EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report serves as a resource about Rice’s international degree-seeking students, as well as information on exchanges and visiting students. Information about international scholars, who come to Rice as researchers, faculty members, short-term lecturers, and visiting research students is also included. All reported students and scholars are non-immigrants and must be tracked and reported on through the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS).

A “snapshot” view was taken for this report (09/12/2012 for students; 07/01/2012 for scholars), as the numbers are ever-changing throughout the year. The most recent International Education (IIE) Open Doors report published for 2010-2011 and NAFSA Public Policy page (Source: 2010 Open Doors Report, http://www.iie.org/opendoors and http://www.nafsa.org/eis) serve as primary references. Information not included in this report: 1) Rice Intensive English students and 2) Special international guests and international delegations.

In sum, Rice’s international community has continued to grow significantly over the last few years. In the past year alone, the OISS offered services to an overall population of over 2575 internationals. Rice has seen an incredible growth in the number of international applicants, offering the unique opportunity to select from the best and the brightest from around the globe. International students represent just over 20% of the overall student population, providing a vibrant and diverse student body. Other significant changes include the high expansion of the scholar population, which has welcomed unique groups of visitors who pursue and collaborate with Rice faculty to achieve academic excellence.

FAST FACTS FOR RICE IN FALL 2012

- Degree-seeking international students = 1288
- Undergraduate international students = 390
- Graduate international students = 898
- Percentage of total degree-seeking student population that is international = 20.12%
- Percentage of undergraduate population that is international = 10.75%
- Percentage of graduate population that is international = 35.3%
- Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2011-2012 academic year = 698
- Multiple international delegations and special international visitors are hosted at Rice throughout the year. This data is not included in this report.
- Total international population at Rice = 2575

NOTE: The student figures above do not include international non-degree exchange students and visiting students.

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Who are the internationals at Rice University?

- The OISS is responsible for tracking, reporting, and providing services for over 2575+ internationals at Rice.

- This is a 4% increase from last year.

**TOTAL INTERNATIONAL POPULATION**

OISS provided services for over 2575 internationals in 2012.
Rice international community represents 103 countries/regions

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**Total International Population at Rice**

Total population = 2575

- Graduate Students = 898 (35%)
- Undergrad Students = 390 (15%)
- Exchange & Visiting Students = 98 (4%)
- Research Scholars/Faculty = 698 (27%)
- Dependent* = 276 (11%)
- Practical Training = 215 (8%)

**Population Growth**

**Rice internationals not included in chart:**
- Dependents on H-4, B-2, TD, L-2
- Prospective incoming students = 350
- Prospective research scholar/faculty prospects = 45

*Student data from 09/12/2012
*Scholar data from 07/01/2012
International Student Enrollment Trends at Rice University

- Overall international student population increased 7.9% from last year.
- The overall international student population at Rice rose by 95% in the last 10 years, and over 178% in the last 15 years.

Degree-Seeking International Student Population Growth at Rice (1998-2012)

Rice degree-seeking international students = 1288
New International Student Enrollment for Fall 2012

- New international student enrollment at Rice increased by 6.8%. The number of new international graduate students for Fall 2012 increased, while the number of new international undergraduate students remained about the same.

- We are in the seventh semester of growth, in response to Rice’s Vision for the Second Century (V2C). Since Fall 2008, the overall international undergraduate student population has increased by an extraordinary 92%.

Total new undergraduate international students = 108

Total new graduate international students (includes MBAs) = 282
New International Undergraduate Student Population Growth

- The incoming international undergraduate class has almost doubled over the past 5 years.

New International Undergraduate Student Population Composition

- Percentage of New Undergraduate Class that is International*

New international students make up 10.75% of the Fall 2012 undergraduate class. Total number of new Fall 2012 undergraduate international students = 108
How International is Rice University?

- Rice is not only increasing in total international student numbers, but also is increasing in the percentage of the student body that is international. The growth in the international student body over the last 25 years is astounding, thanks in large part to the recent internationalization efforts of the Vision for the Second Century.

**Percentage of Rice Enrollment that is International (1987-2012)**

*Student data from 09/12/2012*

*International students make up just over 20% of the degree-seeking student population.*
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**IS**: International degree-seeking students (non-immigrants only)

**IS%**: Percentage of Rice student population that is, or was, international

* Totals do not include visiting international students

** Data based on 12th day reporting statistics by the Registrar’s office, as well as SEVIS reporting data on 9/12/2012.

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**International students make up 10.75% of the undergraduate student population.**

**International students make up 35.3% of the graduate student population.**
Where do international students at Rice University come from?

- International students at Rice represent 86 countries/regions.
- Underrepresented regions of the world at Rice are Africa and the Middle East.
- Over two-thirds of all Rice international students come from Asia.

All six habitable continents of the world are represented at Rice.
## Enrollment by Regions of the World

### Africa: 26
- Eastern Africa
  - Kenya
- Central Africa
  - Cameroon
  - Rwanda
- North Africa
  - Egypt
  - Morocco
  - Tunisia
- Southern Africa
  - Botswana
  - Lesotho
  - Madagascar
  - South Africa
  - Zimbabwe
- Western Africa
  - Ghana
  - Nigeria

### Asia: 932
- East Asia
  - China
  - Hong Kong
  - Japan
  - Korea
  - Taiwan R.O.C.
  - Vietnam
- South & Central Asia
  - Bangladesh
  - India
  - Nepal
  - Pakistan
  - Sri Lanka
  - Tajikistan
  - Uzbekistan
- Southeast Asia
  - Indonesia
  - Malaysia
  - Singapore
  - Thailand
- Middle East: 81
  - Cyprus
  - Iran
  - Israel
  - Jordan
  - Kazakhstan
  - Lebanon
  - Palestinian Authority
  - Saudi Arabia
  - Turkey
  - United Arab Emirates

### Europe: 93
- Eastern Europe
  - Albania
  - Azerbaijan
  - Belarus
  - Bulgaria
  - Kosovo
  - Macedonia
  - Poland
  - Romania
  - Russia
  - Serbia
  - Slovenia
  - Ukraine
  - Western Europe
    - Austria
    - Finland
    - France
    - Germany
    - Greece
    - Ireland
    - Italy
    - Norway
    - Portugal
    - Spain
    - Sweden
    - United Kingdom

### America: 146
- Caribbean
  - Antigua and Barbuda
  - Jamaica
  - Trinidad & Tobago
- Central America/Mexico
  - Costa Rica
  - Ecuador
  - El Salvador
  - Guatemala
  - Honduras
  - Mexico
  - Nicaragua
  - Panama
- South America
  - Argentina
  - Bolivia
  - Brazil
  - Chile
  - Colombia
  - Peru
  - Uruguay
  - Venezuela
- North America
  - Canada
- Oceania: 10
  - Australia
  - New Zealand

### Overall International Student (Graduate and Undergraduate) Information

- **Asia:** 73%
- **Europe:** 11%
- **Africa:** 2%
- **Middle East:** 6%
- **Oceania:** 1%
- **America:** 7%
Overall International Student (Graduate and Undergraduate) Information

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TOTAL: 1288
UG = Undergraduate
GR = Graduate (including MBA)

Did you know?
... International students make up 20% of the overall Rice population.
... We had 698 foreign visitors and scholars conducting research and lecturing at Rice during the past year.
... Rice international students and scholars represent 103 countries/regions.

Enrolled non-immigrant degree-seeking students: 1288
Graduate international students: 898
Undergraduate international students: 390
Exchange (yearly) students: 47
Visiting international students: 40
New international students for Fall 2012: 390

*Numbers as of 9/2/2012*
Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment

- The overall graduate international student population increased by 8.6% from last year. **Total graduate internationals = 898**

- Similarly, the overall undergraduate international student population increased by 6.3% from last year. **Total undergraduate internationals = 390**

Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment (1987-2012)

*GR = Graduate  
UG = Undergraduate

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Fall 2006

- **GR = 83%**  
- **UG = 17%**

Fall 2009

- **GR = 73%**  
- **UG = 27%**

Fall 2012

- **GR = 70%**  
- **UG = 30%**

* GR = Graduate  
UG = Undergraduate

*Student data from 09/12/2012*
**Undergraduate International Student Snapshot**

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international undergraduates over the past 10 years by 279%.

**Undergraduate International Student Total Enrollment (2003 - 2012)**

International students make up **10.1%** of the total undergraduate population.

*Total number of undergraduate international students = 390*
Graduate International Student Snapshot

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international graduates over the past 10 years by 57%. (Note: The latest graduate total includes an MBA population of 107, including professional and executive programs).

Graduate International Student Total Enrollment (2003-2012)

Percentage of Overall Graduates that are International (2003-2012)

Total number of graduate international students = 898
International students make up 35.3% of the graduate population.
Which countries/regions have the greatest representation at Rice for Fall 2012?

**Rice's International Graduate Student Population**

- China: 391
- India: 125
- Mexico: 36
- Korea, South: 35
- Iran: 29
- Turkey: 29
- Taiwan: 27
- Canada: 23
- Colombia: 10
- Romania: 10
- Russia: 10

**Rice's International Undergraduate Student Population**

- China: 199
- Korea, South: 67
- Canada: 23
- India: 16
- United Kingdom: 9
- Taiwan: 9
- Turkey: 6
- Singapore: 6
- Malaysia: 4
- Germany: 4

**Brasil@Rice and Rice's Exchange Student Population**

- Brazil: 8
- China: 6
- United Kingdom: 2
- Singapore: 2
- Mexico: 2
- Korea, South: 2
- Japan: 2
- France: 2
- Spain: 1
- Israel: 1
- Canada: 1
- Germany: 1

*Student data from 09/12/2012

Ten years ago the top five countries/regions represented by students at Rice University were the same countries/regions (just a different order):

1. China
2. India
3. Canada
4. Mexico
5. South Korea
What do international students contribute to the USA?

- International students contributed over $20.23 billion to the U.S. economy in 2010-2011.
- International education contributed over $1.36 billion to the Texas economy in 2010-2011.
- 723,277 foreign students studied in the U.S. in 2010-2011. This is a 4.7% increase from the year before.
- Texas is ranked third (after California and New York) among all the states in the U.S.A. in numbers of international students with 61,636 students. This is a 4.6% increase from the previous year.

![International Student Enrollment in the U.S. Top 10 States](chart)

Over 61,500 international students studied in Texas in 2010-11, bringing in over $1.25 billion to the state.
Top 10 Countries/Regions in USA

- Seven of the top ten countries/regions represented in the USA are the same as Rice’s top countries/regions.

- Vietnam, Japan, and Saudi Arabia made it to the top 10 countries represented in the US, but remain underrepresented at Rice.

- The same two continents represented in Rice’s top 10 countries/regions are the same top two continents represented in the USA overall.

- India, China and South Korea have been the top three countries of origin for the past eight years.
What do Rice international students study?

- The largest percent of international students at Rice University study in one of the Engineering fields.
- Natural Sciences and Social Sciences were second and third, respectively.
- Architecture, Music, and Business Administration remained almost the same as last year.

### International Student Enrollment by Major (Fall 2012)

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*Student data from 09/12/2012

### Humanities
- English
- French Studies
- German & Slavic Studies
- Hispanic & Classical Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

### Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology

### Natural Sciences
- Applied Physics
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics

### Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computational & Applied Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Environmental Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science
- Statistics

### Music

### Business Administration

### Architecture
Demographics of International Students at Rice University
*Student data from 09/12/2012

**Undergraduate Internationals by Gender (Fall 2012)**
- Male: 46%
- Female: 54%

**Graduate Internationals by Gender (Fall 2012)**
- Male: 67%
- Female: 33%

**Undergraduate Internationals by Immigration Status (Fall 2012)**
- F-1: 98%
- J-1: 1%
- Other Visas: 1%

**Graduate Internationals by Immigration Status (Fall 2012)**
- F-1: 88%
- J-1: 4%
- Other Visas: 8%
Demographics (continued)

International Undergraduate Students by Level
(Fall 2012)

- Freshman: 23%
- Sophomore: 25%
- Junior: 24%
- Senior: 27%
- Exchange Students: 1%

Primary Sources of International Student Funding
(Fall 2012)

- Rice University: 57.4%
- Personal/Family: 40.1%
- Government Funding Sources (US & Foreign): 1%
- International Organization: 0.6%
INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

- Researchers
- Faculty members
- One-time visitors (lecturers and consultants)
- Other foreign visitors conducting scholarly works (includes non-degree seeking research students)
- Other special Summer International College visitors

- Rice international scholar population increased by 2.2% from last year, and has increased over 365% in the last 20 years.

International Research Scholar/Faculty Population Growth at Rice (1991-2011)

Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2011-2012 academic year = 698
Which countries/regions do Rice international scholars come from?

- Rice international scholars represent 73 countries/regions and 6 continents.
- As was the case with students, China is the leading country among those represented by international scholars at Rice.

The top ten countries/regions represented by scholars in the United States are:

1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Germany
5. Japan
6. Canada
7. France
8. Italy
9. Spain
10. United Kingdom

Rice international scholars reached record high numbers this year again. This is attributed to the increased focus on international collaborations and research at Rice, as well as the V2C’s internationalization efforts.

International scholar numbers have more than doubled in the last 10 years.

Rice’s international scholar population has increased by 150% in the last 10 years.

In the last year, the international scholar population in the US increased by .2%; at Rice it increased by 2.2%.
International Scholar Specializations
(2011 - 2012)

- International scholars are represented in fields of study at Rice through conducting research, teaching, conducting workshops, and/or performing.

- **Humanities**
  - Art & Art History
  - Hispanic & Classical Studies
  - History
  - Linguistics
  - Music
  - Philosophy
  - Religious Studies

- **Social Sciences**
  - Anthropology
  - Economics
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - History

- **Natural Sciences**
  - Biochemistry
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Geology
  - Physics
  - Mathematics

- **Engineering**
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Electrical & Computer Engineering
  - Computer Science
  - Computational & Applied Math
  - Environmental Science & Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering & Material Science
  - Statistics

- **Architecture**

- **Business Administration**
Demographics of International Scholars at Rice University

Scholars by Gender

- Male: 67%
- Female: 33%

Primary Scholar Function

- Research: 71%
- Teaching: 9%
- Other: 20%

Scholar Type Breakdown

- Scholars: 79%
- One-time Visitors: 21%