INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SCHOLARS AT RICE

Fall 2015

Office of International Students & Scholars

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**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 (09/09/2015 for students; 07/01/2015 for scholars), as the numbers are ever-changing throughout the year. The most recent International Education (IIE) Open Doors report published for 2013-2014 and NAFSA Public Policy page (*Source: 2014 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 almost 3300 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 degree-seeking students (excludes exchange/visiting students) represent 23.4% of the overall student population, providing a vibrant and diverse student body. Our *international scholar* population continued a sharp increase of 17.1%, after an already impressive growth of 16.8% from the previous year. We expect this increase to continue as Rice continues to expand its research and continues to be a partner in government sponsored programs, primarily with scholars coming from Brazil and Turkey.

**FAST FACTS FOR RICE IN FALL 2015**

- Degree-seeking international students = **1563**
- Undergraduate international students = **476**
- Graduate international students = **1087**
- Percentage of total degree-seeking student population that is international = **23.4%**
- Percentage of undergraduate population that is international = **12.1%**
- Percentage of graduate population that is international = **39.5%**
- Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2014-2015 academic year = **862**
- 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 = **3298**
DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS REPORT?

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**Who are the internationals at Rice University?**

- The OISS is responsible for tracking, reporting, and providing services for nearly 3,300 internationals at Rice.
- This is a 9.64% increase from last year.

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**Total International Population at Rice**

Total population = 3,298

- Graduate Students = 1,037 (33%)
- Undergrad Students = 462 (15%)
- Exchange & Visiting Students = 109 (4%)
- Research Scholars/Faculty = 736 (26%)
- Practical Training = 312 (10%)
- Dependants* = 352 (12%)

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**Population Growth**

**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

*Student data from 09/09/2015
*Scholar data from 07/01/2015
Who are the internationals at Rice University? (continued)

- Rice has seen an exponential rise in all its international populations, with the most significant rises being the international scholars and students pursuing Optional Practical Training (OPT) upon completing their studies.

Special Note: OISS is required to continue immigration and employment compliance tracking and reporting to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for students on OPT for up to 29 months after they have graduated from Rice.

![International Population Growth at Rice (2001-2015)](image)

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OISS provided services for 3298 internationals in 2015. Rice’s international community represents 93 countries/regions.
**International Student Enrollment Trends at Rice University**

- Overall international student population increased 4.3% from last year.
- The overall international student population at Rice rose by 31% in the last 5 years, 95% in the last 10 years.

**Degree-Seeking International Student Population Growth at Rice (2001-2015)**

![Graph showing the growth of degree-seeking international students at Rice University from 2001 to 2015.](#)

*Student data from 09/09/2015

**Rice degree-seeking international students = 1563**
International Student Enrollment for Fall 2015

Over the last 10 years, the number of incoming international students has increased by over 89%.

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

Total new **undergraduate** international students = 130

Total new **graduate** international students (includes MBAs) = 322
What do international students contribute to the USA?

- International students contributed about $27 billion to the U.S. economy in 2013-2014.

- International education contributed almost $1.46 billion to the Texas economy in 2013-2014.

- A record 886,052 foreign students studied in the U.S. in 2013-2014. This is an 8% 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 64,277 students. This is a 2.2% increase from the previous year.

Over 64,000 international students studied in Texas in 2013-14, bringing in $1.46 billion to the state.
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.

- Almost one in every four students at Rice is an international student.

International students make up over 23.4% of the degree-seeking student population.
### International Student Enrollment at Rice from 1986-2013

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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 collected on 9/9/2015.

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**International students make up 12.1% of the undergraduate student population.**

**International students make up 39.5% of the graduate student population.**
What is Rice University’s student country diversity?

- International students at Rice represent 80 countries/regions.
- Underrepresented regions of the world at Rice are Africa and the Middle East, while over three-quarters of all Rice international students come from Asia.
- Country diversity has decreased by 9% in the last 10 years.

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

AFRICA: 22
Central Africa
Cameroon

Eastern Africa
Kenya

North Africa
Egypt
Tunisia

Southern Africa
Lesotho
Mauritius
South Africa
Zimbabwe

Western Africa
Ghana
Liberia
Nigeria

ASIA: 1205
East Asia
China
Hong Kong
Japan
Korea
Macau
Taiwan R.O.C.
Vietnam

South & Central Asia
Bangladesh
India
Kazakhstan
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka
Tajikistan
Uzbekistan

Southeast Asia
Burma
Indonesia
Malaysia
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand

MIDDLE EAST: 54
Iran
Israel
Kuwait
Lebanon
Palestinian Authority
Saudi Arabia
United Arab Emirates

EUROPE: 112
Eastern Europe
Belarus
Bulgaria
Hungary
Kosovo
Poland
Romania
Russia
Slovakia

Central America/Mexico
Guatemala
Mexico
Nicaragua

South America
Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
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Peru
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North America
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OCEANIA: 19
Australia
New Zealand

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*Numbers as of 9/9/2015*

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- Exchange international students in 2015: **30**
- Visiting international students in 2015: **102**
- New degree-seeking international students Fall 2015: **452**

*Did you know...*
- The international students make up **23.4%** of the degree-seeking Rice student population?
- We had **862** foreign visitors and scholars conducting research and lecturing at Rice during the past year?
- Rice international students and scholars represent **93** different countries/regions?
Which countries/regions have the greatest representation at Rice for Fall 2015?

**Rice’s International Graduate Student Population**

- **China**: 537
- **India**: 37
- **Korea, South**: 36
- **Taiwan**: 36
- **Mexico**: 34
- **Canada**: 25
- **Brazil**: 21
- **Turkey**: 19
- **Japan**: 11

**Rice’s International Undergraduate Student Population**

- **China**: 265
- **Korea, South**: 69
- **Canada**: 24
- **India**: 18
- **Singapore**: 16
- **Australia**: 10
- **Turkey**: 8
- **United Kingdom**: 6
- **Thailand**: 6

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

- **Brazil**: 14
- **Singapore**: 4
- **Mexico**: 4
- **Japan**: 2
- **Denmark**: 2

*Student data from 09/09/2015*

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

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

**Undergraduates:**
1. South Korea
2. Canada
3. India
4. China
5. Mexico/Germany
**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. However, Brazil’s exponential growth has now surpassed Turkey and ranks number ten.

![Top 10 Countries Represented in USA (2013-2014)](chart)
Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment

- The overall graduate international student population increased by 4.8% from last year. **Total graduate internationals = 1087**

- Similarly, the overall undergraduate international student population increased by 3.0% from last year. **Total undergraduate internationals = 476**

Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment (2000-2015)

*Student data from 09/09/2015*

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**Fall 2005**

GR 86%
UG 14%

**Fall 2010**

GR 69%
UG 31%

**Fall 2015**

GR 70%
UG 30%

* GR = Graduate
  UG = Undergraduate
**Undergraduate International Student Snapshot**

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international undergraduates over the past 10 years by 242%.

*Undergraduate International Student Total Enrollment (2006 - 2015)*

*Student data from 09/09/2015*

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<th>Number of Students</th>
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*Percentage of Overall Undergraduates that are International (2006 – 2015)*

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Percentage of UG population</th>
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International students make up 12.1% of the total undergraduate population.

Total number of undergraduate international students = 476
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.

### 2015-2016 International Undergraduate Enrollment by Region

- **Asia**: 83%
- **Europe**: 6%
- **Americas**: 7%
- **Oceania**: 3%
- **Middle East**: 1%
- **Africa**: 0%

### International Undergraduate Population Regional Composition Changes (2006-2015)

*Student data from 09/09/2015*
Graduate International Student Snapshot

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international graduates over the past 10 years by 64%. (Note: The graduate totals also take into account all MBAs, including professional and executive programs).

International students make up 39.5% of the graduate population. Total number of graduate international students = 1087
Graduate International Student Snapshot (continued)

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the international graduate enrollment by education level, highlighting the exponential growth that is occurring in the Professional Masters programs.

- Over the past 10 years, Masters level international students have increased by an astounding 220%. In contrast, PhD level international students have steadily increased by 32%.

Graduate International Student by Degree Level (2006-2015)

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*Student data from 09/09/2015

2015-2016 Graduate International Student Enrollment by Major

- Engineering: 52%
- Natural Sciences: 21%
- Architecture: 2%
- Music: 4%
- Social Sciences: 8%
- Humanities: 2%
- Business Administration: 11%
**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.

### 2015-2016 Graduate International Student Enrollment by Region

![Pie chart showing enrollment by region](chart.png)

- Asia: 74%
- Africa: 2%
- Americas: 11%
- Europe: 8%
- Middle East: 5%
- Oceania: 0%

*Student data from 09/09/2015*

### Graduate International Population Regional Composition Changes (2006-2015)

![Bar chart showing regional composition changes](chart.png)

- Oceania
- Africa
- Middle East
- America
- Europe
- Asia
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 2015)

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*Student data from 09/09/2015*
Demographics of International Students at Rice University

*Student data from 09/09/2015*
Demographics (continued)

International Undergraduate Students by Level
(Fall 2015)

- Freshman: 21%
- Sophomore: 25%
- Junior: 21%
- Senior: 30%
- UP: 3%

Primary Sources of International Student Funding
(Fall 2015)

- Personal/Family: 45.1%
- Rice University: 51.2%
- Government Funding Sources (US & Foreign): 1%
- International Organization: 0.0%
- Other: 0.4%
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 17.1% from last year, though it has increased an astounding 548% in the last 20 years.

**International Research Scholar/Faculty Population Growth at Rice (1996-2015)**

*Scholar data from 07/01/2015

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**Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2014-2015 academic year = 862**
**Which countries/regions do Rice international scholars come from?**

- Rice international scholars represent 65 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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**Top 10 Countries Counts of Rice International Scholars (2014-2015)**

- China: 274
- India: 85
- Turkey: 70
- Brazil: 65
- Japan: 31
- Germany: 28
- Mexico: 24
- Korea, South: 24
- Canada: 24
- Norway: 22

- 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 119% in the last 10 years.**

**In the last year, the international scholar population in the US remained relatively level, while at Rice it increased by 17.1%.**
Demographics of International Scholars

Scholars by Gender

- Male: 68%
- Female: 32%

Primary Scholar Function

- Research: 74%
- Teaching: 3%
- Other: 23%

Scholar Type Breakdown

- Scholars: 89%
- Short-term Visitors: 11%
International scholars are represented in fields of study at Rice through conducting research, teaching, conducting workshops, and/or performing.

- **Humanities & Music**: 8%
- **Architecture**: 1%
- **Other**: 15%
- **Social Sciences & History**: 3%
- **Engineering**: 39%
- **Business Administration**: 4%
- **Natural Sciences & Math**: 30%

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

### Architecture

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

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

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

### Business Administration