Welcome to UC San Diego:

GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING
WELCOME to UC San Diego!
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Before We Begin
Reminders from Graduate Admissions

• Log into your application account at https://connect.grad.ucsd.edu/apply/ and view your application portal. Be sure to fill out the Statement of Legal Residence form if it is listed as a "to-do" item. This form is not required for all programs – if it is not listed, there is no action for you to take on this.

• Most students are “provisionally admitted” at this time. Please submit the items listed under your “Pending Admissions Documents” section in your portal to finalize your admission.

• Please contact gradadmissions@ucsd.edu if you have questions regarding your pending admissions documents.
Welcome to your applicant portal,

Your UCSD PID is:

Status Update
An update to your application was last posted March 5, 2020.

View Update >>

Forms
Please complete the following forms
- 03/05/2020  Decision Reply Form  Display
- 03/06/2020  Statement of Legal Residence  Display

Pending Admission Documents
Please have your documents sent to Graduate Admissions at the address listed below. Documents must be received in an envelope sealed by the issuing institution. Documents will not be accepted if opened or sealed by the student.

University of California San Diego
Graduate Division - Graduate Admissions
9500 Gilman Drive #0003
La Jolla, CA 92093-0003

For test scores and CGD/IC/CHESSIC documents: Please refer to the instructions provided in the Explanation of Pending Documents.

For e-transcripts: Please have them sent to gradadmissions@ucsd.edu.

If you have any questions, please email us at gradadmissions@ucsd.edu.

If you need to contact us regarding your application, provide your name and this reference number:

Verify Address
We have your addresses listed as follows:

Mailing Address

United States
Permanent Address: * Note: international applicants should have a permanent address outside of the United States.

United States

Edit Addresses

Admitted Students
- What to Do Immediately
- Before You Arrive on Campus
- When You Arrive on Campus
- International Students
NEWLY ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Welcome newly admitted international students! Follow the links below for advising guides based on your educational level or type.

READMITTED STUDENTS RETURNING TO UC SAN DIEGO CLICK HERE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Bachelor's students

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GRADUATE STUDENTS
Master’s and PhD students

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS
University of California Exchange Program (UC EX) research scholars & Global Exchange Program scholars

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SUMMER SESSION STUDENTS
Short-term students lasting only for Summer Session

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INFORMATION FOR NEWLY ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Welcome! This page provides a comprehensive guide for newly admitted international graduate students (Master’s and PhD students) on obtaining their U.S. visa (F-1 or J-1) and preparing for their arrival to the United States. The information under the Steps below will help you get ready to start your unforgettable student experience at UC San Diego.

STEP 1:
Apply for F-1 or J-1 Status
Requesting your Form I-20/DS-2019 and applying for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp, or transferring your SEVIS record.

LEARN MORE

STEP 2:
Prepare for Your Arrival to UC San Diego
Travel arrangements, housing, and completing UCSD health and enrollment requirements.

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STEP 3:
Arrival to the U.S. and UC San Diego
What to expect at Customs, activating your F-1 or J-1 status upon arrival to UC San Diego, and International Student Orientation

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INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA)
Spring 2024
• The department from which the student will earn their degree is called the “academic home department,” or “home department.”

• The home department determines if student is eligible for support

• Gives approval for funding and employment

• Submits financial support requests on behalf of eligible students

• Your Home Department's Graduate Coordinator should be able to answer most of your questions regarding merit-based financial support and academic support
• Intramural vs Extramural
  • Intramural: UC San Diego’s funding, like funding from your department, or GEPA Fellowships
  • Extramural: Outside funding
• Most intramural fellowships don’t have citizenship requirements
  • Talk to your department coordinator or a professor and ask to see if they know of any fellowships offered by them or GEPA (Graduate Education & Postdoctoral Affairs)
• Your Graduate Coordinator will have more information about discipline-specific opportunities
Additional Resources

- **GEPA's website**: For new and continuing students who have UC San Diego graduate student support. The website contains information on salary and fee remission, fellowship, and fee payments, tax treaties for international students, and job opportunities for graduate students.

- **Grad Student Life**

- **Fellowship Collab Page**

- **Handshake**: schedule appointments with career advisors, explore and apply to internships, sign up for careers development workshops, and access online resources

- **UCLA GRAPES**: Fellowship database with searchable filters

- **Pivot**: Fellowship database accessible while connected through UC San Diego wifi
Fellowships (Post-Award)
What do we do?

After a graduate student has been awarded a fellowship, our team will:

1) Audit the fellowship stipend and fee payments requested for each graduate fellow
   • To be eligible for financial support, a graduate student must be:
     • Enrolled full time for the quarter
     • Be in good academic standing
     • Be within their support time limits

2) Process graduate student fellowship stipend and fee payments
   • Stipend payments are processed monthly and in arrears
     ▪ For example: September stipends are received on/around October 1
Fellowship Administration

The department managing the fellowship:
• sets up the stipend and/or fee payments
• is the point of contact for fellowship advising questions (For example: Does my fellowship allow...?)

Check your fellowship award letter to find out which office to reach out to with your fellowship questions.

GEPA-FSU (support.ucsd.edu)
• NSF – Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
• Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS)
• San Diego Fellowship Match (SDF Match)

Department (Email Graduate Coordinator):
• Howard Hughes Medical Institute Gilliam Fellowship (HHMI)
• Training Grants (T32)

GEPA-FSU and Department:
• Tribal Member Initiative (TMI)
• UC - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (UC-HBCU)
Fellowship Stipend Payments

Glacier Paperwork

• Required for all international students receiving their first fellowship stipend payment

• Helps determine tax residency, tax withholding rates, and income tax treaty eligibility

• FSU and the Glacier and Tax Withholding team will initiate the Glacier Paperwork process

  o Students will be contacted via email (support@online-tax.net) about 3 weeks before the first stipend payment date

• Invite to register for PaymentWorks (direct deposit for international student stipends) will be emailed to you once you complete your Glacier paperwork

*If your status changes to Permanent Resident during the academic year, please contact the Glacier Team to update your Glacier Record
Reminders

• The department managing your fellowship will set up the fee payments
• Fee payments will not apply to your student account unless you are enrolled for the quarter
• Fees pay into your student account on the next MWF disbursement run after your enrollment date

UCGPC Fee 2024-2025

• Non-mandatory quarterly fees ($3 FA24, $2 WI25, $2 SP25)
• Departments are not required to cover UCGPC Fee
• Students can opt-out via TritonLink
• More information can be found here (source: Explanation of Registration Fees)
HOW TO RECEIVE FELLOWSHIP STIPEND AND FEE PAYMENTS ON TIME

• Enroll each quarter by the registration fee payment deadline
  o See Enrollment and Registration Calendar

• GEPA will initiate the Glacier paperwork process prior to your first stipend – check your email and respond as soon as possible

• Be familiar with your stipend schedule
  o If you do not receive your stipend payment by the date posted on the stipend schedule on the Student Financial Solutions (SFS) website, submit a ticket and include your graduate coordinator as a watcher

• Enroll using the Direct Deposit tool via TritonLink
  o Different from Payment Works direct deposit
  o International students who become Resident Alien, Permanent Resident, etc. will have their direct deposit through TritonLink
EMPLOYMENT

UC San Diego
GLOBAL INITIATIVES
International Services and Engagement Office
• **Graduate Student Researchers (GSR):**
  o Graduate student who performs research as a condition of receiving financial remuneration from funding generated by the University in an academic department or research unit, provided that the graduate student is performing this funded research under the control of the University and under the specific direction of a faculty member or authorized Principal Investigator.

• **Academic Student Employees (ASEs):**
  o Associate Instructors/ Teaching Assistants/ Readers/ Tutors

• For more information on the types of academic student employment visit [GEPA's website](http://gepa's website)
• Check with your Graduate Coordinator for employment opportunities
• Check the [Job Opportunities Bulletin](#) for available ASE positions
• Review requirements for [International Graduate Student Employment](#)
• **Eligibility requirements:**
  • Registered full-time (a minimum of 12 units) to be employed above 25%. Students registered in less than 12 units are eligible for 25% time appointment.
  • Be within the campus time limits for support
  • Maintain a 3.0 UC San Diego GPA
• **Fee remission** is a benefit of being employed in a graduate academic title (GSR and/or ASE)
• Students employed in a graduate academic title for 25% time or more, for the entire quarter are eligible for fee remission.
• Students may be appointed up to a maximum 50% time during the academic months and up to 100% during the summer with approval from their home department.
• Pre-determined tuition and fee remission amounts set by campus and union policies
A Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) who is employed at 25% time or more for the entire quarter are eligible for GSRTF, which include:

- Student Services Fee, Tuition, Graduate Student Association Fee, University Center Fee, RIMAC Recreation Facility Fee, Canyonview Recreation Facility Fee, CAPS/Student Mental Health Fee, Student Transportation Fee, Health insurance and Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (if applicable)
- It excludes any professional or program fees

For GSR employment, tuition and remission payment is called GSRTF (Graduate Student Researcher Tuition and Fees)

Tuition and fee remission entry is coordinated with the student’s academic home department or program
• **Academic Student Employees (ASEs)**
  - Associates, Teaching Assistants (TAs), Readers, Tutors
  - **ASEs** appointed at 25% time or more for the entire quarter are eligible for ASE Partial Fee Remission, which include:
    - Student Services Fee, Tuition, Graduate Student Fee, Association Fee, University Center Fee, RIMAC Recreation Facility Fee, Canyonview Recreation Facility Fee, CAPS/Student Mental Health Fee, Student Transportation Fee, and Health insurance
    - It excludes: Nonresident Supplemental Tuition and any professional or program fees
      - [Fee Payment Information for Academic Student Employees](#)
  - The student’s academic home department is responsible for submitting fee payment requests on behalf of the student
STUDENT ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Enroll full-time (12 units) before deadline
- Obtain approval from Graduate Academic Home Department Coordinator before accepting employment
- Maintain employment eligibility
- Pay fees by the published deadline
  - Ways to Pay Your Bill
  - Registration and Enrollment Calendar
- There are 2 different offices that provide direct deposit for graduate students:
  - Student Business Services (stipend payments)
  - Payroll (ASE and GSR employment payment)
- Submit application for SSN/ITIN when instructed
- Complete tax forms as appropriate
Holds are placed on student accounts for outstanding debts

- These debts include, but are not limited to:
  - Amounts owed for tuition and fees
  - Enrollment and registration late fees
  - Housing
  - Library fines
  - Bookstore charges
- Please clear all outstanding debts as described above as soon as possible
- A hold placed is a result of an outstanding debt, it will prevent students from registering for future quarters
• General Reminders:
  • It is the student's responsibility to ensure that your departments are posting fee payments prior to the billing due dates
  • Students should also regularly monitor their account, even if fully funded, to ensure that there are no unpaid miscellaneous fees close to the billing due dates
• Contact Student Financial Solutions (SFS) with questions
  • https://sfs.ucsd.edu/
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@ISEOUCSD
Additional Resources
IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

NOW
Apply for on-campus housing
Visit: hdc.ucsd.edu

NOW
Begin requesting your visa documents via the iPortal
Visit: iportal.ucsd.edu
Visit: iNewStudent.ucsd.edu
for instructions

May 1
Deadline to request your visa documents via the iPortal if your graduate program begins prior to August 1
Visit: iportal.ucsd.edu
Visit: iNewStudent.ucsd.edu
for instructions

July
Deadline to submit health immunization requirements and complete OPHD training
Register:
iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu

Sept
Fall 2024 start students:
Tuition due
Move-In
Check-In
New International Student Orientation
Visit:
iOrientation.ucsd.edu
Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars

• April 02: TAships & TOEFL Requirements
• April 04: Student Life & Getting Involved on Campus
• May 02: Finances & Student Accounts Webinar
• May 03: SEVIS Transfers
• May 09: Campus Safety

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