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 (09/15/2014 for students; 07/01/2014 for scholars), as the numbers are ever-changing throughout the year. The most recent International Education (IIE) Open Doors report published for 2012-2013 and NAFSA Public Policy page (Source: 2013 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 3000 internationals. Rice continues to see 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 22.8% of the overall student population, providing a vibrant and diverse student body. Our international scholar population saw a 16.8% increase in numbers, after having experienced a decrease in numbers last year. We attribute this return to an upward trend to an increase in government sponsored programs, primarily with scholars coming from Brazil and Turkey.

FAST FACTS FOR RICE IN FALL 2014

- Degree-seeking international students = 1499
- Undergraduate international students = 462
- Graduate international students = 1037
- Percentage of total degree-seeking student population that is international = 22.8%
- Percentage of undergraduate population that is international = 1189%
- Percentage of graduate population that is international = 39.7%
- Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2012-2013 academic year = 736
- 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 = 3008

Rice international students break all-time records.
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**Who are the internationals at Rice University?**

- The OISS is responsible for tracking, reporting, and providing services for over **3000** internationals at Rice.
- This is a **12.2%** increase from last year.

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**Total International Population at Rice**

- Total population = **3008**
- Graduate Students = **1037** (35%)
- Undergrad Students = **462** (15%)
- Exchange & Visiting Students = **109** (4%)
- Research Scholars/Faculty = **736** (24%)
- Practical Training = **312** (10%)
- Dependents* = **352** (12%)

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**Population Growth**

- **0** - **3008** internationals from **2003** to **2014**

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**Rice internationals not included in chart:**

- Dependents on H-4, B-2, TD, L-2
- Prospective incoming students = **470**
- Prospective research scholar/faculty prospects = **68**

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*OISS provided services for over **3008** internationals in 2014. Rice’s international community represents **89** countries/regions.*
International Student Enrollment Trends at Rice University

- Overall international student population increased 5% from last year.
- The overall international student population at Rice rose by 35% in the last 5 years, 99% in the last 10 years, and over 174% in the last 15 years.

*Student data from 09/15/2014*

Rice degree-seeking international students = 1499
International Student Enrollment for Fall 2014

- Since Fall 2008, the overall international undergraduate student population has increased by an extraordinary 121%. This was in response to Rice’s Vision for the Second Century (V2C).

- The number of new international graduate students for Fall 2014 had a 22.4% increase, while the number of new international undergraduate students decreased by a 20.1%.

Total new undergraduate international students = 122

Total new graduate international students (includes MBAs) = 332
New International Undergraduate Student Population Growth

- The incoming international undergraduate class has increased more than 433% over the past 10 years.

New international students make up 11.9% of the Fall 2014 undergraduate class.

Total number of new “degree-seeking” undergraduate international students = 116
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, as a result of Rice’s internationalization efforts.

**Percentage of Rice Enrollment that is International (1989-2014)**

International students make up over 22.8% 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 census reporting statistics by the Registrar’s office, as well as SEVIS reporting data on 9/15/2014.

International students make up **11.7%** of the undergraduate student population.

International students make up **39.7%** of the graduate student population.
Where do international students at Rice University come from?

- International students at Rice represent 77 countries/regions.
- Underrepresented regions of the world at Rice are Africa and the Middle East.
- Over three-quarters of all Rice international students come from Asia.

Number of Countries Represented by Students at Rice University (2004-2014)

International Population Regional Composition Changes (2004-2014)

*Student data from 09/15/2014

All six habitable continents of the world are represented at Rice.
## ENROLLMENT BY REGIONS OF THE WORLD

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### Pie Chart
- **ASIA:** 77%
- **Europe:** 16%
- **Middle East:** 3%
- **Oceania:** 1%
- **Africa:** 1%
- **America:** 10%
# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY COUNTRY/REGION - FALL 2014 *

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**Totals:**
- Enrolled non-immigrant degree-seeking students: **1499**
- Graduate international students: **1037**
- Undergraduate international students: **462**
- Exchange (yearly) students: **54**
- Visiting international students: **55**
- New international students for Fall 2014: **454**

*Numbers as of 9/15/2014

**Did you know...**
- The international students make up **22.82%** of the overall Rice population?
- We had **736** foreign visitors and scholars conducting research and lecturing at Rice during the past year?
- Rice international students and scholars represent **89** different countries/regions?
Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment

- The overall graduate international student population increased by 6.4% from last year. **Total graduate internationals = 1037**

- Similarly, the overall undergraduate international student population increased by 2.2% from last year. **Total undergraduate internationals = 462**

Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment (1999-2014)

- **Fall 2005**
  - GR = 86%
  - UG = 14%

- **Fall 2009**
  - GR = 73%
  - UG = 27%

- **Fall 2014**
  - GR = 69%
  - UG = 31%

*GR = Graduate
UG = Undergraduate

*Student data from 09/15/2014*
Undergraduate International Student Snapshot

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international undergraduates over the past 10 years by 316%.

**Undergraduate International Student Total Enrollment (2005 - 2014)**

*Student data from 09/15/2014*

**Percentage of Overall Undergraduates that are International (2005 – 2014)**

International students make up **11.8%** of the total undergraduate population.

Total number of undergraduate international students = **462**
Undergraduate International Student Snapshot (continued)

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the international undergraduate enrollment by region for this year, as well as our regional enrollment trends over the past 10 years.

2014-2015 International Undergraduate Enrollment by Region

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International Undergraduate Population Regional Composition Changes (2005-2014)

*Student data from 09/15/2014*
Graduate International Student Snapshot

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international graduates over the past 10 years by 65%. (Note: The graduate totals also take into account all MBAs, including professional and executive programs).

![Graph showing Graduate International Student Total Enrollment (2005-2014)]

*Student data from 09/15/2014

![Graph showing Percentage of Overall Graduates that are International (2005-2014)]

International students make up 39.7% of the graduate population.
Total number of graduate international students = 1037
**Graduate International Student Snapshot (continued)**

- The *graduate* snapshot below illustrates the international graduate enrollment by region for this year, as well as our regional enrollment trends over the past 10 years.

### 2014-2015 International Graduate Enrollment by Region

- **Africa**: 2%
- **Asia**: 74%
- **Europe**: 8%
- **Middle East**: 4%
- **Americas**: 11%
- **Oceania**: 1%

*Student data from 09/15/2014*

### International Graduate Population Regional Composition Changes (2005-2014)

- Oceania
- Africa
- Middle East
- America
- Europe
- Asia
**Which countries/regions have the greatest representation at Rice for Fall 2014?**

**Rice's International Graduate Student Population**

- China: 521
- India: 119
- Taiwan: 38
- Mexico: 37
- Korea, South: 34
- Iran: 30
- Canada: 22
- Brazil: 22
- Turkey: 17
- Russia: 12

*Student data from 09/15/2014

**Rice's International Undergraduate Student Population**

- China: 261
- Korea, South: 77
- Canada: 21
- India: 18
- United Kingdom: 12
- Singapore: 11
- Australia: 7
- Turkey: 6
- Taiwan: 5
- Thailand: 4

*Student data from 09/15/2014

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

- Brazil: 16
- India: 4
- Mexico: 3
- China: 2
- Turkey: 2
- Denmark: 2

*Student data from 09/15/2014

**Ten years ago the top five countries/regions represented by students at Rice University were:**

**Graduates:**
1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Canada
5. Turkey

**Undergraduates:**
1. South Korea
2. Canada
3. India
4. United Kingdom
5. Germany
What do international students contribute to the USA?

- International students contributed about $24 billion to the U.S. economy in 2012-2013.

- International education contributed over $1.38 billion to the Texas economy in 2012-2013.

- 819,644 foreign students studied in the U.S. in 2012-2013. This is a 7.2% 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 62,923 students. This is a 2.3% increase from the previous year.

International Student Enrollment in the U.S.
Top 10 States

Almost 63,000 international students studied in Texas in 2012-13, bringing in over $1.38 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 nine 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 2014)

- **Natural Sciences**: 24%
- **Engineering**: 43%
- **Social Sciences**: 14%
- **Music**: 3%
- **Architecture**: 5%
- **Business Administration**: 8%
- **Humanities**: 3%

*Student data from 09/15/2014*

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

**Music**
- Business Administration
- Architecture

**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
Demographics of International Students at Rice University

*Student data from 09/15/2014

Undergraduate Internationals by Gender (Fall 2014)
- Female: 52%
- Male: 48%

Graduate Internationals by Gender (Fall 2014)
- Female: 35%
- Male: 65%

Undergraduate Internationals by Immigration Status (Fall 2014)
- F-1: 99%
- J-1: 0%
- Other Visas: 1%

Graduate Internationals by Immigration Status (Fall 2014)
- F-1: 90%
- J-1: 4%
- Other Visas: 6%
**Demographics (continued)**

**International Undergraduate Students by Level**  
*(Fall 2014)*

- Freshman: 23%
- Sophomore: 25%
- Junior: 22%
- Senior: 27%
- UP: 3%

**Primary Sources of International Student Funding**  
*(Fall 2014)*

- Rice University: 51.5%
- Personal/Family: 47.9%
- Government Funding Sources (US & Foreign): 1%
INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

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

- Rice international scholar population increased by 16.8% from last year, though it has increased over 453% in the last 20 years.

**International Research Scholar/Faculty Population Growth at Rice (1994-2013)**

Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2013-2014 academic year = 736
**Which countries/regions do Rice international scholars come from?**

- Rice international scholars represent 61 countries/regions and 6 continents.
- As was the case with students, China is the leading country among those represented by international scholars at Rice.

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- 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. Brazil  
10. Spain

- Rice international scholar numbers increased this year, in particular with externally funded J Exchange Visitors.
- International scholar numbers have more than doubled in the last 10 years.

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**Rice’s international scholar population has increased by 103% in the last 10 years.**

**In the last year, the international scholar population in the US increased by 4.4%, at Rice it increased by 16.8%.**
International Scholar Specializations
(2013 - 2014)

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

![Pie chart showing the distribution of specializations.]

- **Humanities & Music**: 10%
- **Architecture**: 2%
- **Other**: 13%
- **Social Sciences & History**: 3%
- **Natural Sciences & Math**: 30%
- **Business Administration**: 5%
- **Engineering**: 37%
- **Business**: 5%
- **Natural Sciences & Math**: 30%
- **Overall Scholar Information**

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

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

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

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

Scholars by Gender

- Male: 69%
- Female: 31%

Primary Scholar Function

- Research: 75%
- Teaching: 4%
- Other: 21%

Scholar Type Breakdown

- Scholars: 88%
- Short-term Visitors: 12%