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## **Rutgers University–Camden Alumna Earns Fulbright Scholarship**

***This prestigious, highly competitive award provides funding for international research, study, and cultural exchange.***

**Camden, NJ – July 10, 2025:** Sophia Westfall, who graduated from Rutgers University–Camden in May 2025 with degrees in English and digital studies, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright scholarship she will use to pursue a graduate degree at Cardiff University in Wales next fall.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, is one of the world's most selective academic exchange initiatives. Among the many Fulbright alumni, there are 62 Nobel Laureates, 93 Pulitzer Prize winners, 82 MacArthur Fellows, 44 heads of state, and thousands of leaders across the private, public, and non-profit sectors.

“At Rutgers–Camden, we take immense pride in the global reach and academic excellence of our students,” said Chancellor Antonio D. Tillis. “Sophia Westfall’s selection as a Fulbright recipient is a testament to her intellectual curiosity, creative strength, and commitment to meaningful scholarship. We are proud to see her represent our community on the international stage as she continues her academic pursuits.”

While at Rutgers–Camden, Westfall developed a unique research focus that combines creative writing and environmental humanities. During her time in Wales, she expects to continue her research through fieldwork and anticipates that the work will also inspire her creative writing pursuits.

“I am honored to join the Fulbright community and eager to immerse myself in Cardiff’s vibrant literary scene,” said Westfall. “I look forward to deepening my understanding of creative expression and sharing the insights I gain with the Rutgers–Camden community.”

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### **About Rutgers University–Camden**

Rutgers University–Camden is a hub of academic excellence and innovation, consistently ranked among the nation’s top public colleges and universities. Proudly recognized as one of the safest campuses in the region, the university is located in the “eds and meds” district of Camden, NJ—a city known for its cultural and historic attractions, vibrant arts community, renowned healthcare institutions, and headquarters of internationally recognized corporations. The campus offers a welcoming and engaging learning environment for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. Just minutes from Center City Philadelphia—home to a thriving business district and a dynamic cultural scene—the campus also benefits from an array of transportation options for easy access in and around the city.

Home to approximately 6,000 students and more than 1,500 faculty and staff, Rutgers–Camden fosters a close-knit academic community where students enjoy the resources of a world-class research institution. Motivated scholars collaborate with world-renowned faculty, creating an environment defined by discovery and support.

As one of four chancellor-led units in the Rutgers University system, Rutgers–Camden is celebrated as a national model for civically engaged urban universities, earning the prestigious Community Engagement status from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. With its classification as an R2 research university, the campus contributes groundbreaking scholarship and creative output on a global scale.

Ranked among *Washington Monthly’s* “Best Bang for the Buck” universities, Rutgers University–Camden offers an exceptional environment for intellectual growth, community engagement, and personal achievement, empowering students to reach their highest potential.