding.php
Rutgers fellowships: gradstudy.rutgers.edu/financial/fellowships
Petersons: www.petersons.com/graduate-schools/graduate-school-scholarships.aspx

Financial Aid

A large percentage of Rutgers students receive financial aid, including grants, loans, and employment. No matter which campus you choose for your studies, the New Brunswick Office of Financial Aid will be your resource for all loan or aid-related questions.

New Brunswick Office of Financial Aid
Phone: 732-932-7057
Fax: 732-932-7358
Rutgers Federal School Code: 002629

In addition to federal funding, there are many options for assistance, including private loans. Explore additional funding opportunities on the Office of Financial Aid’s Outside Scholarships page at financialaid.rutgers.edu/types-of-aid/scholarship/outside-scholarships/.

Public Service employers may also qualify for loan forgiveness programs. For more information about these programs, visit www.studentaid.gov.

Below is a summary of tuition charges per semester for the 2016-2017 academic year. This chart does not include mandatory fees, which vary by program and number of credits taken. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Current rates and Rutgers tuition calculator can be found at studentabc.rutgers.edu.

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*A $100 fee is charged for each online courses taken as part of the Blended and Traditional MSW programs.

** Depending on program, mandatory fees per semester range from approximately $375 to $1,048.

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