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Rutgers University receives grant from Investors Foundation to support leadership and mentoring programs for undergraduate students

Rutgers University's [Institute for Women's Leadership](#) (IWL) recently received a \$100,000 grant from Investors Foundation. The grant, to be given over five years, will expand opportunities to prepare students, especially diverse undergraduate women, to thrive in higher education and the workplace. The funding will support **WINGS Mentoring and Networking Circles**, developed in partnership between the IWL and the Rutgers [Center for Women and Work](#) (CWW). Through one-on-one mentoring, networking, cross-generational dialogues, and career awareness workshops, students, especially first-generation college students, will learn about workplace trends and success strategies for women across various sectors.

"We are delighted that Investors Foundation is supporting our long-standing WINGS Mentoring Program, giving students critically important connections to mentors who can share first-hand experiences about career paths and best practices to navigate the rapidly changing workplace," said Rebecca Mark, IWL Director. "Thanks to the leadership of Margaret Lanning, former Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer at Investors Bank and member of our IWL Advisory Board, this funding will prepare students for successful transitions from college and provide opportunities for professional women to connect with and guide the next generation of leaders."

The Institute for Women's Leadership at Rutgers is a consortium of ten units based at the Rutgers–New Brunswick campus and dedicated to the study of women and gender, to advocacy on behalf of gender equity, and to the promotion of women's leadership locally, nationally, and globally. The Center for Women and Work, located within the Rutgers

School of Management and Labor Relations, is a leader in research, education, and programs that promote economic and social equity for women workers, their families, and their communities.

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