

October 26, 2020

Dear KDI - Bloustein School Scholars 2021:

Hello! First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you on your recent admission to the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Admission to our school is quite competitive, so this is an impressive accomplishment for which you should be proud. Your I20 paperwork is being processed and will be explained to you by our admissions office on campus. You may have already received emails with questions from their office, so please respond and if you have questions let us know.

Second, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Courtney Culler, and I am the Coordinator for the KDI Scholars Program here at the Bloustein School. I will be one of your main contacts here at the school (in addition to our orientation team including Sophia Jung [sophia.jung@rutgers.edu](mailto:sophia.jung@rutgers.edu) Steve Weston [sdweston@rutgers.edu](mailto:sdweston@rutgers.edu) and will also be the ones to make the necessary arrangements for you during your time here at the Bloustein School. If you need to contact me, please send me an email at [courtney.culler@rutgers.edu](mailto:courtney.culler@rutgers.edu).

Third, the Spring 2021 **academic** semester begins on Tuesday, January 19th. Rutgers University Offices will be closed from December 23rd - January 1st in observance of the Holidays. The arrival date we have provided to **Hye June Kwon** at the KDI School for all KDI Scholars and their family members is **Friday, January 8th**. Different than years past, we are unable to pick you up as staff at the airport upon your arrival. Instead, we ask that you fill out the online arrival form so we can make private car/van arrangements for your particular arrival. We ask that you work with us to secure that date for your arrival. The car/van will transport you and your family (if so), luggage and belongings to the campus which is over an hour drive away on the date/time of your arrival. We need to hear from you on your confirmation of arrival.

Fourth, we do not suggest anyone arriving before January 8th. We will host mandatory, orientation programming beginning before your arrival and through your arrival date. Since we are unable to meet in person due to COVID-19 regulations, we will be offering virtual orientations to several parts of our program. We will be in touch via email to do this. Should you arrive before January 8th, please read the instructions on the KDI welcome website about arriving before the 8th and the non-availability of housing between January 1 and January 8.

Fifth, to begin the preparations for your arrival there are several [very important items listed on this website](#) for you to **"take action on."** Please review the items, which include housing, children's education, and immunization records, to name a few.

I will be in touch in the coming weeks with additional information for you. Also, to ensure that you are able to receive all emails from me, please make sure to add my email address, as well as my colleagues listed above, to your email address book and **check any spam folders** as sometimes messages get lost in there.

I look forward to meeting all of you shortly (virtually) and welcoming you to the Bloustein family.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters.  
Have a good day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Culler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtney Culler

cc: Steve Weston  
Sophia Jung