

Students Benefit from Ramapo College Allocation Grants

Contributions to the Ramapo College Foundation help provide student scholarships, capital support, and Allocation Grants to the campus community.

Allocation Grants support faculty and student research projects and study abroad travel with faculty/staff mentors, as well as advance the academic environment in each of the College's five schools. Grants are awarded in the fall and spring semesters each year, and applicants are eligible for an array of projects.

Among the projects funded by grants were:

- Through the International Academic Opportunity in Cuba, Ben Levy (Director of International Education) led 10 students on a two-week visit to the island nation. Students explored the theoretical and political implications of Cuban literature, history, and visual culture in a variety of social spaces, from art galleries and architectural tours, to museums and cultural salons.
- Professor Ashwani Vasishth (Environmental Studies) led 12 students for six weeks on the South India Culture & Sustainability trip. Each student had the unique opportunity to interact with leading Bangalore-area non-profit and non-governmental organizations. Sectors include: food security, gender issues, sanitation, education, sexual minorities, urban planning, sustainability & more.
- Associate Professor Stephanie Sarabia (Social Work) accompanied 10 students on a Study Abroad trip to Ghana, West Africa. The objective of this study abroad program is to expose students to differences in healthcare environments and the cultural implications for healthcare. This program offers a comprehensive overview of community healthcare in Ghana as well as introduction to African civilization, society, and culture.
- Professor Gladys Torres-Baumgarten (International Business) went with 10 students on the Business Experience in Peru study abroad trip in the summer. The objective of this study is to introduce students to fundamental aspects of the business environment and culture in Latin America. This experience is designed to demonstrate to students what a vibrant business environment exists in Latin America today.
- Associate Professor Lisa Lutter (Vocal Music) led the Ramapo Chorale to Ghana, West Africa, along the members of the College's Student Government Association. Their one-week visit included performing at several locations, including Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana.

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Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state's premier public liberal arts college. Ranked among the top colleges in the region by *College Choice* and recognized by, among others, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Princeton Review*, *Colleges of Distinction* and *Victory Media* as a "Military Friendly College," Ramapo College is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.