

A Guide to the ABCs of Rice

What would any good institution be without its share of TLAs (three-letter acronyms)? Rice has no shortage of acronyms; some are so good, they mean more than one thing! Read on for insight into Rice's brand of alphabet soup.

Welcome to . . . the ABC's of Rice!

AA	Affirmative Action
ACT	Administrative Career Training
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AGEP	Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program
ARA	Association of Rice Alumni
Banner	Enterprise information system housing all University finance and Human Resources data.
BIC	Business Information Center
BIPP	Baker Institute of Public Policy
BRC	BioScience Research Collaborative, 8500 Main Street at University Boulevard
C2C	Call to Conversation
CAAM	Computational & Applied Math
CAPP	College Assistance Peer Program
CBEN	Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology
CCBN	Center for Conservation Biology Network
CCD	Center for Career Development (formerly Career Services Center)
CCE	Center for Civic Engagement
CEEE	Center for Excellence and Equity in Education
ChBE	(Department of) Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CITI	Computer & Information Technology Institute
CMC	Center for Multimedia Communication (part of the Brown School of Engineering)
CNST	Center for Nano Science & Technology
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989
CoHo	Cohen House (Faculty Club)
COMIT	Center on the Management of Information Technology
CPRIT	Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
CQ	Check Request form
CRC	Collaborative Research Center – new building at corner of Main & University
CSC	refer to HRC (was Center for the Study of Cultures)
CSL	Center for the Study of Languages
CSM	The Center for Space Medicine
CSST	Center for the Study of Science & Technology
CSWGS	Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (School of Humanities)
CTNeT	Clinical Trials Network of Texas
CTTL	Center for Technology in Teaching and Learning
DAC	Data Applications Center
DLI	Digital Library Initiative

DMC	Digital Media Center (Fondren Library)
E Number	Employee number used instead of SSN to identify employees; Exxxxxxxxx
EAP	Employee Assistance Program--services provided by Lifeworks
ECE	Electrical & Computer Engineering
EDGAR	Electronic Data Gathering and Reporting
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EESI	Energy and Environmental Systems Institute
EMBA	The Rice MBA for Executives
EMOC	Enrollment Management Operations Center
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
ERC	refer to DMC (was Electronic Resource Center)
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974
ESL	English as a Second Language
Esther	The E mployee and s tudent t ools, h elp and e lectronic r esources system
ETC	Electronic Text Center
FAMIS	New facilities management system used by FE&P to track work orders, campus facilities & equipment, departmental inventory, and FE&P-initiated purchase orders
FAMISweb	Online interface to new facilities management system (FAMIS)
FE&P	Facilities Engineering and Planning department
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FMLA	Family Medical Leave Act
FOF	Friends of Fondren
FTE	Full Time Employee (Equivalent)
GCC	Gulf Coast Consortia
GIS	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/Data Center (Fondren Library)
GMI	General Medical Insurance
GPS	(Office of) Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
GSA	Graduate Student Association
GSCS	(Susanne M.) Glasscock School of Continuing Studies
H&D	Housing and Dining
HATRC	The Houston Area Translational Research Consortium
HEO	Health Education Office
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HR	Human Resources
HRC	Humanities Research Center (formerly CSC, Center for the Study of Cultures)
HRIS	Human Resource Information System
HRMS	Human Resource Management System
HUMA	Humanities
I-9	Federal employment eligibility verification form required from all paid employees.
IBB	Institute of Biosciences & Bioengineering
IBC	International Bank of Commerce building, 5615 Kirby Dr., where several Rice departments are housed

ISS	International Students and Scholars
IT	Information Technology
IUR	Institute for Urban Research
JGS	Jones Graduate School
LCA	Labor Condition Application
LRC	Language Resource Center
LSC	Ley Student Center
LTD	Long Term Disability
MEMS	Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science
MHMP	Memorial Hermann Medical Plaza, home of Human Resources, Controller's Office, Administrative Systems (26 th floor)
MOB	Marching Owl Band
MS	Mailstop
NSBRI	The National Space Biomedicine Research Institute
OIE	Office of International Education
OIR	Office of Institutional Research
OISS	Office of International Students and Scholars
OMA	Office of Multicultural Affairs
OR	Office of Research
OSR	Office of Sponsored Research
OTT	Office of Technology Transfer
OWL	On-Line Writing Lab
OwlNet	Network Services
P & T	Promotion & Tenure
PA	Personnel Action
PAF	Personnel Action Form
P-Card	Purchasing Card (a MasterCard credit card)
PMBA	The Rice MBA for Professionals
PO	Purchase Order
Post Doc	Postdoctoral appointment
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PR	Payroll Office
PTE	Part Time Employee
QEP	Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), part of the university's reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
RA	Research Accounting or Resident Associate in one of the colleges (rely on context)
RAVA	Rice Alumni Volunteers for Admission
RCC	Rice Counseling Center
RCMAC	Resident College Managers Advisory Committee
RDA	Rice Design Alliance
RDD	Resource Development Division
REEP	Rice Education Entrepreneurship Program
RICE	Regional Information & Communication Exchange
Rice 360	Rice 360: Institute for Global Health Technologies
RMC	Rice Memorial Center

RPC	Rice Program Council
RQI	Rice Quantum Institute
RSI	Rice Space Institute
RSVP	Rice Student Volunteer Program
RTEC	Rice Technology Education Center
RUPD	Rice University Police Department
RUSMP	Rice University School Mathematics Project
S Number	Student ID number used instead of SSN to identify students; S0xxxxxxx
SA	Student Association
SAC	Staff Advisory Committee or Student Admissions Committee (rely on context)
SCIPPR	South Central Intellectual Property Partnership at Rice
SCS	Shell Center for Sustainability
SEA	Rice Shared Equipment Authority
SEVIS	Student & Exchange Visitor Information System
SFS	Student Financial Services
SSN	Social Security Number
SSRI	Social Sciences Research Institute
STD	Short Term Disability
T/E	Travel/Entertainment
TIAA/CREF	Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
UC	University Court
V2C	A Vision For Rice University's Second Century
VADA	(Department of) Visual and Dramatic Arts
VISEN	Value of Information-Based Sustainable Embedded Nanocomputing
Web Apps	Web applications that interact with data extracted from Banner tables