The TOMODACHI Initiative is a public-private partnership between the U.S.-Japan Council and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. Born out of support for Japan’s recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake, TOMODACHI invests in the next generation of Japanese and American leaders through educational and cultural exchanges as well as leadership programs. We seek to foster a “TOMODACHI Generation” of young American and Japanese leaders who are committed to and engaged in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations, appreciate each other’s countries and cultures, and possess the global skills and mindsets needed to contribute to and thrive in a more cooperative, prosperous, and secure world.

TOMODACHI STEM @ Rice University Program for Female Japanese Students
Website: http://tomodachistem.rice.edu/

The TOMODACHI-STEM @ Rice University for Female Students is a five-week research internship program for 10 female undergraduates from Japan who are majoring in science & engineering (S&E). Held at Rice University in Houston, TX, the program will enable students to gain real world experience with S&E research, provide an introduction to U.S. higher education and provide opportunities for cultural engagement and collaboration with U.S. students. The program will serve as a catalyst for female Japanese students interested in S&E study and research and engagement with the U.S. through international research collaborations.

The objectives of TOMODACHI-STEM @ Rice University are to:

• Nurture the next generation of female science and engineering students in Japan,
• Cultivate an interest in science and engineering research and research collaboration between the U.S. and Japan,
• Contribute to the development of a generation of internationally savvy female Japanese students who have a specific interest in and knowledge of the U.S., and
• Educate students in culture, language, and technology, in order that they may be more effective when addressing global scientific problems.

TOMODACHI Initiative
Website: http://usjapantomodachi.org/
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TOMODACHI STEM Research Director
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Miho Sakuma, Tokyo Women’s Medical University  
Senior (B4), Medicine  
Research Host: Prof. Amina Qutub, Dept. of Bioengineering  
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Line: [redacted]  
JP Cell Phone: [redacted]

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US Cell Phone: [redacted]  
JP Cell Phone: [redacted]

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JP Cell Phone: [redacted]
Prof. David Alexander, Department of Physics & Astronomy  
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Research Mentor for Hiroko Nagafuchi: Douglas Walker, [Redacted]

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Prof. José Onuchic, Department of Physics and Astronomy  
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Research Mentor for Mayu Shibata: Ryan Cheng and Xingcheng Lin

Prof. Devika Subramanian, Department of Computer Science  
*Subramanian Research Group*  
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Research Mentor for Mari Sato:

Prof. Amina Qutub, Department of Bioengineering  
*Systems Biology Lab*  
Website: [https://qutublab.org/](https://qutublab.org/)  
Email: [Contact Information]  
Professor Office: Bioscience Research Collaborative (BRC), Room 613  
Research Mentors for Miho Sakuma: Arun Mahadevan, Byron Long, Tien Tang, Cecilia Lantos (cecilia.lantos@rice.edu).
CALLING FROM YOUR U.S. CELL TO A JAPANESE CELL PHONE
The caller will need to dial 011 followed by the Japanese Country Code (81) and then the Japanese cell phone number. They should drop the 0.
Example: 011-81-XX-XXXX-XXXX

CALLING FROM A JAPANESE CELL PHONE TO A U.S. NUMBER
The caller will need to dial 010 followed by the U.S. Country Code (1) and then the 7-digit U.S. phone number.
Example: 010 1 (713) 348- to call Aki Shimada’s office.

CALLING FROM U.S. CELL PHONE TO A U.S. NUMBER
When calling from a U.S. cell phone to a U.S. number, drop the 1 and only dial the 7-digit phone number.
For Example: 713-348- to call Aki Shimada’s office.

SKYPE & WIFI CALLS
The most economical way to call home to Japan is to connect to wi-fi and use LINE or Skype from your cell phone or computer. To avoid expensive roaming charges, be sure to keep the data/cellular service on your Japanese cell phone turned off and only use it when connect to wi-fi.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS IN THE U.S.:
ER on Rice University Campus: Call RUPD at (713) 348-6000
ER Off-Campus (Police, Fire or Ambulance): 911

Wyndham Houston Medical Center Hotel: (713) 528-7744

Tokio Marine Health Insurance: 877-758-4391 or email info@internationalstudentinsurance.com
Call Aki Shimada or Sarah Phillips if you are ill and need to see a doctor in the U.S.

Japanese Consulate in Houston: (713) 652-2977
Japanese Embassy in DC: (202) 238-6700
### Flight Itinerary

**GATEWAY TOURIST**  
**PO BOX 642027**  
**LOS ANGELES CA 90064-9998**  
**TEL 213-413-3200**  
**INFO@GATEWAYLAX.COM**

**MAILING ADDRESS**

**PHOTO ID MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN.**

**PASSENGER’S CREDIT CARD WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SELF CHECK-IN.**

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**Flight number and time are changed by airline often without notice, please check them before your travel date.**

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Sat 24 FEB 5:15 PM  
DEPART TERMINAL: 1 | George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston Geo  
Sat 24 FEB 2:00 PM  
ARRIVE TERMINAL: E | United Airlines 6 Class: L  
AIRCRAFT: BOEING 777  
MILES: 6658  
FLIGHT TIME: 11h45m NON STOP  
AIRLINE CONFIRMATION: Dinner |
| George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston Geo  
Sat 24 MAR 7:50 AM  
DEPART TERMINAL: B | Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia,  
Sat 24 MAR 12:11 PM  
ARRIVE TERMINAL: D | United Airlines 6132 Class: S  
AIRCRAFT: MILES: 1329  
FLIGHT TIME: 3h18m NON STOP  
AIRLINE CONFIRMATION: OPERATED BY /MESA AIRLINES DBA UNITED EXPRESS  
Food and Beverage for Purchase |
| Washington Dulles International Airport, Washington  
Sat 31 MAR 12:35 PM  
DEPART TERMINAL: | Narita Airport, Tokyo Narita, Japan  
Sun 01 APR 3:25 PM  
ARRIVE TERMINAL: 1 | United Airlines 803 Class: L  
AIRCRAFT: BOEING 777  
MILES: 6762  
FLIGHT TIME: 13h50m NON STOP  
AIRLINE CONFIRMATION: Lunch |

**CLASS OF SERVICE** F/P FIRST CLASS  C/D/J-BUSINESS CLASS  Y/B/M/Q/S/L/M ETC COACH CLASS
### Step One - Complete Forms:
Onboard the flight complete the immigration & customs forms for foreigners. Have a black or blue ink pen available & complete forms before landing.

*Hotel Address:* The hotel name is „Wyndham Houston Medical Center“ and the address is 6800 Main St, Houston, TX 77030. The hotel phone number is (713) 528-7744

### Step Two - Follow Signs:
Exit plane and follow signs to ‘International Arrivals’. Try to stay together as a group.

### Step Three - Passport Control:
The first stop is at Passport Control/Immigration. Go to the lanes marked ‘Foreign Citizen’. If you have another flight to connect with, there are sometimes special lanes for ‘Connecting Passengers’.

### Step Four: Present Passport, Completed Forms, DS-2019, and Financial Support Letter to Immigration Officer
You must **present both your passport and your DS-2019**. Your DS-2019 tells the immigration officer you are on a J-1 visa. If you are asked why you are in the U.S., say you are on a non-degree study program at Rice University.

### Step Five: Follow the signs to Baggage Claim.
Check the screens for the carousel number that your flight has been assigned to and wait for your bags to appear.

*Note:* **TOMODACHI students should wait to exit the baggage hall until all other students have collected their luggage.**

### Step Six - Customs:
Once you have claimed your bags, your next stop is at Customs. If you do not have any items to declare, proceed to the green lanes marked “Nothing to Declare”. If you do have items to declare, proceed to the red lanes marked “Goods to Declare”. Here, you will turn in your customs form and if you do not have anything to declare, you will be waved through to the exit.

*Note:* **Sarah will meet you outside in the arrival hall. Call her cell at [blank] if you cannot see/find her.**
Saturday, February 24, 2018

**Travel to the U.S.**

*Attire: Casual. Be sure to bring passport, DS-2019, money and valuables, one change of clothes, and any prescription medication in your carry-on baggage.*

**By 3:15 PM:** Arrive Narita Airport and Proceed to United Counter for Check-in

**5:15 PM:** United Flight #6 Departs Narita Airport

*You will gain 1 day as you cross the International Date Line!*

**2:00 PM:** Arrival in Houston (IAH)

Upon arrival, stay together as a group and proceed to immigration/passport control and baggage claim. After collecting your bags, show your customs form and exit into the arrival hall. Sarah will be waiting for you in the arrival hall. Call her cell at (713) 922-1712 if you cannot see/find her.

**~ 3:30 PM:** Super Shuttle Vans Depart for Hotel Confirmation

**~ 4:30 PM:** Check-in to Wyndham Houston Medical Center Hotel

Upon check-in, you will be given bento boxes for dinner, water, and some instructions for the following day. We will give you a tour of the hotel (gym/pool/business center), and then you can go to your room to rest.

**Wyndham Houston Medical Center**

Website: http://www.wyndhamhoustonmedcenter.com/

Address: 6800 Main St, Houston TX 77030 ~ Tel: 713-528-7744

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**Hotel Information**

Free Wi-Fi in all Hotel Rooms & Lobby

Free Hotel Shuttle (within 2 miles) M-F 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM and Sat. - Sun. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Lobby/Ground: Floor: Restaurant, Business Center, ATM, Gym, Pool
See https://www.ricevillagedistrict.com/ for full list of shops and restaurants.
### Sunday, February 25, 2018

| Morning | **Included Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant**  
Breakfast tickets are provided for your first 3 days in the U.S. only. Starting on Wednesday, you must cook breakfast on your own or pay for breakfast in hotel restaurant.  
Attire for today is casual. Bring umbrella, hat, sunglasses, and a bottle of water. You will need money or a credit/debit card for coffee/snacks and grocery shopping at the end of the tour. |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:50 AM | **Meet in Lobby For Rice Shuttle Departure from Wyndham Hotel**  
Driver: Tuan |
| 9:00 - 11:30 AM | **Houston Mural Tour**  
Guide: Joni Fincham, Phone:  
Houstonia Magazine: “How Street Art Took Over Houston”  
Website: [https://www.houstoniamag.com/articles/2017/6/21/street-art-graffiti-houston](https://www.houstoniamag.com/articles/2017/6/21/street-art-graffiti-houston)  
During this 1 1/2 hour tour we will explore the city of Houston with a focus on it’s street art and murals. About halfway through, we will stop at a coffee shop for a rest room break. You will have time to take photos at each stop, though if we are short on time we may only be able to drive by. Be sure you have your cameras at the ready for this fun tour!  
Stop 1: God Wall, 2850 Fannin St, Houston, TX  
Stop 2: Space City Dog Mural, Texas Auto Direct, 1301 Leeland St, Houston, TX 77002  
Stop 3: Graffiti Park Murals, 2102 Leeland St, Houston, TX 77003  
Stop 4: 8th Wonder Brewery Murals, 2202 Dallas St, Houston, TX 77003  
Stop 5: Harrisburg Art Museum Murals, 4200 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77011  
Stop 6: Giant Leap Coffee, 3302 Canal St, Houston, TX 77003  
Stop 7: Talento Bilingüe de Houston Mural, 333 S Jensen Dr, Houston, TX 77003  
Stop 8: The Silos at Sawyer Yard, 1502 Sawyer Street, Houston, TX 77007 |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **Included Lunch - Goode Co. Texas BBQ**  
Address: 8911 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX |
| 1:30 - 2:30 PM | **Grocery Shopping at H-Mart**  
Address: 1302 Blalock Rd. Houston, TX 77055  
H-Mart is a large Asian grocery store where you can buy lots of food items to cook on your own at the hotel. It is a Korean supermarket but does have a wider array of Japanese and other Asian food items than you will find in other major grocery stores in Houston. |
| ~3:00 - 3:15 PM | **Depart H-Mart to Return to Hotel via Rice University Shuttle** |
| Evening | **Free - Cook Dinner On Your Own**  
If you need to print off your I-94 or IES Cultural Report you can use the Business Center on the ground floor. |
**Monday, February 26, 2018**

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<td>Breakfast tickets are provided for your first 3 days in the U.S. only. Starting on Wednesday, you must cook breakfast on your own or pay for breakfast in hotel restaurant. Attire for today is casual. Bring your passport, I-94, DS-2019, IES Report, Hat, Sunglasses, Umbrella, and Bottle of Water. Wear comfortable walking shoes.</td>
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<td>8:40 AM</td>
<td><strong>Hotel Shuttle Departs Lobby</strong></td>
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<td>9:30 - 10:30 AM</td>
<td><strong>Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) Check-in</strong></td>
<td>Location: Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1) You will need to show your passport and DS-2019.</td>
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<td><strong>Rice University Campus Tour</strong></td>
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<td>11:30 - 12:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Get Campus ID at Rice University Police Department (Bldg. 43)</strong></td>
<td>Mei Maruo and Yukari Sakano must pick up office keys.</td>
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<td><strong>Included Lunch</strong></td>
<td>Brockman Hall, Room 200 (Bldg. 72 on campus map)</td>
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<td><strong>Panel Discussion: “Graduate Student Experience in the U.S.”</strong></td>
<td>Facilitators: Keiko Kato, PhD Student, Materials Science &amp; NanoEngineering (MSNE) and Natusmi Komatsu, PhD Student, Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering (ECE) Panelists: Fumiya Katsutani, PhD Student, (ECE); Tatsuya Tanaka, Visiting Grad. Researcher from Waseda &amp; 2016 NK RIES Alumnus (Mechanical Engineering); Takahito Hibi, Visiting Grad. Researcher from Waseda (MSNE)</td>
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<td>Speaker: Prof. Junichiro Kono, Dept. of Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering</td>
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<td>Speaker: Sarah Phillips, Dept. of Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering</td>
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<td><strong>Take BRC Shuttle to BioScience Research Collaborative &amp; Walk to the Hotel</strong></td>
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| Morning     | Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet in Lobby  
*Breakfast tickets are provided for your first 3 days in the U.S. only. Starting on Wednesday, you must cook breakfast on your own or pay for breakfast in hotel restaurant.* | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
| 8:20 AM     | Meet In Lobby and Walk to the BRC. Take BRC Shuttle to Rice University Campus.                     | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
| 9:00 - 10:00 AM | General Lab Safety Training (Required for All)  
Location: Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72) | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
| 10:00 - 11:00 AM | Biosafety & Bloodborne Pathogen Lab Safety Training: Ayako, Hiroko, and Miho  
X-Ray Safety Training: Eria Imada (One-on-One Training, Table outside of conference room)  
Location: Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72) | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
|             | Students who do not need this lab safety training can use this time to complete their pre-program assessments. You may also walk to the student center to get coffee. | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
| 11:00 - 12:00 PM | TOMODACHI Welcome by Mya Fisher (Via Web Conference/Skype)  
Location: Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72) | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
| 12:00 - 1:15 PM | Included Lunch & Orientation to Rice University/Living in the U.S.  
Speaker: Sarah Phillips, Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Location: Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72) | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |

#### Afternoon: Initial Meeting with your Research Host Professor & Mentor/s

Discuss the following questions to be well prepared for your first full day of research tomorrow!

- What will my research topic or project be? What are the first steps?
- Who will my mentor/s be? Who should I ask if I have questions on a day-to-day basis?
- What time should I come to the lab each morning? What is the typical end time?
- Where is my lab, and do I need keys or do I swipe my card to access these facilities? Will I have a desk or office?
- Do I need any special training for my lab or for the equipment I need to use?
- Are there any articles or books I should read to help me with my research project/topic?
- Show your professor and/or mentor the program schedule and note any days/times when you cannot work in the lab during required program events (in blue).
- Remind your professor and/or mentor that you will be presenting a poster on your project on Thursday, March 22.

#### Student Meeting Times & Locations  
* (see campus map for building locations)

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| 1:30 PM    | **Eria Imada:** Meet with Alannah on Feb. 28.  
**Mei Maruo:** Prof. Alexander & Allison Farrish in Herman Brown Hall, Room 206 (Bldg. 34). Your office will be HBH, Room 360.  
**Mari Sato:** Prof. Subramanian in Duncan Hall, Room 3094 (Bldg. 46)  
**Utama Umezaki:** Meet with Alannah on Feb. 28.  
**Ayako Mizuno:** First: Amy Tang (BRC 417), Second: Prof. Bao (BRC 413), Third: Buhle Moya (BRC 407A) in BioScience Research Collaborative (Bldg. 63) Your office will be in BRC 407A.  
**Hiroko Nagafuchi:** Prof. Hartgerink in BioScience Research Coll. (BRC), Room 319. (Bldg. 63)  
**Miho Sakuma:** Meet with Dr. Cecilia Lantos and Dr. Byron Long in BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC), Room 611. (Bldg. 63) You will meet Prof. Qutub on March 2 as she is traveling.  
**Mayu Shibata:** Meet with Prof. Onuchic’s office IN Bioscience Research Collaborative (BRC) 1005F (Bldg. 63), Your mentors Ryan Cheng (Post-doc, ryan.cheng@rice.edu) and Xingcheng Lin (Graduate Student, xingcheng.lin@rice.edu) will be there too.  
**Yukari Sakano:** Prof. Alexander in Herman Brown Hall, Room 206 (Bldg. 34). Note: Your mentor will be assigned after arrival at Rice. Your office will be HBH, Room 360.  
**Shoko Sano:** Prof. O’Malley and Dylan Losey in Mechanical Engr. Bldg, Room 234 (Bldg. 42) | Brockman Hall for Physics, Room 200 (Bldg. 72)                           |
| 5:30 - 7:30 PM | **TOMODACHI STEM Welcome Reception**  
Location: Duncan Hall, Martel Hall (Bldg. 46 on map) | Duncan Hall, Martel Hall (Bldg. 46 on map)                              |
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| **Morning** | **Breakfast & Travel On Your Own to Rice University**  
Students must cook breakfast on their own and come to Rice University on their own today. You can either walk to the BRC and take the BRC Shuttle to campus or ask the hotel shuttle to drop you off at Rice campus. |
| **Day** | **Work in Research Host Lab** |
| **12:00 - 1:00 PM** | **OISS English Class: Grammar and Pronunciation**  
Students Enrolled: Yukari Sakano, Shoko Sano  
Location: OISS Office, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1) |
| **Evening** | **Free - Dinner On Your Own** |
| **6:00 PM** | **Optional - Meet Sarah in Hotel Lobby and Take Hotel Shuttle to Grocery Store**  
Sarah will go with you to the grocery store that is near the hotel and show you around. You can then use the hotel shuttle to go to/from this grocery store or Target to shop on your own for the duration of the program. |

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Students Enrolled: Mei Maruo, Ayako Mizuno, Hiroko Nagafuchi, Miho Sakuma, Shoko Sano, Mari Sato, Mayu Shibata, Utana Umezaki  
Location: OISS Office, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1) |
| **7:00 - 8:00 PM** | **Optional: Rice Space Institute Seminar, “Living the Uncommon Life”**  
Speaker: Leland Melvin, Former NFL Player and NASA Astronaut  
Location: Keck Hall, Room 100 (Bldg. 8) |

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| **9:00 - 10:00 AM** | **Seminar: “Designing and Developing a Research Poster”**  
Speaker: Dr. Gayle Moran, Rice Center for Engineering Leadership  
Location: Abercrombie Lab, Room AL-227 (Bldg. 11 on campus map) |
| **Day** | **Work in Research Host Lab** |
| **Evening** | **Free - Dinner On Your Own** |
# Saturday, March 3, 2018

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<td>1:00 - 4:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Optional: Rice Electric Vehicle Society Meeting (every Saturday)</strong> in back of Ryon Engineering Lab (Bldg. 27). Contact Gigi Rill at <a href="mailto:kpr2@rice.edu">kpr2@rice.edu</a> for more info.</td>
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<td><strong>Optional: Spring BBQ with the Rice chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers</strong> in the McMurtry Quad (Bldg. 65). Contact Emma Baker at <a href="mailto:emb9@rice.edu">emb9@rice.edu</a> for more info.</td>
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<td>8:00 - 10:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Optional: Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra at Rice University</strong> Location: Alice Pratt Brown Hall, Stude Concert Hall (Bldg. 44) Admission: Free Website: <a href="https://events.rice.edu/#!view/event/date/20180303/event_id/2729">https://events.rice.edu/#!view/event/date/20180303/event_id/2729</a></td>
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<td>10:00 - 1:45 PM</td>
<td><strong>NASA: Space Center Houston Trip</strong> Admission Fee Included. Bring money to purchase lunch/snacks/drinks and souvenirs on your own. <strong>Guests: T. Morimoto and T.J. Bagsican</strong></td>
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<td>2:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Rice University Shuttle Departs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Return to Hotel</strong></td>
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### Monday, March 5, 2018

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| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **Optional: OISS International Ladies Networking Meeting**  
*Location: Rice Memorial Center (RMC), Basement - Grad. Student Lounge (Bldg. 21)*  
The Rice International Ladies Network wishes to invite all wives and international female students and scholars to our monthly gatherings. We want to get to know you! Plan to eat lunch, socialize, share customs, traditions, holidays, and enjoy each others company. The International Ladies Network is a wonderful way to foster a sense of community, develop friendships, and learn about each other.  
*Optional: OISS International Ladies Networking Meeting*  
*Location: Rice Memorial Center (RMC), Basement - Grad. Student Lounge (Bldg. 21)*  
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| 7:30 - 10:00 PM | **Optional: Shepherd School Opera - Mozart La Finta Giardiniera**  
*Location: Alice Pratt Brown Hall, Wortham Opera Theatre (Bldg. 44)*  
Admission (reserved seating): $12; students and senior citizens $10.  
Tickets available starting Wednesday, February 7, 2018. For tickets call 713-348-8000.  
Website: [https://events.rice.edu/#/view/event/date/20180305/event_id/2730](https://events.rice.edu/#/view/event/date/20180305/event_id/2730)  

### Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - Rice Night at the Houston Rodeo!

| Morning       | Breakfast & Travel On Your Own to Rice University  
*Attire: You will go straight from Rice to the Houston Rodeo tonight. Be sure you bring everything you need for the day include your Houston Metrorail cards, money for dinner/snacks/drinks, souvenirs, and carnival rides at the Rodeo.* |

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| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **Required: Included Lunch at Japanese Language Table**  
*Location: Lovett College, Private Dining Room (Bldg. 35)*  
Have lunch together and speak in Japanese with Rice University students who are enrolled in Japanese language classes at Rice. This will be an opportunity for you to meet Rice undergraduates who are interested in Japan/Japanese and for you to help them improve their conversational language skills in Japanese.  

| 4:45 PM | Meet Keiko Kato and Natsumi Komatsu at the Sallyport in Lovett Hall (near OISS)  
Walk to the Rice University/Hermann Park Metrorail and take the Red Line South to the NRG Stadium Station.  

| ~5:30 PM | Arrive at Houston Rodeo and Eat Dinner On Your Own and/or Explore the Expo Hall  

| 7:00 - 9:00 PM | **Rice Night at Rodeo Houston - Watch for Sammy the Owl in the Wagon!**  
*Admission Included. Pay for dinner/drinks/snacks and souvenirs individually.*  
*Guides: Keiko Kato & Natsumi Komatsu*  
Attend the best tradition in Texas! For more than 80 years, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ has offered the best in entertainment, education and charitable opportunities in Texas. As the world’s largest livestock show and rodeo, this event is a spectacle unlike any other. Visitors from across the world come to experience Western heritage in the nation’s fourth largest city. For 20 days, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is available for you to explore.  

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| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **OISS English Class: Grammar and Pronunciation**  
                   Students Enrolled: Yukari Sakano, Shoko Sano  
                   Location: OISS Office, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1) |
| Evening | **Optional: Society of Women Engineers Dinner Meeting**  
          *Location: TBA*  
          Join Rice’s Society of Women Engineers (SWE) for informal networking over dinner! Pay individually. |
| **Thursday, March 8, 2018** | |
| Day | Work in Research Host Lab |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **OISS English Class: Idioms and Slang Class**  
                   Students Enrolled: Mei Maruo, Ayako Mizuno, Hiroko Nagafuchi, Miho Sakuma, Shoko Sano, Mari Sato, Mayu Shibata, Utana Umezaki  
                   Location: OISS Office, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1) |
| **Friday, March 9, 2018** | |
| Day | Work in Research Host Lab |
| 4:00 - 5:00 PM | **Seminar: “The Japanese-American Experience in Academia”**  
                  Speaker: Prof. George Hirasaki, A. J. Hartsook Professor Emeritus and Research Professor, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, Rice University  
                  Website: [https://chbe.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=56](https://chbe.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=56)  
                  Location: Keck Hall, Room 101 (Bldg. 8)  
                  Professor Hirasaki joined the Rice faculty after a 26 year career with Shell Development and Shell Oil Company. His research in fluid transport through porous media ranged from the microscopic scale intermolecular forces governing wettability to the megascopic scale numerical reservoir simulators for field-wide modeling. He directs Rice University’s Consortium for Processes in Porous Media which is engaged in collaborative research with industry partners and various academic researchers. Core research areas include the study of surfactant and foam Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) processes and NMR and molecular simulation characterization of unconventional oil and gas resources. |
| **Evening** | **Free - Dinner On Your Own** |
| 5:30 - 8:00 PM | **Optional - Highly Recommended: Rice 3 Minute Thesis Competition**  
                  Website: [https://events.rice.edu/#!view/event/date/20180309/event_id/4742](https://events.rice.edu/#!view/event/date/20180309/event_id/4742)  
                  Location: Moody Center for the Arts, Lois Chiles Studio Theater (Bldg. 77 on map)  
                  80,000 word thesis in less than 180 seconds? The Three Minute Thesis competition challenges Rice graduate students to communicate the significance of their research to a general audience in just three minutes. |
**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

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| Day        | **Free - Enjoy Exploring Houston On Your Own**  
Check out the [Houston Scavenger List](#) for suggestions on things to do in Houston! For transportation, you can take the Hotel Shuttle within 2 miles of the hotel (to Rice Village Shopping Area or the Museum District/Hermann Park) or take the walk to the TMC/Dryden Metrorail Station and take the Red Line North to Downtown Houston or you can use Uber/Lyft to travel to other locations such as the Galleria Shopping Mall. |
| 11:00 - 4:00 PM | **Optional - Texas State Japanese Speech Contest**  
*Location: Herring Hall, Rice University (Bldg. 41)*  
Rice University will be hosting the 2018 Texas State Japanese Speech Contests. Students from Texas will give competitive speeches in Japanese at this event. The goal is to inspire Japanese language learners of all levels and ages to challenge themselves and improve their Japanese by providing an opportunity to demonstrate oral language communication skills. The contest also strives to bring together the Japanese and American communities to advocate for and to celebrate Japanese language learning, and to encourage students to further their understanding of Japan, its people, and its culture. |

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**  
*Daylight Savings time begins today. 2:00 AM on Sunday will Spring Ahead to become 3:00 AM!*

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| Morning    | **Breakfast & Travel On Your Own to Rice University** .  
Meet Natsumi in Lobby and Walk to TMC/Dryden Metrorail Station. Take Red Line north to Rice University/Hermann Park Station and walk to HMNS. |
| 9:30 - 12:30 PM | **Outing to Houston Museum of Natural Science**  
*Website: [http://www.hmns.org/](http://www.hmns.org/)  
Admission to General Exhibit and Butterfly Exhibit Included. Bring money for snacks/drinks and souvenirs.*  
As one of the most heavily attended museums in the United States, and one of the most attended venues in Houston, the Museum houses the Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham GIANT Screen Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center and a fascinating variety of permanent exhibit areas that examine astronomy, space science, Native American culture, paleontology, energy, chemistry, gems and minerals, seashells, Texas wildlife and much more. In addition, the museum frequently presents traveling exhibitions on a variety of topics. |
| Afternoon & Evening | **Free - Enjoy Exploring Houston On Your Own**  
Check out the [Houston Scavenger List](#) for suggestions on things to do in Houston! |
### Monday, March 12, 2018

This week is Rice University Spring Break. No classes will be held this week.

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| **Morning** | **Mid-Program Research Update Meetings with Prof. Junichiro Kono**  
**Location: Brockman Hall, Room 351 (Bldg. 72)** |

Discuss your research progress so far and any questions/concerns you may have.

- 9:00 - 9:20 AM: Eria Imada (Morosan Lab)
- 9:20 - 9:40 AM: Mei Maruo (Rice Space Inst.)
- 9:40 - 10:00 AM: Ayako Mizuno (Bao Lab)
- 10:00 - 10:20 AM: Hiroko Nagafuchi (Hartgerink Lab)
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### Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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- 9:00 - 9:20 AM: Miho Sakuma (Qutub Lab)
- 9:20 - 9:40 AM: Shoko Sano (O’Malley Lab)
- 9:40 - 10:00 AM: Mari Sato (Subramanian Lab)
- 10:00 - 10:20 AM: Mayu Shibata (Onuchic Lab)
- 10:20 - 10:40 AM: Utana Umezaki (Marti Lab)

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Students Enrolled: Eria Imada, Yukari Sakano, Shoko Sano, Utana Umezaki  
**Location: OISS, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1)** |

### Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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| **12:00 - 1:00 PM** | **OISS English Class: Grammar and Pronunciation**  
Students Enrolled: Yukari Sakano, Shoko Sano  
**Location: OISS Office, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1)** |
| **5:30 PM** | **Included Dinner - Pizza and Drinks**  
**Location: Brockman Hall, Room 103 (Bldg. 72)** |
| **6:00 - 8:00 PM** | **Seminar: “Messaging: How to Highlight & Build On Your Message”**  
**Speaker: Kuriko Hasegawa Wong, Accenture (US-Japan Council Member)** |

Based in Houston, Kuriko Hasegawa Wong is a seasoned communications and public relations practitioner. She currently works for Accenture, managing media relations efforts for the U.S. Southwest region. Before joining Accenture, Kuriko was Vice President at FleishmanHillard, an international public relations agency, where she provided communications counsel to clients in the U.S. and Japan. Outside of work, she has been a long-time member of Pensadores de Houston Toastmasters, a Spanish-speaking public speaking professional organization, where she assumed various leadership positions including President and Vice President of Public Relations. Kuriko is also a former foreign exchange student originally from Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Japan, and graduated from the University of Houston with double-majors in corporate communications and Spanish.
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| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **OISS English Class:** Idioms and Slang Class  
Website: [OISS Office, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1)](https://graduate.rice.edu/)  
Location: Cohen House: Rice Faculty Club, (Bldg. 9)  
Students Enrolled: Mei Maruo, Ayako Mizuno, Hiroko Nagafuchi, Miho Sakuma, Shoko Sano, Mari Sato, Mayu Shibata, Utana Umezaki |
| Friday    |                                                                                          |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | **Lunch:** “Applying to Graduate School in the U.S.”, Prof. Seiichi Matsuda, Dean of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies and Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Biochemistry & Cell Biology  
Website: https://graduate.rice.edu/  
Location: Cohen House: Rice Faculty Club, (Bldg. 9)  
**Prof. Seiichi Matsuda** has been Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at Rice University since 2014. Matsuda joined the Rice faculty in 1995 as an assistant professor of chemistry and of biochemistry and cell biology. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2001, full professor in 2004 and department chair in 2007. As chair of the Department of Chemistry, Matsuda focused the graduate program on promoting the highest level of achievement for each doctoral student. |
| 2:30 - 4:00 PM | **Seminar:** “Introduction to Houston: Diversity, Urban Issues, and a City for the Future”  
Speaker: William Fulton, Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research  
Website 36th Kinder Institute Houston Survey: [http://kinder.rice.edu/khas/](http://kinder.rice.edu/khas/)  
Location: Brockman Hall, Room 103 (Bldg. 72)  
**William Fulton** is Director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University. At the Kinder Institute, Fulton coordinates Rice’s research partnership with the City of Houston and its involvement with the MetroLab Network. He is a former Mayor of Ventura, California, and Director of Planning & Economic Development for the City of San Diego, and was a Senior Fellow at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He holds master’s degrees in mass communication from The American University and urban planning from UCLA. |
| Saturday  | Final Weekend in Houston                                                                 |
| 9:00 AM  | **Optional - Visit Houston Zoo (Weather Permitting)**  
Website: [https://www.houstonzoo.org/](https://www.houstonzoo.org/)  
**Admission:** Free with Rice ID  
**Guide:** Natsumi Komatsu  
Meet Natsumi in the Hotel Lobby and walk from the hotel to the Houston Zoo (or take Metrorail one stop from TMC/Dryden to Houston Zoo stop. Free Admission with Rice Student ID. After exploring the Zoo, students can go back to the hotel on their own or we can walk together to the Japanese Garden and McGovern Centennial Gardens. This outing is optional and if it is raining/bad weather it will be cancelled. Students must pay individually for all food/drinks/souvenirs. |
| Afternoon | **Free - Enjoy Exploring Houston On Your Own**  
Check out the [Houston Scavenger List](https://www.houstonzoo.org/) for suggestions on things to do in Houston! For transportation, you can take the Hotel Shuttle within 2 miles of the hotel (to Rice Village Shopping Area or the Museum District/Hermann Park) or take the walk to the TMC/Dryden Metrorail Station and take the Red Line North to Downtown Houston or you can use Uber/Lyft to travel to other locations such as the Galleria Shopping Mall. |
### Sunday, March 18, 2018

**Morning**

Free - Enjoy Exploring Houston On Your Own  
Check out the [Houston Scavenger List](#) for suggestions on things to do in Houston! For transportation, you can take the Hotel Shuttle within 2 miles of the hotel (to Rice Village Shopping Area or the Museum District/Hermann Park) or take the walk to the TMC/Dryden Metrorail Station and take the Red Line North to Downtown Houston or you can use Uber/Lyft to travel to other locations such as the Galleria Shopping Mall.

### Monday, March 19, 2018

**Morning**  
Breakfast & Travel On Your Own to Rice University

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| 8:00 - 9:30 AM | Webinar: “Science for Policy and Policy for Science”  
Speaker: Kei Koizumi, Scholar, Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)  
AAAS Website: [https://www.aaas.org/](https://www.aaas.org/)  
Instructions for how to join webinar will be sent via email. Can join from hotel room or office/lab.  
**Kei Koizumi** is a Visiting Scholar in Science Policy at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He joined AAAS in February 2017 after 8 years as Assistant Director for Federal Research and Development and Senior Advisor to the Director for the National Science and Technology Council at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). There, he was responsible for leading OSTP engagement on the U.S. Federal R&D budgets, appropriations, and policies and for S&T policy coordination through the National Science and Technology Council. Before joining OSTP, Koizumi served as the director of AAAS’ Research & Development Budget and Policy Program. He was also named an AAAS Fellow, an honor that the organization bestows upon members who have made significant efforts to advance science or its applications. During current term as an AAAS scholar, Koizumi said that he would like to enhance “the capacity of the community to bring together science and public policy and the public in interesting ways.” He would also like to help build relationships between universities and non-profit organizations in the broader science community. |

### Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**Final Research Poster Must be Submitted in Canvas by 11:59 PM tonight!**

**Day**

Work in Research Host Labs

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| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Optional - Japanese Language Table Discussion Session  
Location: Lovett College, Private Dining Room (Bldg. 35) Cost: $8  
**OISS English Class: “Beginning English Conversation”**  
Students Enrolled: Eria Imada, Yukari Sakano, Shoko Sano, Utana Umezaki  
Location: OISS, Lovett Hall (Bldg. 1) |
| 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Seminar: “Poster Presentation & Practice Sessions”  
Speaker: Dr. Gayle Moran, Rice Center for Engineering Leadership  
Location: Abercrombie Lab, AL-227 (Bldg. 11)  
**Presentation Coaching: “Practice Poster Presentation”**  
Speaker: Dr. Gayle Moran, Rice Center for Engineering Leadership  
Location: Abercrombie Lab, AL-227 & RCEL Conference Room (Bldg. 11)  
You will divide up into 2 groups of 5 each and practice presenting your poster with a trained coach to give you feedback. Bring your draft poster on a USB/Thumb drive. |
## Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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## Thursday, March 22, 2018

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### 3:30 - 5:00 PM

**Research Capstone Event: RCQM/TOMODACHI Poster Session**<br>**Location:** Rice Memorial Center (RMC), Grand Hall (Bldg. 21)<br>**Refreshments Will Be Served**

The TOMODACHI STEM students will present research posters on the projects they have conducted in their Rice University lab. All host professors, mentors, lab group members, and friends of the program are invited to attend. Graduate students affiliated with the Rice Center for Quantum Materials will also participate.

### Evening

| Free! |
**Friday, March 23, 2018**  
**Final Day in Houston**

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| 8:45 AM| **Rice University Shuttle Departs Wyndham Hotel**  
Driver: [Redacted] |

**Day**  
**Company Site Visit to Dow**  
*Dow Japan provided full funding for the 2018 TOMODACHI STEM Program through the U.S.-Japan Council’s TOMODACHI Initiative.*

Drop-off Address: 270 Abner Jackson Pkwy, Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
Website: [http://www.dow.com/](http://www.dow.com/)  
Attendees: 10 students + Sarah Phillips  
Attire: Please bring or wear your TOMODACHI STEM T-shirt.

- 10:00 – Attendees Arrive at Dow Diamond Center, Room 1123  
- 10:05 – Introductions  
- 10:15 - Welcome to Dow Texas Operations presentation/Q&A about Dow  
- 11:00 – Dow Leader Panel Discussion Introductions  
- 11:15 – Leadership Panel Discussion and Lunch  
- 12:30 – Depart Via Rice Shuttle for Pack Studios  
- 12:45 – Tour of Pack Studios  
- ~2:00 - Depart

**Reminder**  
**Before leaving Houston/Rice University be sure to return/complete the following:**

- Return any library books you checked out to Fondren Library.  
- If you picked up lab/office keys at RUPD, you must return them to the RUPD office individually. (Bldg. 43).  
- If you picked up lab/office keys from your academic department/research group, you must return them directly to your academic department/research group.  
- Complete the OISS Check-out Form (see email from OISS/Aki)  
- Set forwarding on your @rice.edu email account so all messages received automatically forward to your primary email address.  
- If you use your Japanese university email account as your primary address but will be graduating soon, be sure to give your host professor/lab and the TOMODACHI STEM program a personal email address we can continue to use to contact you at. (e.g. a Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo or other personal account)
### Saturday, March 24, 2018 - Depart Houston

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<td><strong>Arrival to IAH - Terminal C - Check-in for United Flight</strong>&lt;br&gt;Upon arrival, we will proceed to the check-in terminals. If your luggage is overweight you will be charged extra fees by United. Sarah will be on this same flight. Eat breakfast at airport or purchase food to eat on the plane. No meal will be served.</td>
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<td>7:50 AM</td>
<td><strong>United Flight #6132 Departs IAH for Philadelphia</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Arrival to Philadelphia</strong>&lt;br&gt;Collect baggage and meet bus outside terminal. A-1:</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch and Walking Tour of Philadelphia (Tentative - Final Itinerary To Be Confirmed)</strong></td>
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<td>Leader: Jen Topp, Lehigh University&lt;br&gt;Cost: Students will pay individually for their lunch. Leave luggage in bus.</td>
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<td>1:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Reading Terminal Market for Lunch &amp; Shopping (Pay individually)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Address: 51 North 12th Street Philadelphia, PA 19107&lt;br&gt;Website: <a href="http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/">http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/</a>&lt;br&gt;Mouth-watering aromas. Locally grown and exotic produce. Amish specialties. Fresh meats, seafood, and poultry. Handmade confections and baked goods straight from the oven. Everything you need to create a memorable meal, from cookbooks, to table linens, to kitchen ware, to fresh cut flowers, and more. Plus the widest variety of restaurants under one roof.</td>
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<td>3:00 PM</td>
<td><strong>Walk to Benjamin Franklin Museum</strong>&lt;br&gt;Address: 317 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19106&lt;br&gt;Website: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-benjaminfranklinmuseum.htm">https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-benjaminfranklinmuseum.htm</a>&lt;br&gt;Dedicated to the life, times and legacy of Philadelphia’s famous founding father, the Benjamin Franklin Museum invites you to explore a variety of interactive exhibitions. The world-class museum features personal artifacts, computer animations and hands-on displays exploring Franklin’s life as a private citizen and statesman. Visitors can learn about the various roles Franklin filled during his lifetime, including his work as a printer, a scientist, a diplomat and a founder of civic institutions. Individual rooms in the museum reflect different aspects of Franklin’s personality and character traits, as he was known to be strategic, rebellious, curious and full of wonder. The museum also showcases how Franklin’s ideas are still relevant today.</td>
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<td>4:30 PM</td>
<td><strong>Walk to Liberty Bell</strong>&lt;br&gt;Address: N 6th St &amp; Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19106&lt;br&gt;Website: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-libertybell.htm">https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-libertybell.htm</a>&lt;br&gt;The Liberty Bell was cast in the Whitechapel Foundry in London and hung in the belfry of the Pennsylvania State House in 1753. That building is known today as Independence Hall. The bell cracked upon its first use before being recast twice by John Pass and John Stow, of Philadelphia. You can see their names inscribed on the bell as well as a Biblical verse from Leviticus, “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof.” After the Liberty Bell was repaired, it rang for a George Washington birthday celebration but it cracked again and has not been rung since. No one knows why the bell cracked either time. The Liberty Bell did not always hold that name. A group that was trying to outlaw slavery first referred to it as the “Liberty Bell” and used it as a symbol for their cause. The Liberty Bell was showcased around the U.S. to help bring everyone together after the Civil War. The bell returned to Philadelphia in 1915 where Americans and people from around the world come together to see this silent reminder of how powerful liberty is. Today, millions of visitors get a glimpse of the Liberty Bell thanks to the National Park Service.</td>
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<td><strong>Address:</strong> 120 W. 3rd St., Bethlehem, PA 18015</td>
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**Note:** Sarah Phillips will not be staying at this hotel but in case of emergency you can call her cell.

Evening: Included Dinner - Pizza, Soda, and Salad
Will be brought to the hotel and you can take the food from the lobby to your room to eat.
Tomodachi
STEM at Lehigh University
March 24-March 27, 2018
Women in Global Stem

Over the course of two days, Tomodachi STEM participants will explore career readiness by participating in career decision-making exercises designed to address goals, interests, and competency in a growing global marketplace. Students will meet women leaders in STEM and undergraduates pursuing research fellowships in STEM, and examine the role that creativity and innovation plays in STEM careers.

Saturday, March 24

12:11 Arrival to PHL from Houston

1:30 Meet Jen Topp, Assistant Director for Global Partnerships & Strategic Initiatives, for lunch at Reading Terminal Market
51 North 12th Street
One of America’s largest and oldest public markets, housed since 1893 in a National Historic Landmark building, the Market offers an incredible selection of locally grown & exotic produce, locally sourced meats and poultry, plus the finest seafood, cheeses, baked goods, and confections. You’ll find everything you need to create a memorable meal, from cookbooks, to table linens, to kitchenware, to fresh cut flowers, and more.

3:00 Walk to Benjamin Franklin Museum
317 Chestnut St
Explore Benjamin Franklin’s life and legacy through his character traits. The exhibit area is divided into five "rooms" with each room focusing on a particular trait: ardent and dutiful, ambitious and rebellious, motivated to improve, curious and full of wonder, and strategic and persuasive. There are videos, touch screen interactives, mechanical interactives, and artifacts in each "room." An additional area called the "Library" presents a video with excerpts from Franklin's Autobiography.

4:30 See the Liberty Bell
N 6th St & Market St

The State House bell, now known as the Liberty Bell, rang in the tower of the Pennsylvania State House. Today, we call that building Independence Hall. Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly Isaac Norris first ordered a bell for the bell tower in 1751 from the Whitechapel Foundry in London. That bell cracked on the first test ring. Local metalworkers John Pass and John Stow melted down that bell and cast a new one right here in Philadelphia. It's this bell that would ring to call lawmakers to their meetings and the townspeople together to hear the reading of the news. Benjamin Franklin wrote to Catherine Ray in 1755, "Adieu, the Bell rings, and I must go among the Grave ones and talk Politicks." It's not until the 1830's that the old State House bell would begin to take on significance as a symbol of liberty. Listen to the story of the Liberty Bell in this audio podcast.

5:30 Depart for Bethlehem

7:00 Check in to Comfort Suites
Jen picks up pizza and salad for dinner from Lehigh Pizza
Sunday, March 25

8:30-9:30 Breakfast in hotel

10:00-11:30 Debrief with Sarah
Hill to Hill Grille
Comfort Suites

11:45 Jen meets you for walk to lunch

Noon Lunch at The Goose, a family run deli and Lehigh University tradition

Afternoon with Global Union (GU) executive board members and Lehigh exchange students

*The Global Union* is a coalition of more than 50 student clubs and organizations that promote global awareness and cultural understanding within the Lehigh community and the Lehigh Valley. There are more than 1,000 members from over 40 countries, including one-half of the membership from the United States.

*The GU does not replace individual clubs: rather, it allows them a forum to work together. In their willingness to be global in outlook, GU members share a common mission and vision, as well as a space in which to pursue common goals.*

David Kroll, VP for Club Relations
Miriam Soriano Gregorio, intern

Lehigh accepts exchange students through a variety of agreements with partner colleges, universities and programs around the world, for one semester or one academic year. Exchange students come to Lehigh from partners in Germany, China, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and the UK, as well as those universities around the world who participate in the Global Engineering Education Exchange (GE3)

Mitrath Silvom, Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia
Aishah Rozaiddin, Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia
Hazizam Zamri, Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia
Kathrin Dinsing, Universitat Dortmund, Germany

1:30-3:00 Steel Ice Center
Ice skating

3:30 Walk to campus for tour

4:15 Teambuilding activity in the Global Union

5:00 Walk to dinner at Rathbone dining hall

*Bright and colorful with a view that can't be beat! Rathbone, Lehigh's most recently renovated eatery, features eight culinary platforms that can satisfy any craving or dietary need for breakfast, lunch or dinner. What truly makes this place special, is the gorgeous view overlooking the Lehigh Valley.*
Monday, March 26

7:30-8:00 Breakfast in hotel

8:15 Jen Topp picks up at hotel and brings to Williams 341

8:30-9:30 Introduction to the program and Elevator Pitch exercise with Jen Topp and Lyuda Kadzhaia, Russian Fulbright fellow

9:45-10:45 Hofstede’s Cultural Dimension Theory with Cheryl Matherly, Vice President and Vice Provost, Office of International Affairs. An introduction to a framework for cross-cultural communication

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-1:00 Graduate School Culture Faculty & Staff Panel & Lunch. Faculty in the STEM field, the Associate Dean for Lehigh’s Graduate Life, and a Lehigh Ph.D. student talk about the graduate school process and share their own experiences. Jennifer Swann, Professor, Biological Sciences, Director of Student Success (Arts & Sciences). Vassie Ware, Professor, Biological Sciences, Co-Director of HHMI Bioscience program and Distance Education program. Kathleen Hutnik, Associate Dean for Graduate Life. Petrina Davidson, OIA Graduate Assistant and Ph.D. student, Comparative & International Education

1:00-2:30 Examining your StrengthsFinder results with Carol Ham, Director, Iacocca International Internship Program

2:30-3:45 Visit to the bookstore, walk back to Global Union Lounge, 2nd floor, Coxe Hall

4:10-5:00 Student Leadership & Research. An informal discussion with Lehigh undergraduate women pursuing leadership and research opportunities. Veronica McKinny, American Association of University Women (AAUW) Youth Rep. Michelle Kent, Goldwater scholarship nominee. Susan Cheng, Nakatani Foundation research finalist
Monday, March 26, cont.

5:30-7:00 The Mentor/Mentee Relationship: dinner and conversation
Global Union

Katrina Prutzman, Project Consultant, Sustainability and Energy Environment, WSP Group-Parson Brinckerhoff, and WISE member

**WISE (Women into Science and Engineering) encourages women and girls to value and pursue science, technology, engineering and math-related courses in school or college and move on into related careers and progress. Its mission statement aims to facilitate understanding of these disciplines among women and girls and the opportunities which they present at a professional level.**

Marci Levine, Program Director, Lehigh ADVANCE Center

*Lehigh University was one of seven 2010 recipients of an NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Grant. Lehigh’s proposal “Building Community Beyond Academic Departments” focuses on harnessing the strengths of interdisciplinarity to enhance recruitment, retention, and the advancement of women faculty in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields at Lehigh.*

Miki Sankary, Japan America Council
Tuesday, March 27

Tours of two of Lehigh’s centers for research and innovation

7:00-8:00  Breakfast in hotel
8:15      Check out; luggage will be stored at hotel
8:45      Jen picks up to bring students to campus

9:00-10:15 ATLSS tour
Lehigh University’s Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS) Engineering Research Center, under the direction of Joseph T. Stuart Professor of Structural Engineering Richard Sause, Ph.D., P.E, is a national center for research and education on structures and materials of the infrastructure.

Established in May 1986 under the direction of emeritus faculty John W. Fisher, Ph.D., P.E., with a grant as part of the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Engineering Research Center (ERC) program, the Center now addresses the research goals of the NSF, the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Defense, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and numerous additional national, state, and local industry and government organizations and agencies.

Significant research has been performed to develop data on fatigue resistance, fracture resistance, strength evaluation of various components and configurations, proof testing, design verification, high performance materials, and product evaluation for a wide variety of transportation structures.

10:45-11:30 Wilbur Powerhouse tour
The Wilbur Powerhouse is a 17,000 square foot facility in the heart of Lehigh Universities Asa Packer Campus designed to give students and faculty all the tools and resources to go from idea to physical concept. More than just a space with resources, the Powerhouse serves as a hub for interdisciplinary education. Programs and departments from across all three undergraduate colleges at Lehigh use the open space of the Powerhouse and its unique set of resources to foster collaboration among students from a diverse set of backgrounds.

11:30-1:00     Lunch at Rathbone Hall
1:00           Jen takes participants back to Comfort Suites
1:30           Depart for Washington DC
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<td>~ 6:30- 7:00 PM</td>
<td>Check-in to Hampton Inn &amp; Suites, Navy Yard</td>
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**Evening**

- **Free - Have Dinner on Your Own**

The hotel is just 3 blocks from the Navy Yard Metro Station (Green Line) and there are a number of restaurants within a 10 - 15 minute walk. Use the Yelp or Open Table app to look up reviews of some of the nearby restaurants which include:

**Open Table: Best Restaurants in Navy Yard**

https://www.opentable.com/n/washington-dc/district-of-columbia/navy-yard-restaurants

- Scarlet Oak
- Justin’s Cafe
- The Big Stick
- Shake Shake
- Takorean (Korean BBQ Tacos)
- Bluejacket Brewery
- Kruba Thai and Sushi
- Ice Cream Jubilee
- Due South
- Osteria Moreni
- Whaley’s Oyster & Seafood
- Agua 301
- The Salt Line Seafood
- Bardo Riverfront

- Gorden Birsch Brewery
- Nado’s Peri Peri Chicken
- Potbelly Sandwich Shop
- Sweetgreen Salads
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Subway Sandwich Shop
- Bonchon Navy Yard (Korean Fried Chicken)
- Five Guys Burgers
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<td>9:30 - 12:00 PM</td>
<td>Howard University Site Visit</td>
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<td>Host: Prof. Thomas Searles, Department of Physics &amp; Astronomy</td>
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<td>Website: <a href="https://www2.howard.edu/">https://www2.howard.edu/</a></td>
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<td>During this visit we will learn more about Howard University, a Historically Black College and University, through a campus tour, research facility and lab tours, and an introduction to some of their physics and engineering research projects a major research collaboration with Harvard &amp; MIT funded by an NSF Science &amp; Technology Center grant.</td>
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<td>As a group we will visit the National Mall and explore the various monuments. We will end at the Tidal Basin where we can, hopefully, see the cherry trees in bloom. After the walking tour ends, students will have free time to explore DC on their own. If the weather is bad, students will have free time to visit any of the Smithsonian Museums.</td>
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| 10:00 - 12:00 PM                             | **JAXA Washington DC**                     |
| Website: [http://global.jaxa.jp/about/centers/resident/index.html](http://global.jaxa.jp/about/centers/resident/index.html) | Address: 2120 L St., N.W. Ste. 205 Washington, D.C. 20037 Phone: |

The Washington D.C. Office serves as JAXA’s liaison with the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Other operations include the monitoring of relevant activities of the Office of the President, of Congress, and of local aerospace-related industries, as well as public relations and the introduction of JAXA’s activities to the U.S.

Hiroyuki Iwamoto, Director, JAXA Washington, DC

Isao Kotani, Deputy Director, Washington DC Office, JAXA
Mr. Isao Kotani is a specialist for cooperative relations with JAXA and relevant organizations of US government and industries. Prior to joining Washington DC Office, Mr. Kotani worked at Program Management and Integration Office, Space Transportation Directorate to manage the planning and funding of current and future programs such as Enhanced Epsilon, H-IIA Upgrade, H3 project and the research programs throughout the directorate (2014-2016). Having granted from M.S. in Aerospace Engineering at University of Southern California and B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Waseda University, Mr. Kotani had been working as an engineer for launch facilities and solid rocket booster (SRB-A) at Range Technology Development Office, specialized in the solid rocket developments and operations for H3, H-IIB and Epsilon project team until 2014.

Kenji Hamaguchi, Researcher, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Website: [https://science.gsfc.nasa.gov/sed/bio/kenji.hamaguchi-1](https://science.gsfc.nasa.gov/sed/bio/kenji.hamaguchi-1)
I have studied stellar X-ray physics for 20 years using astronomical data obtained with the X-ray satellites, ROSAT, ASCA, Chandra, XMM-Newton, Swift, NuSTAR and Suzaku. My research interest is mass accretion mechanism, formation of newborn stars, evolution of massive stars, and history of star formation in star forming regions. I also developed X-ray CCD detectors and their calibration systems for the Astro-E1 X-ray satellite. I am currently working at the Goddard Center for the Suzaku X-ray observatory.
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<td>JSPS is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities by disbursing research grants, fostering the next generation of scientists, promoting international scientific collaboration, and advancing university reform.</td>
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<td>The U.S.-Japan Council is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit educational organization that contributes to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations by bringing together diverse leadership, engaging stakeholders and exploring issues that benefit communities, businesses and government entities on both sides of the Pacific.</td>
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**Dr. Kohji Hirata, Director, JSPS Washington, DC**
Kohji Hirata received his Ph.D. in the theory of the magnetic monopoles from the University of Tsukuba in 1979. He then worked in KEK, the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization. He also conducted research CERN (European Laboratory for Nuclear Physics) and SLAC (Stanford Linear Accelerator Center). He also served as the chairman of the beam dynamics panel of the ICFA (International Committee for Future Accelerators). He moved to SOKENDAI, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies in 1988 and served as the director of its center for the promotion of integrated sciences as well as a professor of the school of the advanced sciences. His interest moved to social studies of science and technology and he was one of the founders of the Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies. He was its president for the term 2007-2009. At present, he is the director of the JSPS Washington Office. His mission is to enhance the academic collaboration between Japan and USA.

**Irene Hirano, President, U.S.-Japan Council**
Irene Hirano Inouye is President of the U.S.-Japan Council, a position she has held since the founding of the Council in late 2008. Through her work at the Council, she also administers the TOMODACHI Initiative, a public-private partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the Government of Japan that invests in young Japanese and Americans through educational and cultural exchanges and leadership programs. She is the former President and founding CEO of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, a position she held for twenty years. A recipient of bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and an honorary doctorate degree from SMU, Ms. Hirano Inouye has extensive experience in nonprofit administration, community education and public affairs with culturally diverse communities nationwide.
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Directions: Take the Green Line from Navy Yard to L’Enfant Plaza. Walk about 6 minutes to DoE building. Will need to arrive early for check-in. |
| 9:00 - 12:15 PM | **Site Visit: Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Policy & Cooperation**  
Host: Michael Baham, Michael.Baham@nuclear.energy.gov  
Website: [https://energy.gov/ne/nuclear-reactor-technologies/international-nuclear-energy-policy-and-cooperation](https://energy.gov/ne/nuclear-reactor-technologies/international-nuclear-energy-policy-and-cooperation)  
Address: 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington D.C. 20585  
8:45 AM: Arrive to DOE & Security Screening  
9:00 – 9:05 AM: “Welcome Remarks/Overview of Visit Agenda”, Sarah Lennon, A/Deputy Assistant Secretary  
9:05 – 9:25 AM: “Welcome Remarks/Overview of DOE & NE/Laboratories”, Brad Williams, Senior Advisor, Office of Nuclear Energy  
10:15 – 10:30 AM: U.S.-Japan Nuclear R&D and Commercial Cooperation, Michelle Scott, Office of Nuclear Energy  
10:40 – 10:55 AM: R&D Cooperation (update on CNWG), Craig Welling / Sara Scott  
10:55 - 11:00 AM: “U.S.-Japan Safeguards & Nonproliferation cooperation”, Jaci Dickerson, Program Manager, International Reactor Conversion Program, Office of Material Management and Minimization (M3)  
11:10 - 11:30 AM: Q&A  
11:35 – 12:15 PM: Tour Emergency Operations Center at DOE, Joe Stambaugh, Director, Emergency Operations Support and Kevin Moore, Deputy Director, Office of Consolidated Emergency Operations Center  
12:30 - 1:30 PM: Lunch at Mitsitam Café at the Nearby National Museum of the American Indian  
*Students pay individually. Cafeteria style. Or, if you can eat lunch on your own if you would like to go somewhere else.* |
### Afternoon

**Free Sight-Seeing in DC**  
Recommended: Monuments and Museums on National Mall  
Website: [https://washington.org/dc-neighborhoods/national-mall](https://washington.org/dc-neighborhoods/national-mall)  
Directions: From the Navy Yard Metro Station, take the Green Line to L’Enfant Plaza. Walk to National Mall.

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### Saturday, March 31, 2018

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<td>by 9:30 AM</td>
<td>Check-out of Hotel &amp; Meet in Lobby with All Luggage</td>
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<td>9:40 AM</td>
<td><strong>Super Shuttle Vans Depart For Dulles Airport (IAD)</strong></td>
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<td>by 10:00 AM</td>
<td><strong>Arrive to Dulles International Airfare (IAD) &amp; International Flight Check-in</strong></td>
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<td>Proceed to United counter for flight check-in.</td>
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<td>12:35 PM</td>
<td><strong>United Flight #803 Departs for Narita (NRT)</strong></td>
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<td>You will lose one day as you cross the International Date Line.</td>
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### Sunday, April 1, 2018

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<td>3:25 PM</td>
<td><strong>Arrival at Narita (NRT) and Travel Back Home!</strong></td>
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<td>Clear immigration and customs. Safe travels back home and we look forward to maybe seeing you during our future visits to Japan!</td>
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### Final Assignments - See Canvas for Details

- **by April 4**
  - Final Week in the U.S. Report & Updated Copy of Your Resume Due
  - Complete Post-Program Assessments for TOMODACHI STEM

- **by April 6**
  - Complete Post-Program Survey for U.S-Japan Council

- **by April 27**
  - Complete Final Report, Follow-on Project Plan, and Tips for Future Participants

### Final Assignments - See Canvas for Details

The TOMODACHI Generation develops new friendships and connections through TOMODACHI programs and activities. Make those relationships last! Keep in touch with other participants, continue expressing your ideas, and keep finding ways to lead and make a difference. Stay connected by:

- **TOMODACHI Facebook Page**: “Like” our page and get the latest on news and activities at [http://www.facebook.com/USJapanTOMODACHI](http://www.facebook.com/USJapanTOMODACHI)
- **Bookmark the TOMODACHI Website**: [http://www.usjapantomodachi.org](http://www.usjapantomodachi.org)
- **Follow us on Twitter**: [http://www.twitter.com/JapanTomodachi](http://www.twitter.com/JapanTomodachi)
University and Site Visit Overviews 46
Key Rankings

- Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in U.S. overall
- Top Carnegie classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program”
- One of only three Tier One universities in Texas
- No. 1 best quality of life
- No. 1 lots of race/class interaction
- No. 8 best value among private universities nationally and No. 1 in Texas
- One of “50 Schools That Create Futures”
- One of U.S. Department of Education’s 23 four-year schools with low costs that lead to high incomes
- Two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry
- Two National Medal of Science faculty winners

School Facts, fall 2017

- 3,970 undergraduate and 2,934 graduate students
- Students and scholars representing 89 countries and regions
- Undergraduate student-faculty ratio approximately 6:1, with median class size of 14
- 89 percent of reporting freshmen graduated in top 10 percent of high school class
- 20 consecutive years of NCAA conference championship athletic teams

Universitywide rankings

U.S. News & World Report
- Ranked among top 20 national universities every year since first ranked in 1988; currently tied for No. 14 (2018)
- No. 3 among national universities with strong commitment to undergraduate teaching (2018)
- No. 14 among 50 national universities ranked as best values (2018)

- No. 12 colleges that pay you back without aid
- No. 17 top colleges that pay you back
- No. 22 best career placement

Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education

MONEY Magazine
- No. 12 national ranking for “2017 Best Colleges for Your Money,” highest of any other Texas school in the guide
- No. 2 best colleges in the South

Kiplinger’s Best College Values (2018)
- No. 5 among private universities
- No. 8 on the combined private and public colleges

Niche.com
- No. 1 colleges with best student life in America (2018)
- No. 5 best colleges (2018)
- No. 5 top private universities in America (2018)

PayScale
- No. 1 best colleges in Texas by salary potential (2017)

Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies
- One of the nation’s largest providers of professional development for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate teachers
- Attracts students from more than 100 countries with more than 20,000 enrollments a year in credit and noncredit courses

School of Architecture

Design Intelligence
- No. 4 undergraduate architecture program (2017)
- No. 9 graduate architecture program (2017)

Architectural Record
- No. 6 undergraduate architecture program (2018)

George R. Brown School of Engineering

PayScale
- Top 20 best schools for engineering majors by salary potential (2017)

U.S. News & World Report
- No. 20 undergraduate engineering (2018)
- No. 9 graduate biomedical engineering, No. 11 graduate programming languages specialty, No. 20 graduate computer engineering, No. 20 graduate environmental engineering (2016)

American Society of Engineering Educators
- Rankings for the percent of degrees going to women include No. 8 for bachelor’s degrees, No. 1 for master’s degrees, No. 4 for Ph.D.s

Research

Carnegie Foundation
- Top classifications for “very high research activity” and “comprehensive doctoral program” (2015)

Leiden Ranking
- No. 5 social sciences and humanities, No. 8 mathematics and computer sciences, No. 38 physical sciences and engineering, No. 64 for all sciences among the world’s top universities for the quality and impact of Rice’s scientific publications (2015)
Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business

U.S. News & World Report
• No. 11 entrepreneurship program (2017) and No. 24 part-time MBA program (2017)
• No. 29 overall for full-time MBA (2017)

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine
• No. 3 Graduate Entrepreneurship (2016), six years in top 10
• No. 9 Most Family Friendly (2016)

Princeton Review
• No. 4 Most Competitive Students – full-time MBA (2016)

Financial Times
• No. 1 Aims Achieved — Executive MBA (U.S. only), No. 14 Globally (2016)
• No. 7 Overall — Executive MBA (U.S. only), No. 43 Globally (2016)

Businessweek
• Top 10 best full-time MBA program in the nation (2018)
• No. 4 Alumni Survey — full-time MBA (2016)
• No. 8 Overall — full-time MBA (2016)
• No. 14 Employer Survey Rank — full-time MBA (2016)

The Shepherd School of Music

• One of the top orchestral training programs in the country, with alumni in the Philadelphia and Cleveland orchestras; the Chicago, Boston, National and San Francisco symphonies; Los Angeles Philharmonic; and the Metropolitan Opera orchestra.
• Opera Studies program produced recent winners in the George London Awards Competition and the Jensen Foundation Vocal Competition, with alumni in the Houston Grand Opera Studio, the Metropolitan Opera’s Lindemann Young Artist Development Program and the Washington National Opera’s Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists Program.
• The Shepherd School of Music is the first U.S. conservatory program to partner with the New York Philharmonic Global Academy Fellowship Program.
• Recent graduate quartets from the String Quartet Residency Program have won top prizes in international competitions: The Banff International String Quartet Competition (2016): The Rolston String Quartet, MMus ’17; Avery Fisher Career Development Grant (2017): The Dover String Quartet, MMus ’13.
• Shepherd School alumni include Pulitzer Prize (2013) and Grammy Award winners (2017).

School of Humanities

The School of Humanities, like Rice combines the best of a research university with the best of a liberal arts college.
• Our ca. 120 faculty are outstanding researchers who regularly land prestigious fellowships (Humboldt, NEH, NEA, Carnegie, etc.). They are also outstanding teachers, garnering Rice’s top teaching prizes and consistently high marks from Rice students.
• We develop students for careers after graduation through faculty advising, internships and alumni mentoring opportunities. Our students attend the top graduate, medical and law schools and pursue a wide range of for-profit and nonprofit careers.

School of Social Sciences

U.S. News & World Report
• Three graduate programs ranked among the top 50 best graduate schools and programs (2017): No. 33 political science, No. 42 economics, No. 50 psychology.

College Factual
• Three undergraduate programs ranked among the top 50 best colleges by major (2018): No. 15 economics, No. 27 anthropology, No. 44 sociology.

NICHE
• Three undergraduate programs ranked among the top 50 best colleges by major (2018): No. 6 psychology, No. 18 political science, No. 23 economics.

Wiess School of Natural Sciences


Wolf Prize
• Wolf Prize winner in chemistry, K. C. Nicolaou (2016)

U.S. News & World Report
• No. 10 graduate atomic, molecular, optical physics (2015)
• No. 25 graduate earth sciences (2015)

Times Higher Education World University Rankings
• No. 50 worldwide in physical sciences (2015)

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania
• No. 4 among university-affiliated think tanks in the world (2016)
• No. 17 among all think tanks in the U.S. (2016)
• No. 2 among the world’s energy and resource policy think tanks (2016)

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

• Home to world’s richest and largest graduate student startup competition; awarded more than $1.9 million in cash and prizes in (2017)
• More than 2,000 startups have participated in programs since 2001 and have raised more than $3.7 billion in funding

Rice Athletics Highlights (2015–16 Academic Year)
• Rice captures C-USA titles in four of 16 sports (women’s cross-country, men’s and women’s tennis, baseball), matching UTEP and WKU for the most conference crowns in sports Rice offers.
• Baseball and men’s and women’s tennis qualify for NCAA team competition. Baseball’s appearance is its 23rd consecutive, the third-longest active streak in the nation, while women’s tennis earned its sixth consecutive bid.
• Men’s tennis, women’s swimming, men’s and women’s cross-country, men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track produce individual qualifiers to compete in their respective NCAA championships, with decathlete Scott Fillip earning first-team, All-America and Austin Riddle (hammer throw) earning honorable mention.
• The Owls again lead C-USA by placing 255 student-athletes on the 2017 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and earn the C-USA Institutional Excellence Award for the 10th time in 12 years as a member of the conference.
• Rice unveils a new set of brand standards that include new wordmarks and a new representation of the Rice Owl.
• Rice opens the Brian Patterson Sports Performance Center and debuts new video boards at Rice Stadium and Reckling Park, which also allow the Owls to produce EPSN3 compliant game broadcasts while completing renovations to Tudor Fieldhouse to support golf, men’s and women’s track and field/cross-country and soccer.

“What They’re Saying About Rice” is available as a PDF at www.rice.edu/aboutrice.
Rice University’s Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) sponsors... **FREE English & Culture Classes!!!**

**General Sign-up will take place online starting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Instructions will be sent out through OISS-Announce and can also be found at**

[http://oiss.rice.edu/english-class/](http://oiss.rice.edu/english-class/)

*If you have any questions please contact us at 713-348-6095.*

**Free Classes offered for Spring 2018**

**Beginning English Conversation**  
**Teacher:** Heather Dyussekova  
**Class:** Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in OISS  
**Begins:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
**Ends (tentatively):** Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**Grammar & Pronunciation**  
**Teacher:** Chris Sneller  
**Class:** Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in OISS  
**Begins:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
**Ends (tentatively):** Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**Advanced/Intermediate English Conversation:**  
**Teacher:** Catherine Spain  
**Class:** Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m., or 2-3 p.m. in the Ley Student Center, Meyer Conference Room  
**Begins:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
**Ends (tentatively):** Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**Idioms & Slang:**  
**Teacher:** James Bartlett  
**Class:** Thursdays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in OISS  
**Begins:** Thursday, February 1, 2018  
**Ends (tentatively):** Thursday, April 19, 2018
Lovett College Private Dining Room (PDR)

Tuesday, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/10

Noon - 12:50pm

Little Japan on Rice Campus!

ランゲージテーブル

日本語

Table

50 / JAPANESE LANGUAGE TABLE
Houston BCycle offers discounted memberships to Rice students and employees for $25/semester! As a member, you receive unlimited 60-minute trips to and from all BCycle stations (on-campus and off) for the duration of the semester. Sign up for your discounted membership now by visiting https://houston.bcycle.com/top-nav-pages/join-now and choosing the “Student Membership” option. The promo code that you will use to receive your discount is RICEEDU, and you must use your @rice.edu email to register. If you do not have an active @rice.edu email, you will not be able to sign up for the membership.

Houston BCycle Adds 3 New Stations

Houston BCycle offers discounted memberships to Rice students and staff for $25/semester! As a member, you receive unlimited 60-minute trips to and from all BCycle stations (on-campus and off) for the duration of the semester. Summer and Fall memberships will be available in the future with the same rates.

Once you have your membership activated, you are free to check out bikes from all of the stations across the city! BCycle will send you a keychain fob in the mail that you can use to unlock bikes in seconds. The best way for you to navigate the system is by using the BCycle app and signing in with your membership information. The app will show you where the kiosks are located and it will allow you to check out a bike while you're standing at one of the kiosks.

Important facts when using the bikes:

- Your ride begins when you check out a bike, and ends when you dock the bike—which you can do at any one of our stations. You aren't required to make round trips.
- Your membership allows you to take as many under-60 minute rides as you want. As soon as your ride passes the 60-minute threshold, your card will be charged $3.24. You will continue to be charged $3.24 for every 30 minutes that you ride after that.
- If you want to ride for longer than 60 minutes and don't want to be charged, plan on docking your bike before the hour is up, and then simply check out a new bike, which starts the clock over again.
- This is unlikely to happen, but if you arrive at a station and all of the docks are full, you must ride to a nearby station in order to dock your bike and end your ride. Just give BCycle's office a call if this occurs, and you will not be penalized for the extra time you spend riding to another station.
- Your membership will only allow you to check out one bike at a time.

If you have any questions, reach out to their office at info@houstonbikeshare.org or (713) 865-3662.
Recognized among the nation's premier research universities, Lehigh offers a rigorous academic community for nearly 7,000 students. Our ideal size, student-to-faculty ratio and vibrant campus allow students to collaborate on projects in and out of the classroom.
Fast Facts

Founded:
1865 by Asa Packer, an industrial pioneer, entrepreneur and philanthropist

Accreditation:
Regionally Accredited, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Student Body:
5,080 undergraduates (56% men, 44% women)
1,979 graduate students (55% men, 45% women)

4 Colleges:
College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Economics, P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science and College of Education

Lehigh Endowment:
$1.2 billion
Learn more about the endowment >

Athletics Program:
25 NCAA Division I intercollegiate sports for men and women, 43 intramural and club sports

LOCATION ACADEMICS STUDENT PROFILE

Lehigh University is located in Bethlehem, PA., a vibrant and historic community that is a short drive from New York City and Philadelphia. Over 820,000 people live in the region.

SIZE OF CAMPUS: 2,358 acres. The Asa Packer Campus, Mountaintop Campus and Murray H. Goodman Campus are contiguous.
LEHIGH FACULTY MEMBERS ARE WORLD-CLASS SCHOLARS WHO ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH.

521
full-time professors teach at Lehigh.

96%
of Lehigh faculty hold the terminal degree in their field.

65%
of full-time faculty are tenured.

1,050+
UNDERGRADUATES TAKE PART IN RESEARCH EVERY YEAR

117 RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED TO LEHIGH FACULTY BY EXTERNAL FUNDING AGENCIES

784 students were employed in faculty projects (undergraduate and graduate)

45 STUDENT PROJECTS were supported from Spring 2012-Spring 2013 by the Dale S. Strohl '58 Awards for Research Excellence in Humanities and Social Sciences

55 students received grants for their own projects

FACULTY COLLEGE BREAKDOWN

- College of Arts & Sciences - 49%
- P.C. Rossin College of Engineering & Applied Sciences - 28%
- College of Business & Economics - 16%
- College of Education - 7%
Founded in 1867, Howard University is a private, research university comprised of 13 schools and colleges. Students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. To date, Howard has awarded more than 120,000 degrees in the arts, the sciences, and the humanities. The historic main campus sits on a hilltop in Northwest Washington blocks from the storied U Street and Howard Theatre. We are two miles from the U.S. Capitol where many students intern, and scores of alumni shape national and foreign policy.

Howard is a leader in STEM fields. The National Science Foundation has ranked Howard as the top producer of African-American undergraduates who later earn science and engineering doctoral degrees. The University also produces more minority doctoral graduates in computer science than any other university in the nation and boasts nationally ranked programs in social work, business and communication sciences and disorders. In 2013, The Washington Post named Howard "An Incubator for Cinematographers."

The College of Medicine is internationally regarded for its illustrious legacy of training students to become competent and compassionate physicians who provide health care in medically underserved communities at home and abroad. The College is a national leader in studying health disparities among people of color and is one of America's top institutions for training women surgeons. The Howard University Health Sciences division includes the Howard University Hospital and the Colleges of Dentistry, Pharmacy, and as well as Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.

For more than 140 years, the Howard University School of Law has served as an advocate for social justice and as an architect of social change. It has produced more than 4,000 social engineers including the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, noted legislators, civil rights attorneys, mayors and public officials across the United States. In 2012, the Law School was ranked among the top 20 public service schools by National Jurist magazine. The University's motto Veritas et Utilitas, Truth and Service, represents a key part of our identity. The more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students dedicate hundreds of hours each year to service in nearby LeDroit Park, around the nation and far-flung places around the world. Over the U.S. Peace Corps' 50-year history, more than 200 Howard graduates have served as volunteers around the globe, the highest number among historically-Black colleges. In 2012, a Howard senior who led Engineers Without Borders service projects in Kenya and Brazil was named a White House "Champion of Change."

The University remains committed to further enhancing its strategic positioning as one of the top research universities in the nation. As we approach our sesquicentennial in 2017, we are uniquely positioned to have the next 150 years as glorious as the past. ~ Source: 2012 Annual Report
JSPS Washington Office

Purpose
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is an independent administrative institution, established by way of a national law for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science in all fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities by disbursing research grants, fostering the next generation of scientists, promoting international scientific collaboration, and advancing university reform.

Expanding and enhancing international collaboration is one of the most important elements in JSPS’s effect to advance science. From this point of view, JSPS has established a total of 10 overseas offices in 9 countries. JSPS Washington Office was founded in 1990 for to promote international scientific collaboration mainly with the U.S. and Canada.

Mission
1: Dissemination and gathering of information on science in Japan and USA
   - Liaising with mainly US research promotion organizations
   - Gathering information from the U.S
   - Holding symposium
2: Promotion of researchers exchange
   - Invitation of US researchers to Japan
   - Support for US Alumni Association
   - Sending Japanese researchers to US
   - Support for Japanese Postdoc Association in US
3: Others
   - Supporting the overseas outreach activities of Japanese universities

Dr. Kohji Hirata, Director
Mr. Takahiro Fujino, Deputy Director
Mr. Thet Win, Liaison Officer
Mr. Kenji Ono, Advisor
Ms. Satoko Ide, Advisor
Mr. Masato Takei, International Program Associate
Mr. Hiroki Toshima, International Program Associate
Ms. Ayami Oyama, International Program Associate
The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) was born through the merger of three institutions, namely the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS), the National Aerospace Laboratory of Japan (NAL) and the National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA). It was designated as a core performance agency to support the Japanese government's overall aerospace development and utilization. JAXA, therefore, can conduct integrated operations from basic research and development, to utilization.

In 2013, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of its founding, JAXA created the corporate slogan, "Explore to Realize," which reflects its management philosophy of utilizing space and the sky to achieve a safe and affluent society.

**Field Centers**

Find offices / facilities on the map

Overseas offices / facilities

Washington D.C. Office

The Washington D.C. Office serves as JAXA’s liaison with the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Other operations include the monitoring of relevant activities of the Office of the President, of Congress, and of local aerospace-related industries, as well as public relations and the introduction of JAXA’s activities to the people of the United States.

**Location**

2120 L Street, N.W. Suite 205 Washington, D.C. 20037, USA

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The Office of International Nuclear Energy Policy and Cooperation (INEPC) collaborates with international partners to support the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear energy. It works both bilaterally and multilaterally to accomplish this work.

United States-Republic of Korea (ROK) International Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (INERI) Annual Steering Committee Meeting

On November 17-18, 2014, the Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE/NE) hosted the annual U.S.-ROK INERI Steering Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.
Today, nuclear energy represents the single largest source of carbon-free baseload energy, accounting for nearly 20% of the electricity generated in the United States and 70% of our low-carbon production, avoiding over 600 million metric tons of carbon emissions. With approximately 440 commercial reactors operating in 30 countries—and 300 more valued at $1.6 trillion projected worldwide over the next 15 years—nuclear power is sure to be a major energy source and economic engine for many decades to come. In addition to providing clean and reliable electricity, nuclear energy will also continue to play a key role in supporting energy security, creating jobs, and providing export opportunities.

These facts remind us that in addition to the significant contributions being made by nuclear energy, there are a number of challenges related to nonproliferation, security, safety, and the environment that the global community of nations must work together to address. The global nature of nuclear energy, both in its benefits and challenges, is why robust international collaboration is crucial—and why the Office of Nuclear Energy incorporates international collaboration as a key element of its overall mission and programmatic activities.

DOE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT COORDINATION

INEPC works closely with the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Office of Policy and International Affairs, Office of the General Counsel and the Department of Energy’s national laboratories. Outside of the Department, INEPC works with other cabinet-level agencies in support of U.S. nuclear energy policy development and to provide technical input. In addition, INEPC supports NE’s engagement with the U.S. Congress in matters relating to international cooperation and industry support.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

- National Security Council
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Other cabinet-level agencies as necessary
Living in the U.S.

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HOUSTON

THE MOST DIVERSE CITY IN AMERICA

NO ETHNIC MAJORITY
HISPANIC 37%
ANGLO 37%
BLACK 17%
ASIAN 9%

THE MOST DIVERSE CITY NEARLY 1 IN 4 RESIDENTS ARE FOREIGN BORN

145+ LANGUAGES SPOKEN

HIGH VALUE CITY
COST OF LIVING IS BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

TOP 5 BEST FOOD CITY - ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST

4TH LARGEST U.S. ECONOMY
AMERICA'S FASTEST GROWING METRO - ACCORDING TO U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN HOUSTON

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Costs Paid by TOMODACHI STEM Program

- Airfare (NRT - IAH - PHL and IAD - NRT)
- Airport shuttle in Houston & DC
- Hotel lodging (double-occupancy) in Houston & DC & Lehigh University.
- Supply stipend for your lab
- Seminars & Meetings
- Some cultural activity costs
- Health insurance policy that meets minimum Dept. of State requirements for J-1 Visa Holders

Costs Paid by You Individually

- Passport, visa & SEVIS fees
- Meals (All hotel rooms in Houston have full kitchen and free hot breakfast during final week on East Coast)
- U.S. Cell Phone & Minutes
- Daily Transportation (free hotel shuttle in Houston to/from Rice)
- Admission costs for cultural excursions
- Free-sightseeing
- Personal Expenses
- Any Medical Care Costs over and above the amount paid for or reimbursed by your health insurance.

Use of Credit Card

The U.S. is a credit/debit card based society. Check to see if you can use your credit card or debit/cash/ATM card in the U.S. and how you can withdraw money from an ATM in the U.S. from your Japanese banking account. Be sure to ask if there are any daily withdrawal limits, how they compute the currency conversion rate, and if you will be charged any fees for withdrawing money in the U.S.

Cash Passport/Debit Cards

For more Info see Pre-Departure Resources: http://tomodachistem.rice.edu/resources/before-you-go-pre-departure-resources/#PreDeparture_Bank

Using a pre-paid money/credit card while in the U.S. can be a helpful way to budget for your personal spending. Simply sign up for your preferred card, add money to it before you go, and then you can use like a regular credit/debit card in the U.S. Some cards have options where you can transfer/add more money to your card online through a direct link to your Japanese bank account. These cards also typically have lower or no transcription fees and may not charge ATM withdrawal fees. If you lose your card or it is stolen you should be able to contact the company and ask them to cancel your existing card and send you a new card.

How Much Money to Bring?

In terms of money to bring with you consider that you will be in the U.S. for 35 days. If you spend about $15 per day that would come out to ~$525. If you budget to spend about $30 per day that would come out to $1,050. If you budget to spend $50 per day that would come out to $1,500. If you plan to shop or buy many souvenirs I would recommend the high end of this range. If you plan to cook all your meals on your own and not spend much on shopping or sight-seeing (e.g. you only stay in the lab or at the hotel) then maybe the lower end is okay but it would be a very tight budget.
U.S. Currency

Paper bills in the U.S. are all the same size and color. The most commonly used are $1, $5, $10, and $20 denominations. When you withdraw money from an ATM in the U.S. you will almost always receive $20 notes. It is less common for people to use the larger $50, $100 or above notes and if you are only buying a small items (say $5 or so) if you use a $100 bill the store may have to get extra cash to give you change. Again, most people in the U.S. use a debit or credit card for almost all purchases.

Coins: The most common U.S. coins come in denominations of $0.01 (a penny), $0.05 (a nickel), $0.10 (a dime), and $0.25 (a quarter). The coin that will be most helpful to you is the $0.25 (quarter) as you will need quarters to do your laundry at the hotel. When you get a quarter, save it, so you have enough but you can also ask the hotel front desk if they can make change for you from a $1 or $5. In vending machines in the U.S. you can use quarters, dimes, and nickels but not pennies.

Vending Machines in the U.S. typically only accept $1 or $5 bills and quarter, nickels, and dimes. If they give change, it will likely be in quarters and vending/ticket machines for public transportation typically do not give change! Check the signs on the machines carefully before putting in money with the expectation you will receive change back.
### U.S. Tipping Guidelines

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<td>15-20%, but round up the fare to the next dollar amount</td>
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<td>Hotel Concierge</td>
<td>$3 or more, if he or she performs a service for you</td>
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<td>Tour Guide</td>
<td>10% of the cost of the tour</td>
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<td>Hotel Doorman</td>
<td>$1-$2 if he helps you get a cab</td>
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<td>Valet Parking Attendant</td>
<td>$1-$2, but only when you get your car</td>
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<td>$1-$2 a day (either daily or at the end of your stay, in cash)</td>
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<td>15%-20%, with 20% being the norm at high-end restaurants</td>
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<td>$1 to $2 per delivery, even if a service charge has been added</td>
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### U.S. Units of Measure

- **Temperature**: Americans typically use customary units instead of metric units. To convert:
  - **Celsius** to **Fahrenheit**: Use the formula: \( F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32 \)
  - **Fahrenheit** to **Celsius**: Use the formula: \( C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32) \)

- **Distance**: 1 kilometer = 0.6 miles, 1 meter = 3.3 feet, 1 centimeter = 0.4 inches

- **Weight/Volume**: 1 kilogram = 2.2 lbs, 30 grams = 1 ounce, 1 liter = 2.6 gallons

- **Time**: Be on time when meeting someone, it is acceptable to be up to 20 minutes late to large gatherings.

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### TRAVELING THE USA

**Table Manners**

- The knife is held in the right hand & the fork in the left to cut food.
- After cutting food, the knife is laid down, and the fork switches to the right hand.
- When finished eating, lay the knife & fork across the right side of the plate.

**Foods to Try**

- New York City: Seafood
- San Francisco: Fish & Chips
- Las Vegas: Mexican
- New Orleans: Cajun
- Chicago: Italian
- Boston: Seafood
- Washington, D.C.: Vegetarian

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**When to Go**

- **Overall**: April - June
- **April - June**: Alaska June - August
- **Sept - Nov**: Ski Season Nov - March
- **10-15% per drink**
- **$1-2 per bag**
- **10-20% tips**
- **Avoid touching people, region or money.**

**Helpful U.S. Conversions**

- **Passport & Visa**
- **Routine**
- **No Official Language**
- **U.S. Dollar**
Wyndham Hotel Free Shuttle & Rice University Shuttle

- There is a free Hotel Shuttle that will take you within 3 miles of the hotel. This includes Rice University campus, Rice Village shopping/dining area, Kroger Grocery Store, Target, and some nearby locations in the Medical Center, Hermann Park or the Museum District. Check the posted schedule in the lobby.
- This shuttle is a shared shuttle that is available/used by all hotel guests. Arrival and departure times are approximate and depend on how many other guests must be dropped off/picked up before your stop. You will need to tell the driver a specific location of where you wish to be dropped off or picked up.
- To arrange for a shuttle to pick you up (w/in 2 miles only) call the hotel front desk at 713-528-7744.
- Available Hours are: M-F 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM and Sat. - Sun. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Other Transportation Options in Houston

- **Rice University Shuttle**: The Rice Bioscience Research Collaborative is two blocks from the hotel. From there, you can take the free BRC Express Shuttle to main campus (weekdays only).
- We recommend using [Google Maps](http://www.googlemaps.com) to get public transportation information. You enter in the departure and destination address and can select an icon for walking, bus/public transport, biking, or driving directions.
- **Houston Metrorail**: The hotel is within walking distance of the Dryden/TMC Metrorail Station. This makes it very convenient for you to take the Metrorail north to Downtown or south to Reliant Stadium. See [http://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/Rail.aspx](http://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/Rail.aspx) for more information or [https://www.visithoustontexas.com/travel-planning/maps-and-transportation/metro-rail/](https://www.visithoustontexas.com/travel-planning/maps-and-transportation/metro-rail/). Hermann Park/Rice Univ. is the closest stop to campus.
- **UBER/Lyft**: This is a car sharing/taxi like service that is relatively inexpensive (depending on the times you need a ride). You must download the app and enter a debit or credit card for payment. Keiko Kato can give you an introduction to using this service in Houston. Search in the app store and download to your phone.
- **Yellow Cab Taxi**: You can make a taxi pick-up request online at [http://www.yellowcabhouston.com/](http://www.yellowcabhouston.com/) or call 713-236-1111 if needed.
- **Houston Public Bus**: There are multiple bus stops within walking distance of the hotel with many different bus routes. Use Google Maps to determine the best route and which time you should leave and then what bus station you should walk to. However, buses in Houston are often late due to heavy traffic and the have more limited hours in the evenings and on weekends.
2017 FALL/SPRING SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

effective Monday, August 14, 2017

The Rice University Shuttle System will operate as follows:

**INNER LOOP:**
Monday thru Friday - 6:00 am to 10:45 pm, every 8 to 10 minutes

**GREATER LOOP:**
Monday thru Friday – 6:00 am to 5:00 pm, every 10 to 15 minutes

**RICE VILLAGE APTS/GREENBRIAR**
Monday thru Thursday- 7:30 am to 10:30 pm, every 15 minutes.
10:30 pm, every 15 minutes with a change beginning at 5:30 pm every 20 minutes including Inner Loop and Rice Village from 10:30 pm, running 20 to 30 minutes, and from 10:30 pm to 12:30 am, running every 15 minutes.

**BRC/Texas Medical Center**
Monday thru Friday - 7:45 am to 5:45 pm, every 30 minutes

**BRC EXPRESS**
Monday thru Friday – 8:00 am to 6:30 pm, every 10 minutes

**RICE VILLAGE**
Friday - 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, every 20 minutes
Saturday - 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, every 15 minutes

**GRADUATE APARTMENTS**
Monday thru Friday - 7:30 am to 10:30 pm, every 15 minutes

**GRADUATE APARTMENTS SHOPPING SHUTTLE**
Saturday - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, every 45 minutes

Download the bus tracking app for real-time shuttle service at the App Store or Google Play from Ride Systems, and select “Rice.”

Visit us at transportation.rice.edu for more details, or call 713-348-5223/5996.

THANKS FOR USING THE RICE SHUTTLE SYSTEM!
Rice University Inner Loop Shuttle Route

Service to and from bus shelters A, B and C. All inner loop bus stops.

Monday - Friday
Every 5-8 minutes between 6:00 am and 10:45 pm

Undergraduate Shopping Shuttle Route

Service to and from the Inner Loop

Saturday
Approx. every 30 minutes between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

Campus Shuttle Routes

Service every 5 minutes between 6:00 am and 10:45 pm

Shopping Shuttle Routes

Service every 30 minutes between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

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RICE UNIVERSITY RICE VILLAGE SHUTTLE ROUTES

Undergraduate Shopping Shuttle Route
Saturday
Approx. every 45 minutes between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Service to and from Rice Graduate & Rice Village Apartments
Graduate Shopping Shuttle Route
Saturday
Approx. every 45 minutes between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Saturday Night Rice Village Route
Saturday night
Approx. every 15 minutes between 5:30 pm and 12:30 am

Friday Night Rice Village Route
Service to and from Rice Village Apartments, Rice Village, bus shelters G (Greenbriar Lot), B and C (West Lots), all inner loop bus stops and campus entrance 8 stop two.
After 10:30 pm Friday, no service to Rice Village Apartments, Greenbriar and West Lots. Service to and from Rice Village, all inner loop bus stops and campus entrance 8 stop two provided every 15 minutes until 12:30 am via Saturday Night Rice Village Route.

Friday night
Approx. every 25 - 30 minutes between 5:30 pm and 10:30 pm
every 15 minutes between 10:30 pm and 12:30 am
The BRC–Texas Medical Center shuttle bus leaves the BRC Travis stop every 10-15 minutes to/from Rice.
Rice University Public Dining Options: [http://dining.rice.edu/public-dining/](http://dining.rice.edu/public-dining/)

In Rice Memorial Center (RMC)/Ley Student Center (Bldg. 63 on map)
- Rice Coffeehouse (Student-run): Inexpensive coffee and pastries/bagels
- Willy’s Pub (Student-run): Open for lunch, dinner, and late-night. Must be 21 or older to purchase or consume alcohol.
- 4Taco (Mexican Food) outside of Bookstore: Open for lunch.
- Ambassador Chinese in RMC Basement (Willy’s Pub): Open for lunch
- Sammy’s: The Whoo Deli: Open for Lunch. Options include made-to-order sandwiches and salads, Grillosophy – a gourmet grill, In the Loop – epicurean, char-grilled pizza and the Parliament of Chefs – items from each of the four campus serveries and two college kitchens will be featured on different days.

Brochstein Pavilion - Salento Coffee House (Bldg. 11 on map)
- Coffee/tea, pastries, sandwiches, and salads.
- Open Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM and Sunday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Evening Food Trucks Outside of Brockman Hall (Bldg. 12 on map)
- An alternate dining option available to all Rice students, faculty, staff and visitors are food trucks! Several local vendors offer a wide variety of cuisine and are located outside of Brockman Hall in the U-shaped driveway.
- Monday - Friday from 5:30 - 9:00 PM
- Try out a different food truck each evening!

Rice Farmers Market (By Stadium Visitor Parking, Entrance 13B on map)
- The Rice University Farmers Market supports activities, goods and services that promote community education about the benefits of eating fresh, locally produced food.
- The Rice Farmers Market is open every Tuesday, rain or shine, from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Entrance 13B off of Greenbriar Dr (5600 Greenbriar Dr, Houston, TX 77005). Parking is free!
- No cash? Not a problem. The market has tokens that can be purchased with a check and used for purchases with our vendors.

Valhalla (In front basement of Keck Hall, Bldg. 43 on map)
- At lunch time they serve a sandwich, chips and a drink for $5 or $6. Go early though as these sell out fast. A graduate student in your lab can show you the way.
- You must be 21 or older to purchase or consume alcohol.

- Houston is home to more than 10,000 restaurants representing more than 70 different countries and types of American cuisine. If there is a type of food you’ve wanted to try you can probably find it in Houston!
- Check out our Food in the U.S. page for lots of tips on eating out, shopping, and cooking while you are in Houston!

For more on life in the U.S. see our Resources for Japanese students page. From A-Z we’ve got you covered with almost anything you might want to know including information about education, etiquette, exercise and gym access, international students, Japanese Associations, safety, small-talk, trash and recycling, weather, and wi-fi (and much more in between). This page will be regularly updated throughout the program with additional information based on student’s weekly questions.

Houston Scavenger Hunt: [Houston Scavenger List](#)

Refer to this handy, online document that will connect you with the best of sight-seeing and other activities in and around the Houston area. A useful resource for planning what to do during your free time in Houston.

Some Key Stores for Daily Life in Houston

- **Randall’s Grocery Store or Kroger Grocery Store**: Purchase food, laundry soap, personal care items, etc. There is also a small pharmacy center where you can purchase medicine. The free hotel shuttle will take you to a nearby Kroger. Other major grocery store chains/names in Houston include HEB, and Fiesta. You can find locations of these stores all throughout the city.
- **CVS Pharmacy or Walgreen’s Pharmacy**: Can purchase medicine, fill prescriptions (medications that require a doctor’s note), and purchase basic food and supplies.
- **Target**: Large, reasonably priced department store. Can purchase food, personal care items, medicine/pharmacy, household good, clothes, office supplies, and much more! Free hotel shuttle will take you here.
- **Galleria Mall**: Popular mall centrally located in Houston with many mid-range to high-end/luxury shops. The mall also has many restaurants and an ice skating rink! Take UBER or bus (a long way via bus, UBER is better).
- **Highland Village**: Nice shopping area with many medium to high-end clothing stores and Sprinkles Cupcakes with a cupcake ATM. Take UBER or bus (a long way via bus, UBER is better).
- **Discount Clothing/Shoes**: TJMaxx, Marshall’s, and Ross Dress for Less (multiple locations throughout Houston) all sell name-brand clothing and shoes for a discounted price. Use Google Maps to find a location close to you and take an UBER to/from. You can also purchase inexpensive clothing/shoes and household goods at Target (take the free hotel shuttle).

Clothing & Shoe Size Conversions

Clothing sizes in the U.S. are different for both men and women. We recommend you try on all shoes and clothes before buying them as the sizes and cut of the clothing may be very different from what you are used to in Japan. If adult size clothes are very big on you, sometimes it can be helpful to look in the children’s section (even some Americans do this). The following below has helpful information and though they were written for U.S. travelers to Japan, they work in reverse for Japanese travelers coming to the U.S. as well. Also, every brand in the U.S. uses different sizing, so even if you ‘know’ you are a size 4 because something else you bought fit, still try it on, as in this brand of clothing you may actually be a 2 or a 6.

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Useful structures

1. Is this _______? Kore wa ______ desuka. これは________ですか。

2. Where is _______? _______ wa doko desuka. _______は どこですか。

3. Does this contain beef? Gyūniku, haitte imasuka. 「牛肉、入っていますか」
The legal drinking age in the U.S. is 21. Students who are 20 or younger may not, for any reason, drink or be in possession of alcohol in the U.S.

• If you are 20 or younger, it is illegal for you to drink or be in possession of alcohol in the U.S.
• If you are 21 or older, you can legally drink/possess alcohol but will need to show your passport for ‘proof of ID/age’. Your passport is your only legal form of identification in the U.S.
• If you are 21 or older, it is illegal for you to purchase or provide/give alcohol to someone who is 20 or younger.
• If it is a required program event, highlighted in blue on the program schedule, all TOMODACHI STEM students are expected to refrain from drinking alcohol.

Purchasing Alcohol at a Grocery Store: Each state has different rules regarding when and where you can purchase alcoholic beverages. In Texas, you can purchase beer or wine at a grocery store but must be 21 or older and must show your passport or U.S. driver’s license. Beer is typically sold in a six-pack or 12-pack carton and you cannot purchase single cans. At some convenience stores (gas stations) you may be able to purchase a single can of beer. Hard liquor (e.g. vodka, whiskey, etc.) can only be purchased at liquor stores in Texas. If you visit other states, the rules on where and when you can purchase alcohol will be different.

Safer Drinking: Drinking alcohol often makes us more likely to make poor decisions or take risks that we would not take when sober. Some common safety tips to keep in mind if you are drinking include:

• Drink alcohol only in moderation; especially when with people you do not know well or in a new place/location.
• Not everyone in America or at Rice University drinks. If you are at a party or restaurant and don’t want to drink alcohol, simply order a non-alcoholic beverage. No one will think anything of this.
• When going out to bars/clubs, we recommend using the buddy/friend system and not drinking alone. That way, if you need to go to the rest room, your friend can watch your drink to make sure no one puts anything in it (spikes it). You should watch out for each other and make sure you both get home safely.
• In the U.S., it is legal to have a drink and still drive so long as the driver is under the legal ‘Blood Alcohol Limit’. This is different than in Japan where it is illegal to drive if you have consumed any alcohol. However, the challenge in the U.S. is that how much each individual can drink and still be ‘okay’ to drive (within the legal BAH) does vary. If someone you are with has had more than 1 drink, they may no longer be okay to drive.
• Designated Driver: Therefore, if a group of friends goes out usually one person will be the designated driver and they do not consume any alcohol or only a very, very small amount.
• Do not ever get in the car with someone who you believe has had too much to drink or may be drunk. Call for an Uber/Taxi or take public transportation instead. Even if you think this may offend the other person, your safety is most important.
SAFETY TIPS FOR INT’L STUDENTS

Safety in the U.S.
Tips for International Students

You have made an important and exciting decision to study in the U.S. and as you begin your planning to start your studies, there are some very important safety tips that will keep you safe.

Despite what you may have heard or have seen, the U.S. is not a dangerous country, in fact it is safe. No matter where you travel be it the U.S. or abroad there are common threads of safety that you can string along in all your travels.

We are very fortunate that the majority of U.S. educational institutions have coordinated safety plans in place to protect you. Once you arrive on your campus you should check-in with the international student office. This office will provide you with orientation session(s) that will give you specific information that will enhance your educational, cultural, social and safety experience while studying in the U.S.

Safety Tips for Students

Observant

First, let me say regardless of where you travel you should always be "alert," always observing your surroundings indiscreetly determining who is in front and behind of you. Law enforcement states that many crimes could be avoided if people would just be "alert."

Night Company

You should avoid walking alone at night because most crimes that are committed are crimes of opportunity. Most campuses have campus police and are safe. However, when you leave the campus at night you should walk in groups or pairs. Many campuses have escort services connected with the campus police. Make sure when you arrive you ask if your campus have a campus safety escort service. If so, you should not hesitate to use it when you have to leave the library or lab late at night.

Valuables

One of the most popular crimes on and off campus is larceny, which is the "crime of theft." Never, ever leave your personal belongings (i.e. purse, personal computer, books, cell phone, etc.) unattended and walk away. It only takes seconds for someone to steal these while you walked to the rest room or to a vending machine. This rule also applies to automobiles—you should never leave wallets, purses, or computers visibly on your seat while you leave your car to get gas or go into a store. Even if your door is locked, people can break your car window and grab your valuables.

Housing

Many campuses have different housing choices. Whether you live in a campus dormitory or off-campus, always lock your door and windows while you are away and at home. Never
open the door for strangers—it is a part of the American culture to talk through doors without opening them if we don’t know the person. If you didn’t invite the person, don’t open the door unless it is a law enforcement official. You will be able to tell when you look out of your window or through the door’s “peep” hole. Even then, have the officer show you his or her official badge.

**Personal Information**

Always protect your personal information like social security numbers, and credit card numbers. You are aware that identity theft is a worldwide problem. Identity theft comes in many forms. One major form is “scams.” You may receive e-mails from phony companies asking for your personal information. Always remember that your bank and credit card company will always communicate to you in an honest, legitimate way. Remember, they already have your credit card and bank information, and they will never ask you for your password (except when you log on to your online banking site or telebank system).

Secondly, if someone comes up to you and asks you if you want to learn how you can make some money, say “no,” and quickly walk away.

Keep copies of your passports, visa, I-94 and other important documents.

Remember you have a lot of belongings to keep track of and it’s easy to leave something behind during your travel. So, take your time and don’t feel rushed. You do not want to accidentally leave your important documents at the airport, in the taxi or at one of the many places you will visit when you arrive.

My final tip is for you is to remember that you are ultimately responsible for yourself. If safety information is not addressed as detailed as you prefer, don’t hesitate to contact your international student office or the campus police directly. Your university is there to serve and help you. Many students have questions but are afraid to ask because they feel they are a burden. Remember, your university is in business to serve their students, and it is their pleasure and obligation to provide you with the information and resources you need to have a pleasant and successful study experience in the U.S.

*Editorial provided by Linda Seatts, Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.*
Life Threatening Medical Emergencies in the U.S.
• If you are experiencing a medical emergency and you are ON-CAMPUS at Rice University you should call RUPD at (713) 348-6000
• If you are experiencing a medical emergency and you are off-campus you should call 911 which is the emergency number for ambulance, fire, and police.
• As soon as possible, call Aki Shimada or Sarah Phillips to notify us that you have sought emergency medical care. You will also need to call your Japanese health insurance to inform them you have sought emergency treatment and so they can work with the hospital regarding payment.
• The Tokio Marine preferred Hospitals/ER in Houston is Memorial Hermann Hospital which is very close to Rice University campus.

Illness or Accident (Non-Life Threatening) in the U.S.
• If you are sick and need to see a doctor, please call Aki Shimada or Sarah Phillips as soon as possible. If this is not an emergency situation, you should go to the nearest Urgent Care clinic and, if possible, we will arrange for someone to go with you.
• If you are injured while working in a Rice University lab, immediately notify your host professor and/or mentor as there may be additional paperwork you need to complete to report that an injury has occurred in a campus lab. Depending on the severity of the injury, they can call Rice Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for you or provide you with general first-aid (e.g. Band-Aids, etc.) for minor injuries.
• The most convenient place to seek medical care for most basic issues will be an Urgent Care Clinic. There are a number of options near Rice campus that are preferred clinics for the Tokio Marine policy including:
StudentSecure®

THANK YOU!

Thank you for purchasing a StudentSecure insurance plan. Please read the Description of Coverage for a full explanation of your benefits and exclusions using the link at the bottom of the following page.

In this fulfillment:

- Link to the Description of Coverage
- Your Coverage Details
- Instructional Information
- ID Card(s)
- Your Receipt

Getting Medical Treatment:

- Show your ID card to the medical attendant
- Pay the deductible or copay (if applicable)
- The medical office may submit bills directly
- After the visit, you will need to submit a Claimant’s Statement.

Filing a Medical Claim:

- Submit original, itemized bills, and any payment receipts, and claim form
- Claims must be filed within 60 days of the termination date of your policy.

Student Zone

https://zone.hccmis.com/clientzone/

- Print a Visa Letter
- Reprint an ID card
- Extend coverage
- Update your info

Pre-Existing Conditions Coverage

Coverage for pre-existing conditions is excluded:

- During the first six (6) months of coverage under StudentSecure Elite and Select, and
- During the first twelve (12) months of StudentSecure Budget coverage.
- StudentSecure Smart includes coverage for the acute onset of pre-existing conditions ONLY.
- Read the Description of Coverage for a full list of policy exclusions and details.

Contact Us

- 1-800-605-2282
- Worldwide toll-free numbers:

Renewals, Extensions and Cancellation

- Renew up to 6 months in advance for a 12-month certificate period. Deductible and coinsurance must be re-satisfied as of each renewal date.
- Extend and renew policies online in the Student Zone with payment by credit card.
- Free to cancel before effective date.
- $25 fee to cancel on or after effective date.
- Monthly policies will receive a refund for unused whole months only.
- Policies paid up-front must be cancelled within first 60 days, and will receive a prorated refund on unused days only.

IMPORTANT

This insurance coverage, offered by Tokio Marine HCC – Medical Insurance Services Group, is not subject to and does not meet the minimum standards required by the Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The policy contains the plan benefits you have selected, including a lifetime maximum. Please review your choices to ensure you have sufficient coverage to meet your medical needs.

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Contact Us

- 1-800-605-2282
- Worldwide toll-free numbers:
StudentSecure®
ID Number: [Redacted]

Participant Name: [Redacted]
Participant Mailing Address:
6100 Main St. MS-378
Houston, TX 77005
United States

Citizenship of Participant: Japan
Home Country of Participant: Japan
Country of Assignment: United States

Effective Date: February 24, 2018
Termination Date: March 31, 2018
Length of Coverage: 36 days

Actual effective date and period may vary based on the provisions of this coverage.

Coverage:
StudentSecure® SELECT

Certificate Period Maximum:
$300,000 Participant

Deductibles:
In-network, outside U.S. or student health center:
$ 200 ER deductible
$ 35 per Incident
$ 70 per Incident

Out of network:

Optional Coverage
(if elected):
None

Medical Evacuation:
$300,000 Lifetime Maximum

Repatriation of Remains:
$ 25,000 Lifetime Maximum

Online Fulfillment:
Yes

Shipping Charges:
$0.00

Purchase Date: 1/12/2018
Paid By: Aki Shimada
Total Paid: $ [Redacted]

Plan Administrator:
Tokio Marine HCC - Medical Insurance Services Group
251 N. Illinois St., Ste 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

This Declaration Page is evidence of your insurance under The Atlas/International Citizen Group Insurance Trust, Hamilton, Bermuda. For a complete copy of the Master Policy, contact Tokio Marine HCC - Medical Insurance Services Group.

A summary of the coverage available under this plan is available at: [http://www.hccmis.com/docs/45115117.pdf](http://www.hccmis.com/docs/45115117.pdf)
Health Insurance Tips

Office of International Students & Scholars
Revised 9/11/2014

1) **Understand your health insurance policy terminology**
   - **Premium** = the amount that you pay to purchase your insurance coverage
   - **Deductible** = the amount that you must pay before the insurance company starts to pay.
   - **Co-payment/Co-insurance** = the percentage that you must pay after the deductible is paid.
   - **Example**: If your deductible is $100, your co-insurance amount is 10%, and your total medical bill is $2000. You will be responsible for $290 ($100 deductible + 10% of the remaining $1900).

2) **Be prepared:**
   - **Carry your insurance ID card with you at all times!**
   - Learn the details of your insurance plan by looking at the explanation of benefits, so you best understand how to use your policy.
   - Know the name and location of network providers/hospitals near Rice and your home (see [http://health.rice.edu “Obtaining Care”])
   - Do your best to live a healthy lifestyle to minimize your chances of illness or injury that may require medical treatment while you are studying in the United States.

3) **Seeking medical care** ([http://health.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=41](http://health.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=41)):
   - **Minor illness or injury** = Go to urgent care centers
   - **Major emergencies** = Go to Memorial Hermann Hospital emergency room
   - **Life-threatening emergency** = Dial 911 (off-campus) or x6000 (on-campus) for an ambulance to be sent to your location.

4) **Paying your medical bills**
   - A claim must be filed with your insurance company to get the process started. The hospital/clinic may offer this service or you may need to contact your insurance company for assistance in filing a claim.
   - Remember, your insurance will pay a portion of your expenses. Any remaining expenses are your responsibility to pay to the doctor/hospital/medical care provider.

5) **Getting assistance with your particular insurance questions:**
   - **Tokio Marine Phone**: 1-800-605-2282
   - If you seek medical treatment, show your ID card to the medical attendant/receptionist. See your ID card for ID# and Group Number.
   - Pay the deductible or co-pay
   - The medical office may submit bills directly
   - After the visit, you will need to submit a Claimant's Statement so the insurance can process your billing. See the Tokio Marine website at [https://service.hccmis.com/service-request.php?help_request_type=claims](https://service.hccmis.com/service-request.php?help_request_type=claims)
# URGENT CARE CLINICS IN HOUSTON

## TX

### HOUSTON

#### Urgent Care

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Airport Road Emergicenter
1791 Airport Rd, ALLENTOWN 18109 PA
Phone: 610-264-5844

BETHLEHEM

Urgent Care
MinuteClinic Diagnostics of Pennsylvania, LLC
2434 Catasauqua Rd, BETHLEHEM 18018 PA
Phone: 866-389-2727

Patient First Bethlehem
2310 Schoenersville Rd, BETHLEHEM 18017 PA
Phone: 484-403-7560

CENTER VALLEY

Urgent Care
Saucon Valley Medical Center
4801 Saucon Creek Rd Ste 110, CENTER VALLEY 18034 PA
Phone: 610-625-9090

HELLERTOWN

Urgent Care
Premier Immediate Medial Care LLC
15 Main St, HELLERTOWN 18055 PA
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(1) **Useful structures**

1. I have a pain in my _______.
   - がいたいです。
   - が痛みです。

2. My _______ itches.
   - が痒いです。

### Body Parts

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**[Common expression]**

1. **Onaka ga itai desu.** お腹が痛いです。
   - have a pain in abdomen, stomach, bowel (tummy)

2. **Koshi ga itai desu.** 腰が痛いです。
   - I have a backache.
### Name of disease

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Other useful expressions

1. I have a fever. Netsu ga arimasu. 熱があります。
2. I have a fever of 38 degrees. 38 do desu. 38℃です。

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3. I have an allergy. Aeruji ga arimasu. アレルギーがあります。
4. I don’t have an appetite. Shokuyoku ga arimasen. 食欲がありません。
5. I have a cough. Seki ga demasu. 咳がです。
6. I have been sneezing. Kushami ga demasu. くしゃみが出ます。
7. I have a runny nose. Hanamizu ga demasu. 鼻水が出ます。
8. I feel nauseous. Hakike ga shimasu. 吐き気がします。
9. I have been having chills. Samuke ga shimasu. 寒気がします。
10. I feel dizzy. Memai ga shimasu. めまいがします。
11. I feel sluggish. Karada ga darui desu. 体がだるいです。
12. I have diarrhea. Geri desu. 下痢です。
13. I’m constipated. Bempi desu. 便秘です。
15. I have bad teeth. Mushiba desu. 虫歯です。
16. I have a cold. Kaze desu. 風邪です。
17. I have the flu. Infuruzensa desu. インフルエンザです。
18. I have a hangover. Futsukayoi desu. 二日酔いです。
19. I’m sick at my stomach. I ga mukamuka shimasu. 胃がむかむかします。
20. Sharp pain in his stomach. I ga kirikiri shimasu. 胃がきりきりします。
21. I feel dizzy. Atama ga kura kura shimasu. 頭がくらくらします。
22. My head is throbbing. Atama ga zukuzuki shimasu. 頭がずきずきします。
23. I have a prickly pain. Chikuchiku shimasu. ちくちくします。
24. I have a burning pain. Hirihi shimasu. ひりひりします。
(4) At the hospital or drugstore

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Fire Evacuation

In the event of a fire alarm, all persons including, students, RA’s, staff and visitors are expected to evacuate the facility as quickly and safely as possible. Never use the elevator during the evacuation. Exit the building using the most direct and closest stairwell evacuation available. If you smell smoke or see a fire in the building activate the fire alarm system and exit the building closing doors along the exit path when possible to contain the spread of flames and smoke; at no time should the closing of doors or the activation of the alarm delay the exit from the building.

- Read more about Fire Safety here

Flu Outbreak

Students who have flu-like symptoms should call Student Health Services at 713-348-4966 before going to the clinic. The staff will determine if testing or treatment is necessary. To avoid spreading the illness to others, don’t return to class and social activities until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (without fever-reducing medications). Faculty or staff who have flu-like symptoms should contact their physician if they are in one of the higher-risk groups for complications, such as pregnant women, people over 65 years of age and people with chronic illnesses like heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease and asthma. Notify your supervisor that you are sick and stay home from work until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (without fever-reducing medications).
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Read more about Flu Season here
Read more about Hand Washing Tips here

Hurricane Preparedness

During hurricane season, the university continually monitors weather patterns in the Gulf of Mexico and will make preparations in case any storm develops into a hurricane. If a tropical storm or hurricane warrants closure of the university, the Crisis Management Team will make use of e-mail, cell phone, text messages and rice.edu to communicate critical information. Updates will be posted at rice.edu. Call Rice’s emergency hotline at 713-348-8888 for recorded messages about the university’s operating status.

Read more about General Hurricane Preparedness here
Read more about Personal Hurricane Preparedness Checklists here
Read more about Laboratory Hurricane Preparedness here
See "Are you Ready?" video provided by the City of Houston here