EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report serves as a resource about Rice’s 1) international degree-seeking students, 2) exchange and visiting students, and 3) international scholars (researchers, faculty members, short-term lecturers, and visiting research students). All non-immigrant students and scholars must be tracked, reported and receive special services through the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS).

A “snapshot” view was taken for this report (for students on 09/21/2017; for scholars on 07/01/2017), as the numbers are ever-changing throughout the year. The most recent International Education (IIE) Open Doors report published for 2015-2016 and NAFSA Public Policy page (Source:2016 Open Doors Report, http://www.iie.org/opendoors and http://www.nafsa.org/eis) serve as primary references. Please note: 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 continues to grow. In the past year alone, the OISS offered services to an overall population of nearly 3550 internationals. Rice continues to see a significant rise 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 (not including exchange/visiting students) represent 23.63% of the overall student population, providing a vibrant and diverse student body. In addition, our international scholars are integral to furthering Rice’s research mission with global academic distinction.

FAST FACTS FOR RICE IN FALL 2017

- Degree-seeking international students = 1632
- Undergraduate international students = 458
- Graduate international students = 1174
- Percentage of total degree-seeking student population that is international = 23.6%
- Percentage of undergraduate population that is international = 11.5%
- Percentage of graduate population that is international = 40.0%
- Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2016-2017 academic year = 871
- Several international delegations and special international visitors are hosted at Rice throughout the year. This data is not included in this report.
- During spring 2017, an additional 500+ students are receiving services for admission to Rice (bringing our numbers to well over 4000).
- Total international population at Rice = 3542
Rice international student population continues to grow.

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Who are the internationals at Rice University?

- The OISS is responsible for tracking, reporting, and providing services for about 3550 internationals at Rice.

  *Note: During admissions season (in spring), this number rises to over 4000.*

- This is a **4.8% increase** from last year.

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**Total International Population at Rice**

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**Population Growth**

- **Rice internationals not included in chart:**
  - Dependents on H-4, B-2, TD, L-2
  - Prospective incoming students = 510
  - Prospective research scholar/faculty prospects = 50
  - Processed scholars with governmental delays = 30

*Student data from 09/21/2017
*Scholar data from 07/01/2017
Who are the internationals at Rice University? (continued)

- Rice continues to see a rise in its international populations, with the most significant rises being the international graduate students and students pursuing Optional Practical Training (OPT) upon completing their studies.

Note: OISS must continue to track, advise, and report employment compliance to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for students on OPT for 12-42 months after they have graduated from Rice.

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*Student data from 09/21/2017  
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OISS provided services for almost 3550 internationals in 2017. Rice’s international community represents 91 countries(regions).
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Student Enrollment Trends at Rice University

- Overall international student population increased 1.3% from last year.
- The overall international student population at Rice rose by 14.4% in the last 5 years, 77% in the last 10 years.

**Degree-Seeking International Student Population Growth at Rice (2003-2017)**

*Student data from 09/21/2017

Rice degree-seeking international students = 1632
What do international students contribute to the USA?

- International students contributed about $35.8 billion to the U.S. economy in 2015-2016.

- International education contributed over $1.92 billion to the Texas economy in 2015-2016.

- A record 1,043,839 foreign students studied in the U.S. in 2015-2016. This is a 7.1% increase from the year before, and is the highest growth rate in 35 years.

- Texas is ranked third (after California and New York) among all the states in the U.S.A. in numbers of international students with 82,184 students. This is an 8.7% increase from the previous year.

Over 82,000 international students studied in Texas in 2015-16, bringing in $1.92 billion to the state.
**How International is Rice University?**

- Rice not only continued to increase in **total** international student **numbers**, but also remained steady 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 23.63% of the degree-seeking student population.**
# International Student Enrollment at Rice from 1987-2017

## A 30 year history

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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/exchange international students

** Data collected on 9/21/2017.

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**International students make up 11.5% of the undergraduate student population.**

**International students make up 40% of the graduate student population.**
What is Rice University’s student country diversity?

- International students at Rice hail from 81 countries/regions.
- Underrepresented regions of the world at Rice are Africa and the Middle East, while almost 80% of all Rice international students come from Asia.
- Country diversity has decreased in the last 10 years.

All six habitable continents of the world are represented at Rice.
# Overall International Student (Graduate and Undergraduate) Information

## Enrollment by Regions of the World

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### Regions

- **Africa:** Cameroon, Eastern Africa, North Africa, South & Central Africa, South Africa, Western Africa, Zimbabwe
- **Asia:** China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Macau, Taiwan, Vietnam
- **Europe:** Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Central Europe, Western Europe
- **America:** Caribbean, Central America/Mexico, South America
- **Oceania:** Australia, New Zealand

### Countries

- **AFRICA:** Cameroon, Eastern Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, North Africa, Egypt, Tunisia, Southern Africa, Maurits, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Western Africa, Nigeria
- **ASIA:** China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Macau, Taiwan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, India, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand
- **Europe:** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom
- **America:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Canada, Australia, New Zealand
- **Oceania:** Australia, New Zealand

### Regions Distribution

- **Asia: 79%**
- **Europe: 7%**
- **Middle East: 3%**
- **Africa: 1%**
- **America: 9%**
- **Oceania: 16%**

### Pie Chart

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**TOTAL Students:** 1632  
**TOTAL Scholars:** 871  

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*Totals:*
- Enrolled non-immigrant degree-seeking students: 1632
- Graduate international students: 1174
- Undergraduate international students: 458
- Exchange & Visiting international students in 2017: 183
- New degree-seeking international students Fall 2017: 492
- International scholars (teaching/research) 2016-2017: 871

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*Numbers as of 9/21/2017*
Which countries/regions had the greatest representation in Fall 2017 at Rice?

**Rice’s International Graduate Student Population**

- China: 633
- India: 147
- Korea, South: 42
- Taiwan: 33
- Iran: 32
- Canada: 27
- Mexico: 26
- Brazil: 21
- Turkey: 13
- Pakistan: 11

*Student data from 09/21/2017

**Rice’s International Undergraduate Student Population**

- China: 263
- Korea, South: 45
- Canada: 30
- India: 22
- Singapore: 13
- Mexico: 9
- Thailand: 8
- Vietnam: 6
- Australia: 6
- Taiwan: 5
- United Kingdom: 5

*Student data from 09/21/2017

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

**Graduates:**
1. China
2. India
3. Taiwan
4. Turkey
5. Mexico

**Undergraduates:**
1. South Korea
2. China
3. Canada
4. India
5. Mexico
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.

- China, India and South Korea have been the top three countries of origin for the past ten years.
Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment

- The overall graduate international student population increased by 3.1% from last year. **Total graduate internationals = 1174**

- The overall undergraduate international student population decreased by 3.0% from last year. **Total undergraduate internationals = 458**

Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment (2002-2017)

*Student data from 09/21/2017

Fall 2007
- GR 80%
- UG 20%

Fall 2012
- GR 70%
- UG 30%

Fall 2017
- GR 72%
- UG 28%

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

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the international undergraduate student enrollment over the past 10 years. It has increased by 126%.

**Undergraduate International Student Total Enrollment (2008 - 2017)**

*Student data from 09/21/2017*

**Percentage of Overall Undergraduates that are International (2008–2017)**

*Percentage of UG population*
Undergraduate International Student Snapshot (continued)

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the international undergraduate enrollment by education level and by major. Just over half of all international undergraduates study in one of the Engineering fields.

**International Undergraduate Students by Level**
(Fall 2017)

- Senior: 33%
- Sophomore: 23%
- Junior: 24%
- Freshman: 18%
- UP: 2%

*Student data from 09/21/2017*

**International Undergraduate Enrollment by Major**
(Fall 2017)

- Engineering: 52%
- Social Sciences: 27%
- Humanities: 5%
- Music: 1%
- Architecture: 10%
- Natural Sciences: 5%
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.

### 2016-2017 International Undergraduate Enrollment by Region

- Asia: 82%
- Europe: 5%
- Americas: 11%
- Oceania: 2%
- Africa: 0%
- Middle East: 0%

*Student data from 09/21/2017

### International Undergraduate Population Regional Composition Changes (2008-2017)

*Student data from 09/21/2017*
Graduate International Student Snapshot

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international graduates over the past 10 years by 67%. (Note: The graduate totals also take into account all MBA programs, including the professional and executive ones).

Graduate International Student Total Enrollment (2008-2017)

*Student data from 09/21/2017

Percentage of Overall Graduates that are International (2008-2017)

International students make up 40% of the graduate population. Total number of graduate international students = 1174
Graduate International Student Snapshot (continued)

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the international graduate enrollment by education level, highlighting the steep growth that is occurring in the Masters level programs, an increase of 425% in the last 10 years.

- In contrast, PhD level international students have increased by 28% over the last 10 years, while the MBA program has maintained a steady level of international students.

![Graduate International Student by Degree Level (2008-2017)](image)

2017-2018 Graduate International Student Enrollment by Major

- Engineering: 54%
- Natural Sciences: 16%
- Architecture: 3%
- Music: 5%
- Social Sciences: 9%
- Business Administration: 11%
- Humanities: 2%
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.

**2017-2018 Graduate International Student Enrollment by Region**

- Asia: 78%
- Europe: 7%
- Middle East: 4%
- Oceania: 8%
- Africa: 2%
- Americas: 1%

*Student data from 09/21/2017

**Graduate International Population Regional Composition Changes (2008-2017)**

- Bar chart showing percentage changes by region from 2008-2017.
Demographics of International Students at Rice University

Student data from 09/21/2017

Undergraduate Internationals by Gender (Fall 2017)
- Female: 50%
- Male: 50%

Graduate Internationals by Gender (Fall 2017)
- Female: 36%
- Male: 64%

Undergraduate Internationals by Immigration Status (Fall 2017)
- F-1: 98%
- J-1: 0%
- Other Visas: 2%

Graduate Internationals by Immigration Status (Fall 2017)
- F-1: 93%
- J-1: 3%
- Other Visas: 4%

Primary Sources of International Student Funding
(Fall 2017)
- Rice University: 52.5%
- Personal/Family: 46.0%
- Government Funding Sources (US & Foreign): 1%
- Other: 0.4%
INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

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

- While the Rice international scholar population has remained roughly the same over the last 3 years, we have seen an increase in visa denials and governmental processing delays that are impacting our numbers. The total number of international scholars processed by OISS for 2016-2017 was 893.

- We have seen an 81% rise in international scholars in the last 10 years.

International Research Scholar/Faculty Population Growth at Rice (1997-2017)

Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2016-2017 academic year = 871.
Which countries/regions do Rice international scholars hail from?

- Rice international scholars represent 68 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 USA are:
  1. China
  2. India
  3. South Korea
  4. Germany
  5. Canada
  6. Japan
  7. Brazil
  8. France
  9. Italy
  10. Spain

- International scholar numbers have almost doubled in the last 10 years.

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Rice’s international scholar population has increased by 98% in the last 10 years.

The international scholar population in the US rose 7.3%, and at Rice has decreased by 1.4%.
## Demographics of International Scholars at Rice University


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- The temporary suspension of H-1B premium processing in 2017 significantly impacted Rice’s use of the H-1B and Rice’s overall scholar numbers for the year.

### 2016-2017 International Scholars by Immigration Status

- J-1: 61%
- H-1B: 22%
- All Other Visas: 39%
Demographics of International Scholars (continued)

Scholars by Gender

- Female: 35%
- Male: 65%

Primary Scholar Function

- Research: 73%
- Teaching: 8%
- Other: 19%

Scholar Type Breakdown

- Scholars: 86%
- Short-term Visitors: 14%
International Scholar Specializations
(2016 - 2017)

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

### Humanities
- English
- Art History
- History
- Languages
- Philosophy
- Religion

### Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Global Affairs
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

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

### Business Administration
- Biochemistry & Cell Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science

### Architecture
- Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- Mathematics
- Physics & Astronomy