

The Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA Centers)

Formed in July 2011, the Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs were created to provide a central strategic direction for the internationalization efforts of the university. The GAIA Centers are dedicated to expanding worldwide research collaborations, strategic partnerships, opportunities for learning, and services to Rutgers international community members. As part of that work, within the next five years, the GAIA Centers, on behalf of Rutgers, aim to:

- Facilitate the process of defining a global niche for Rutgers
- Create an environment of global culture at Rutgers
- Become one of the top ten East Coast destinations for international students
- Ensure that 30 percent of Rutgers students have international and global experiences by the time they graduate
- Strengthen and expand bilateral strategic partnerships
- Provide opportunities and incentives for faculty to engage in international research and activities

The GAIA Centers are organized into four pillars:

- **Global Education:** Fostering the development of global citizenship in Rutgers students by providing opportunities for international study, research, internships, service learning, and multicultural experiences that are integrated with and support the learning goals of the academic majors
- **Global Programs:** Internationalizing the campus and surrounding communities by developing and facilitating programs that foster research, teaching, and learning while encouraging and supporting international and global engagement for faculty, staff, and students
- **Global Relations:** Cultivating strong and consequential partnerships with universities, governments, and communities abroad to encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas, expertise, technology, and cross-cultural dialogue
- **Global Services:** Providing members of the Rutgers community and visitors with quality and timely services that support both the growth and strength of the university's global network and integrate international visitors into the university community

