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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to welcome all students back to campus this Fall! As they return, we would like to share some updates and reminders so you can help students connect with our services to support their success. Learning Center services are open to all RU-NB students and enable them to build connections with a community of learners both in-person and online.

Actively engaging with our services early in the semester will help your students optimize their studying efforts, so please encourage them to start the semester strong by using our **free** services early and often.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at learning.centers@echo.rutgers.edu.

For more information please visit our [website](#) or email us at learning.centers@echo.rutgers.edu.





SPREAD THE WORD:

To help students easily connect with support, we are asking all faculty and staff to please:

Provide a Direct Link to Services in Canvas

To access our services, students just sign in to Penji with their NetID and password. We are asking instructors to add a direct link to Penji in their Canvas sites so students can easily access them. See our three-step instructions for [how to add](#) the scheduling link directly to a Canvas course.

Introduce Students to the Learning Centers

There is a page available through [Canvas Commons](#) that introduces students to our services. Instructors can also add this statement to syllabi or send it to students as an announcement: "Rutgers is committed to your success and offers free academic services to all students. The Learning Centers provide tutoring, writing support, study groups, and review sessions for your courses. They also host workshops and provide individual academic coaching to help further develop your study strategies and task-management skills. To learn more about how the LCs can help you succeed, visit learningcenters.rutgers.edu."

HOW TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR YOUR COURSES:

Instructors can request tutoring for their courses through our [contact form](#). They can also request for an academic coaching workshop to be presented during class time.

Learning Assistant Program

Our Learning Assistants (LAs) are undergraduate students trained to provide instructional support to faculty. Through taking a pedagogy course, ongoing trainings, and weekly preparation sessions with faculty, LAs can help to provide an active and engaging learning environment for students. This fall semester we have hired 408 LAs to support 56 courses. In the Spring semester, we are projected to support 64 courses and counting.

Apply for LA support in your classroom!

Faculty applications open on **September 18th** for Spring LAs and **October 30th** to request LA support for the upcoming 24-25 academic year.

For more information on the LA Program and to submit an application, please go to the [Learning Assistant Program website](#).

For additional support or to get answers to your questions, please fill out our [contact form](#).





NEWLY ADDED RESOURCES:

The Academic Coaching Program offers a number of online learning modules for students on Canvas that can be completed asynchronously. Please [check this page](#) for updates and new modules available.

You can integrate the module into your Canvas course and use it as an assignment. Students will earn a badge upon completion for each module.

REQUESTS FOR TRAINING

Our Peer Leader Training Program offers training and professional development workshops for undergraduate and graduate students working in peer leadership positions, as well as for faculty working with peer leaders. [Learn more on our website about the training program](#) or [use our contact form](#) for requests and questions.

WHAT'S COMING UP:

• **Academic Success Workshops**

- Students will learn techniques to improve focus, concentration, memory, emotional well-being, and effective strategies to take control of their learning. Students can [learn more and register](#) online.

• **Drop-In Build-A-Study-Schedule Sessions**

- Students can drop in to work with an Academic Coach on building a study schedule tailored to their individual needs. Coaches will help them make a schedule based on best practices for studying and effective time management.

• **Study Groups**

- Study groups offered through the Learning Assistant (LA) Program will begin on **Tuesday, September 19th** and end on **Wednesday, December 13th** this semester.
- [Registration](#) opens on **Tuesday, September 12th** for all RU-NB students.

