B-1 or WB (VISA WAIVER) STATUS
for
VISITORS WHO WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED AT RUTGERS

Foreign nationals who will

- visit Rutgers University for a brief period,
- not be employed by the University,

and who may perhaps

- be reimbursed for travel/living expenses, given a subsistence allowance, and/or paid an honorarium, and
- perform services/be reimbursed for a period of nine days or less

may enter the US as B-1 or WB visitors. Visitors whose passports must have visa stamps to make brief trips to the US enter in B-1 status. Citizens of countries that have reciprocal agreements with the US to enable citizens to make brief visits to each other's countries without passport visa stamps may enter the US in WB status under the Visa Waiver Program. B-1/WB visitors cannot legally accept employment of any kind—including full-time or part-time teaching or research positions. The University would be in violation of federal law if it employed a B-1/WB visitor.

In order to invite a foreign national as a B-1/WB visitor, the Rutgers unit or department issues a letter of invitation that outlines the purpose, terms, and dates of the visit on letterhead stationery. The letter must state that the individual will not be employed by the University. If the visitor will be reimbursed for expenses, given a subsistence allowance, or paid an honorarium the letter should clearly state the particulars.

The nationals of approximately thirty countries do not need visa stamps for brief visits to the US; the prospective visitor can inquire at a US consular post abroad or at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html to determine eligibility.

Foreign nationals who need visas for entry into the U.S. must take the Rutgers letter to a US embassy or consulate overseas to apply for a B-1/B-2 visa. Upon arrival in the US, they show their Rutgers letter to the immigration officer at the US port of entry and request B-1 status.

Foreign nationals eligible for the Visa Waiver Program do not need to go to a US embassy or consulate but must show the Rutgers letter to the immigration officer at the US port of entry and request WB status. The visitor should specifically request the immigration officer to stamp the "WB" status in the visitor's passport.

Note: Foreign nationals are limited to five nine-day reimbursed visits in B-1/WB status within each six-month period. Visits that are not reimbursed in any way are not subject to the 9-day restriction.