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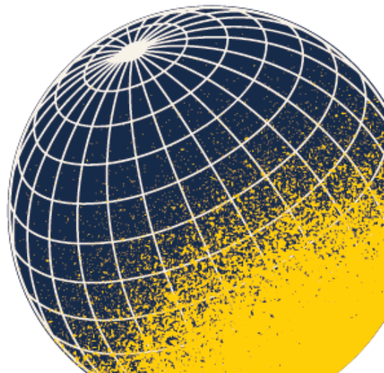
SEVIS Transfer Process



Presenters

- **Grace Fuller**
  - Interim Assistant Director, International Experience and Engagement
  - International Services and Engagement Office
- **Vanessa Cisneros**
  - International Student Advisor
  - International Services and Engagement Office

Agenda

- First Steps Checklist
- Transferring Your SEVIS Record
  - Currently Enrolled
  - OPT
- Upcoming Webinars & Additional Resources
- Q&A

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Before We Begin

You are in listen-only mode. You can hear us, but we can't hear you.

Ask questions – Use the Q&A feature to submit questions. You can also contact us at **iContact.ucsd.edu**

We're recording.
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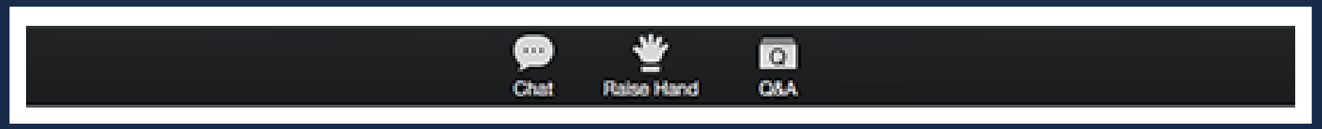
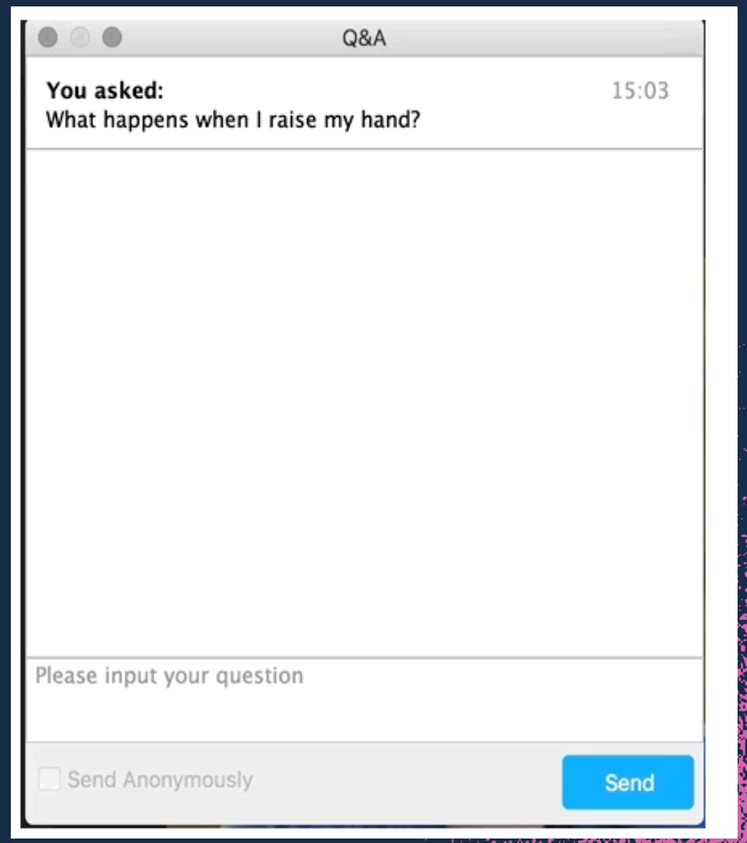
CONTROL PANEL





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Who are we?

Your friendly staff at the **International Services & Engagement Office**

- 30 Professional Staff
- 15 Student Staff

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What do we do?

Our team of expert staff supports and guides international students and scholars with their academic and personal goals, successful transition to campus and student life, and meaningful engagement with the university and local community.

Who are our Students?

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FALL 2024 Snapshot

UPDATED DATE 02/12/2025

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4,010 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 MAJORS

1	2	3	4	5
Business Economics	Mathematics-ComputerScience	Data Science	Computer Science	Economics

POPULATION BY COLLEGE

576 Warren	498 Muir	583 Marshall	568 Revelle	559 Roosevelt	557 Sixth	503 Seventh	159 Eighth

(excludes 7 unaffiliated students)

4,101 GRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

1	2	3	4	5
Computer Science	Quantitative Finance	Business Analytics	Data Science	Electrical Engineering-Machine Learning & Data Science

Data Source: UC San Diego Data Warehouse

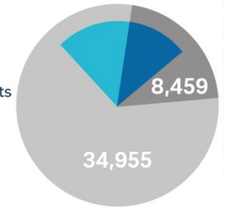
8,134

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

includes 23 certificate students at the Global Leadership Institute

18.6% of campus population

- Total international Graduate Students
- Total International Undergraduate Students
- Total Graduate Students
- Total Undergraduate Students



2,167

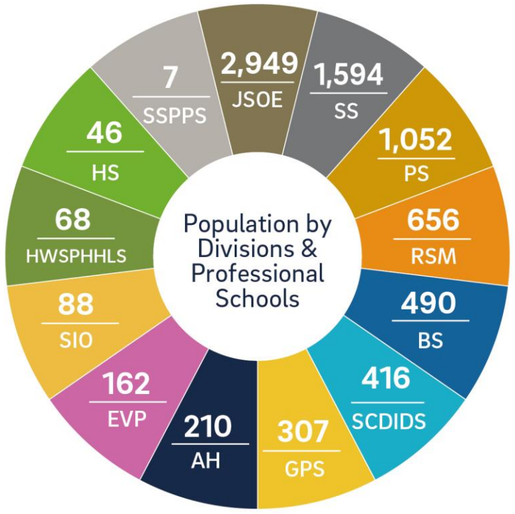
WORKING AFTER GRADUATION

on OPT, STEM OPT or Academic Training

10,301 total of international students served

43,414 TOTAL UCSD STUDENTS

Excludes Studies and State-Supported M.D. & Pharm.D. and Clinical Residents



- Jacobs School of Engineering (JSOE)
- Social Sciences (SS)
- Physical Sciences (PS)
- Rady School of Management (RSM)
- Biological Sciences (BS)
- Computing, Information and Data Sciences (SCIDS)
- Global Policy and Strategy (GPS)
- Arts and Humanities (AH)
- Exchange and Visitor Programs (EVP)
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO)
- Arts and Humanities (AH)
- Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science (HWSPHHLS)
- Health Sciences (HS)
- Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS)

TOP 10 PLACES OF ORIGIN

*Based on country of citizenship listed on passport

1	2	3	4	5
3,826 China	1,506 India	392 South Korea	378 Taiwan	200 Canada
6	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
148 Japan	147 Indonesia	115 Hong Kong	104 Mexico	94 Saudi Arabia

total places of origin **110**

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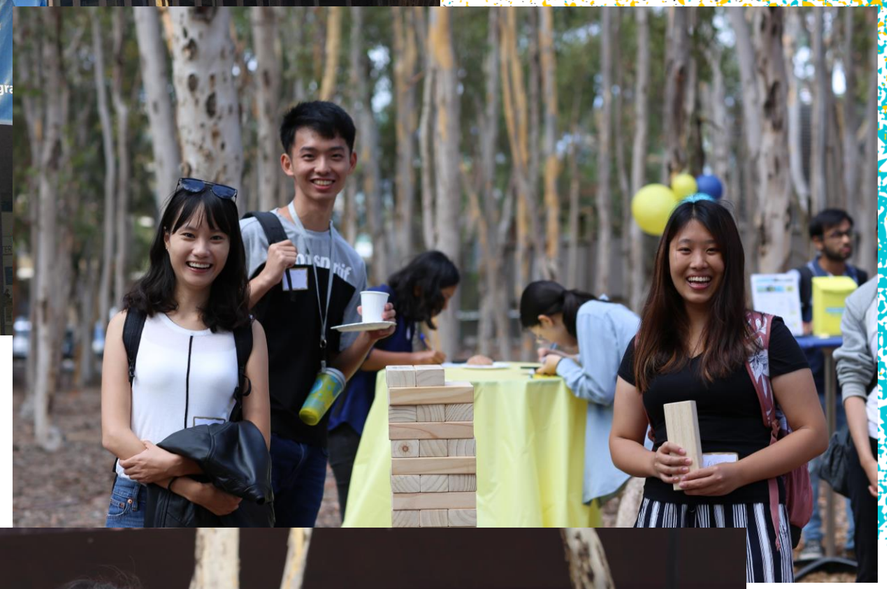
WELCOME!



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First Steps Checklist

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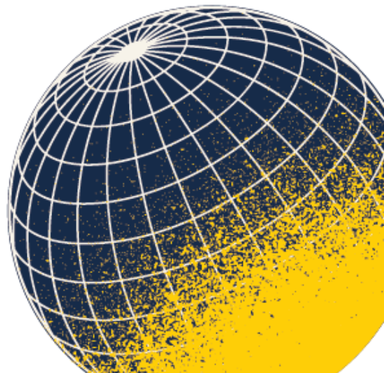

Graduate Students

- Log into your **Applicant Portal** (connect.grad.ucsd.edu/apply):
  - Accept your **offer of admission**
  - Be sure to fill out the **Statement of Legal Residence form** if it is listed.
  - 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.

Undergraduate Students

- Log into your **Applicant Portal** (beatriton.ucsd.edu/account) and complete your Enrollment Checklist:
  - Accept your **offer of admission**
  - Complete the California Residency for Tuition Purposes Questionnaire (if required)
- 2-3 days later, you will receive an email asking you to create your **TritonLink Active Directory** and **Duo accounts**.
  - Creation of your Active Directory will provide you with your **UC San Diego PID** and **email**.

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Starting a New Program at UC San Diego

(This page has a friendly link that's easy to remember: iNewStudent.ucsd.edu)

Degree Students: Bachelors

Degree Students: Masters and PhD

Exchange Students: UC EAP

Transferring Your SEVIS Record

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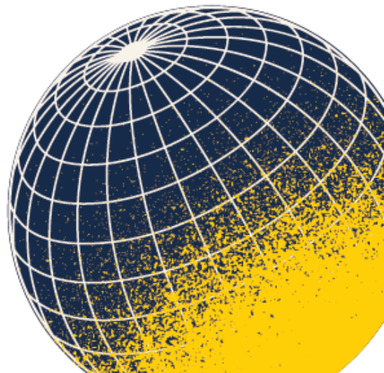
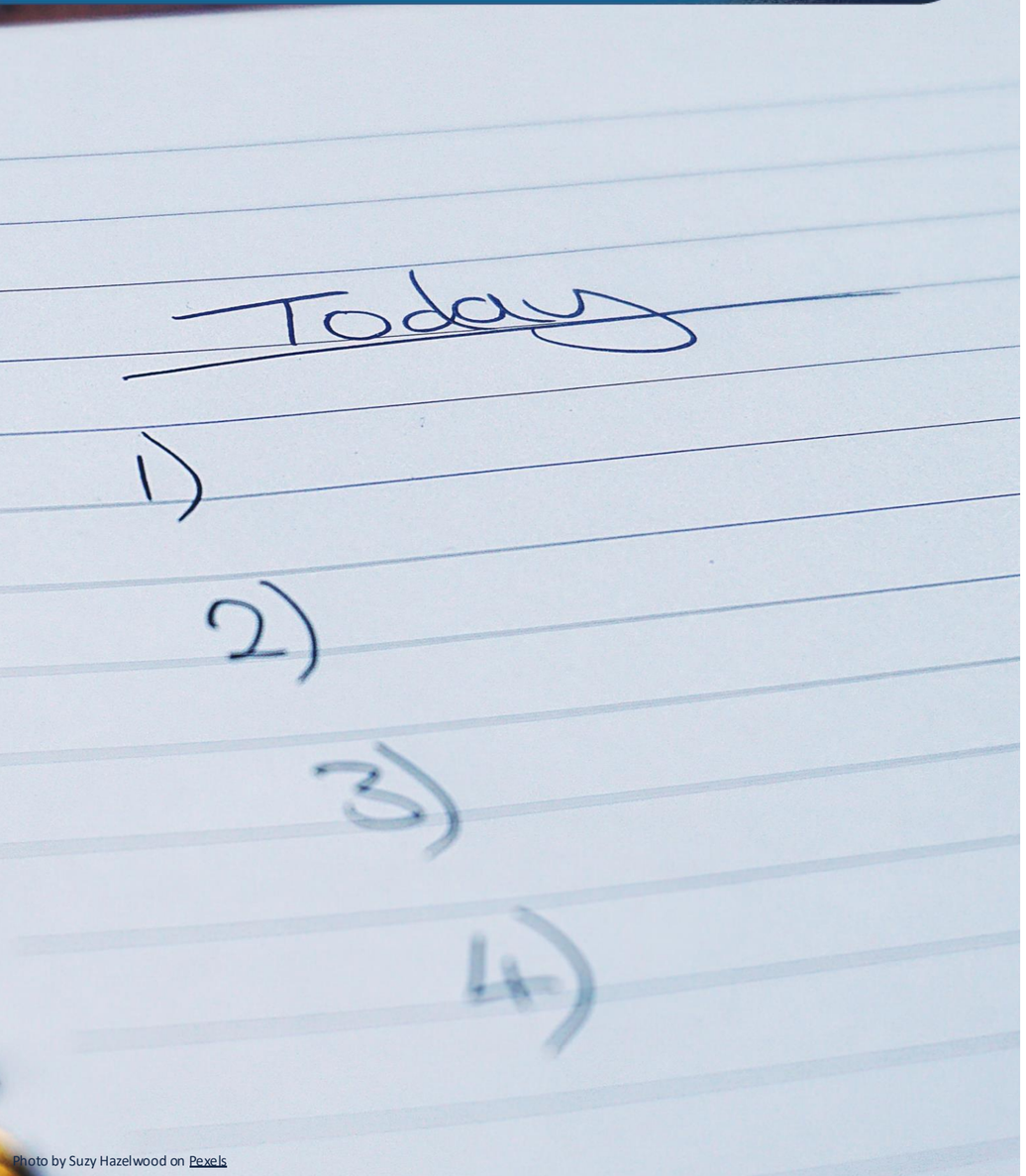


SEVIS Transfers



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An F-1 student may transfer their F-1 record between SEVP-certified schools. SEVIS Transfer is a way to electronically move Student and Exchange Visitor System (SEVIS) records and retain the same SEVIS identification (ID) number for the student. The SEVIS transfer process does the following:

- Sets a date (SEVIS Release Date) on which responsibility for the student's record **transfers** to the new school
- Ensures the **student retains the same SEVIS ID number** at the new school
- Helps ensure that the transfer-in school **updates** the student's record.

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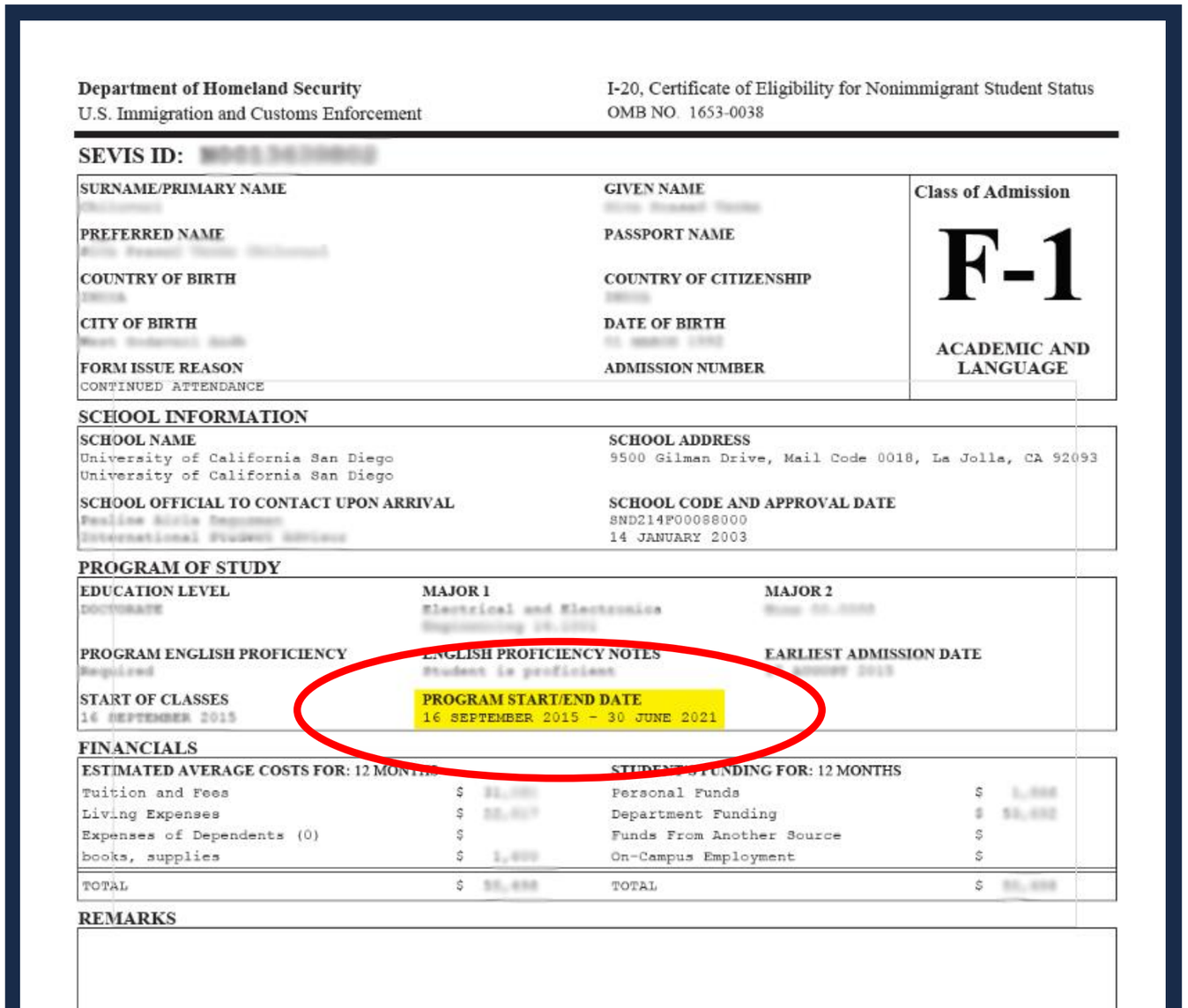
Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for a SEVIS Transfer:

1. Student must be in ACTIVE (or valid) F-1 status.
2. Last date of enrollment or last date of OPT must be within 5 months (less than 152 days) of the start of classes at the new school.
3. SEVIS record must be released before the end of the 60-day grace period of the student's active Form I-20.

Locating Your Program End Date



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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: [redacted]

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME [redacted]	**GIVEN NAME** [redacted]	**Class of Admission** F-1
PREFERRED NAME [redacted]	**PASSPORT NAME**	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH [redacted]	**COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP** [redacted]	
CITY OF BIRTH [redacted]	**DATE OF BIRTH** [redacted]	
FORM ISSUE REASON CONTINUED ATTENDANCE	**ADMISSION NUMBER**	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME University of California San Diego University of California San Diego	**SCHOOL ADDRESS** 9500 Gilman Drive, Mail Code 0018, La Jolla, CA 92093
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL [redacted]	**SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE** SND214F00088000 14 JANUARY 2003

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL [redacted]	**MAJOR 1** [redacted]	**MAJOR 2** [redacted]
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY [redacted]	**ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES** [redacted]	**EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE** [redacted]
START OF CLASSES [redacted]	**PROGRAM START/END DATE** 16 SEPTEMBER 2015 - 30 JUNE 2021	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 12 MONTHS		**STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR:** 12 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	$ [redacted]	Personal Funds	$ [redacted]
Living Expenses	$ [redacted]	Department Funding	$ [redacted]
Expenses of Dependents (0)	$	Funds From Another Source	$
books, supplies	$ [redacted]	On-Campus Employment	$
TOTAL	$ [redacted]	TOTAL	$ [redacted]

REMARKS

If you are currently enrolled:

Last date of enrollment at current school

- Check the Program End Date on your **most recent** Form I-20
- Note that this date may be an *estimate* and not your actual Program End Date
- *Ask your DSO to confirm your actual Program End Date!*

Locating Your Program End Date

If you are currently on post-completion OPT or STEM OPT:

Last date of authorized OPT as shown on current EAD card

- Check the OPT End Date ("Card Expires" date) on your current EAD card

Your Grace Period

F-1 students have **60 days following their last day of enrollment or last day of authorized OPT** to take one of several actions on their SEVIS record. These 60 days are known as the "grace period".

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- Start a new program at a NEW school
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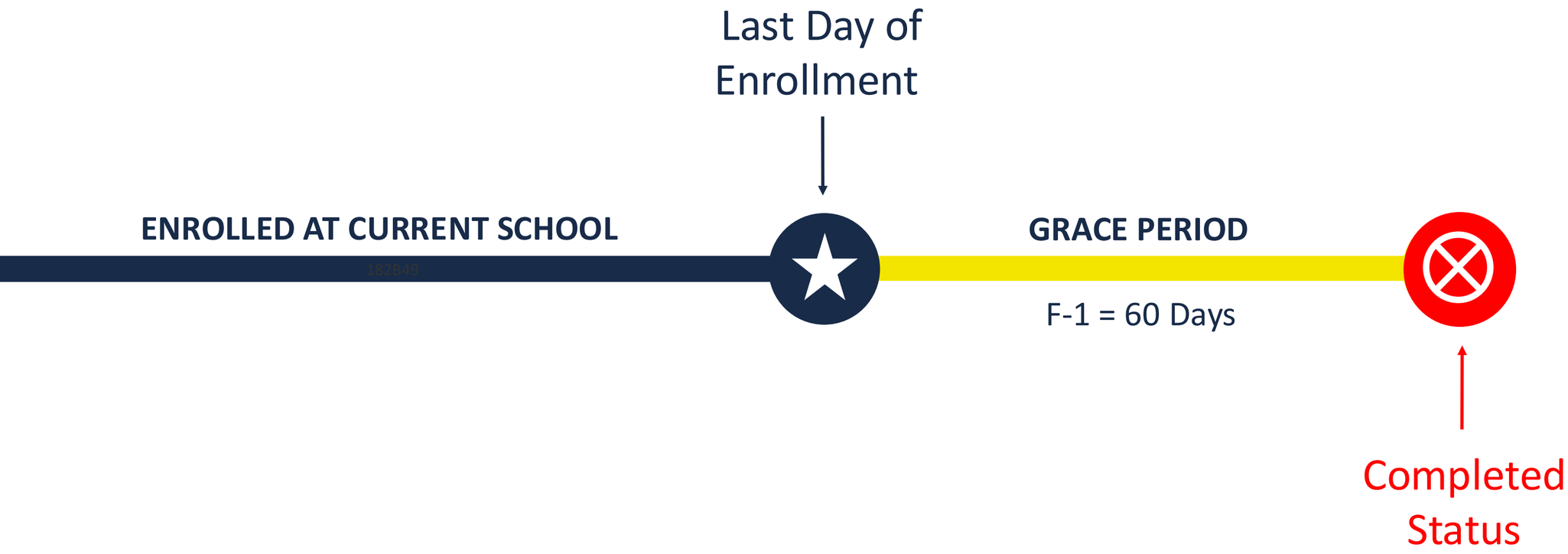
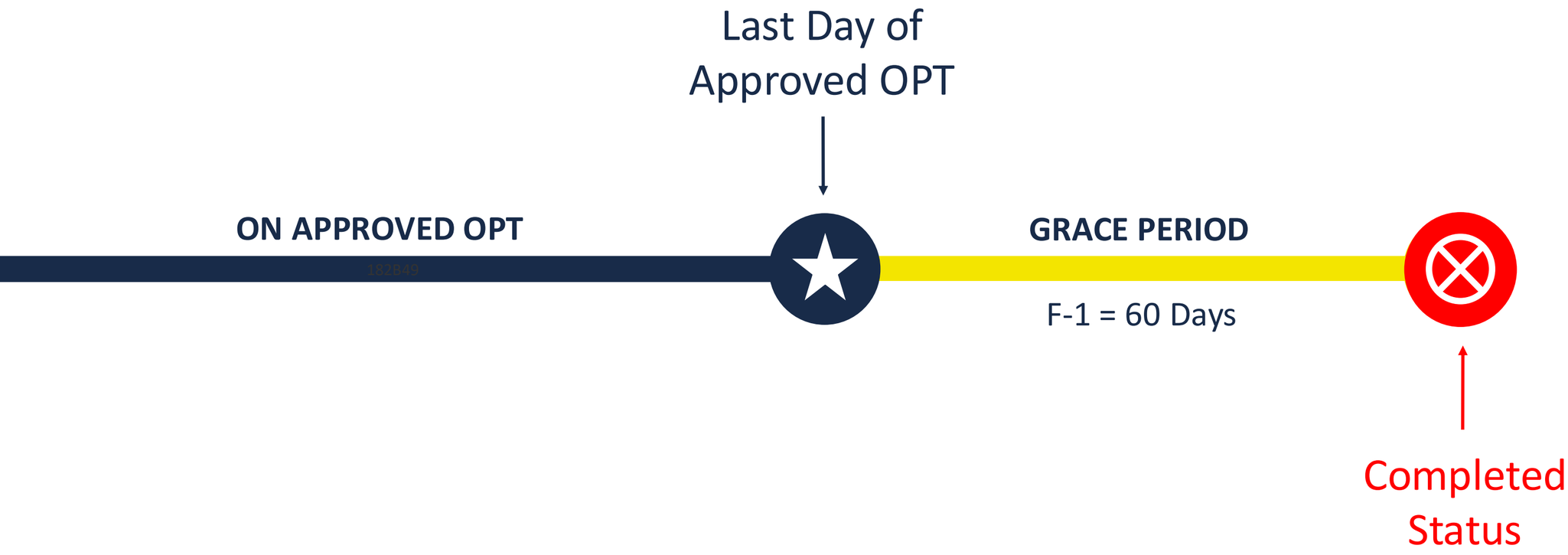
To be eligible for transfer, your SEVIS record must be released before the end of the 60-day grace period of your active Form I-20 or OPT.

Your Grace Period (Currently Enrolled)



Your Grace Period (Approved OPT)



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Coordinating Transfer with Your Current School

The SEVIS Transfer process is NOT automatic - YOU are required to initiate and complete this process!

- Talk to your current DSO/international student office about your plans to transfer
- What forms/documents might you need to submit with your current school to request a transfer?
- Confirm your eligibility with them: is your SEVIS record in good standing? Are you within the transfer timeline (5-month rule, 60-day grace period)?

SEVIS Release Date

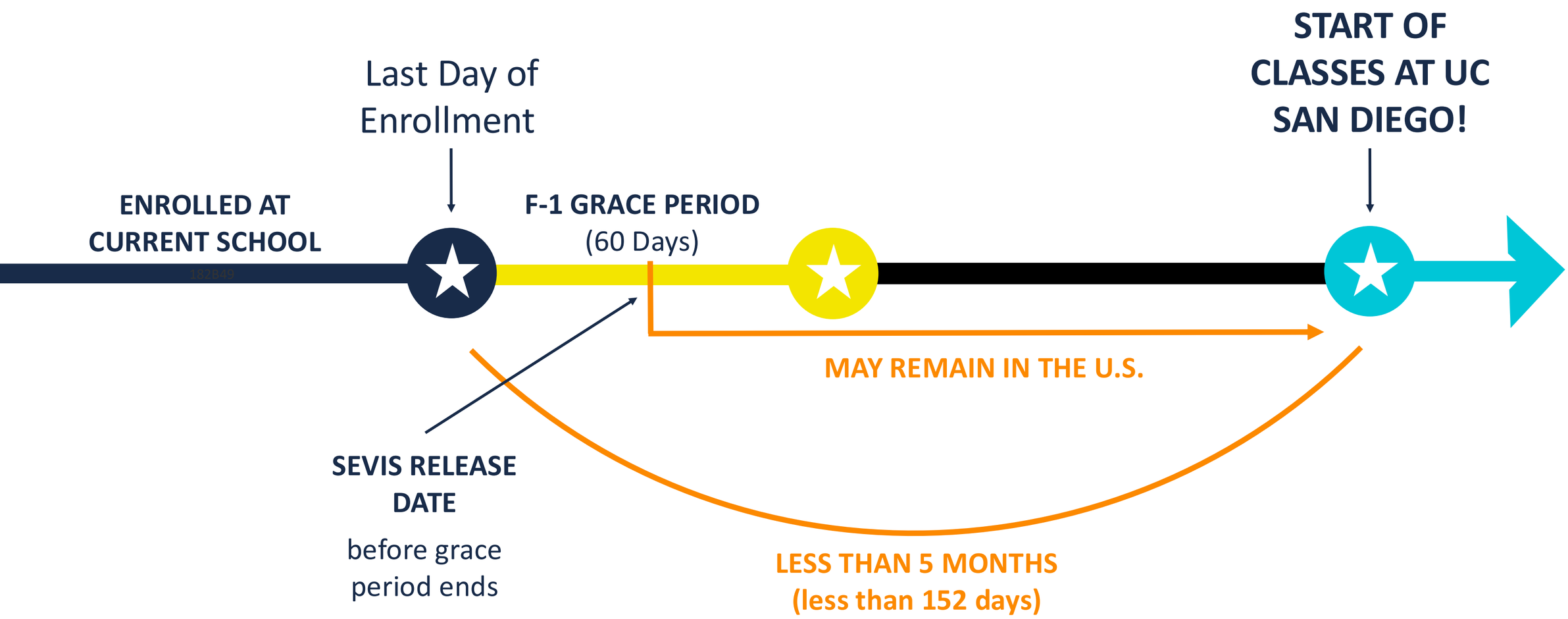
To request that your current institution transfer your SEVIS record, you will need to provide your DSO/international student office with the date you want your SEVIS record released to UC San Diego. This is called your **SEVIS Release Date**.

Your DSO may help you determine this date, but **it is ultimately your responsibility to request WHEN your SEVIS record gets released** from your current institution to UC San Diego.

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SEVIS RELEASE DATE:

- **Enrolled:** A date within your grace period.
- **OPT:** A date within your OPT grace period, OR during your authorized OPT if the release date meets the 5-month rule.

Choosing a SEVIS Release Date (Currently Enrolled)



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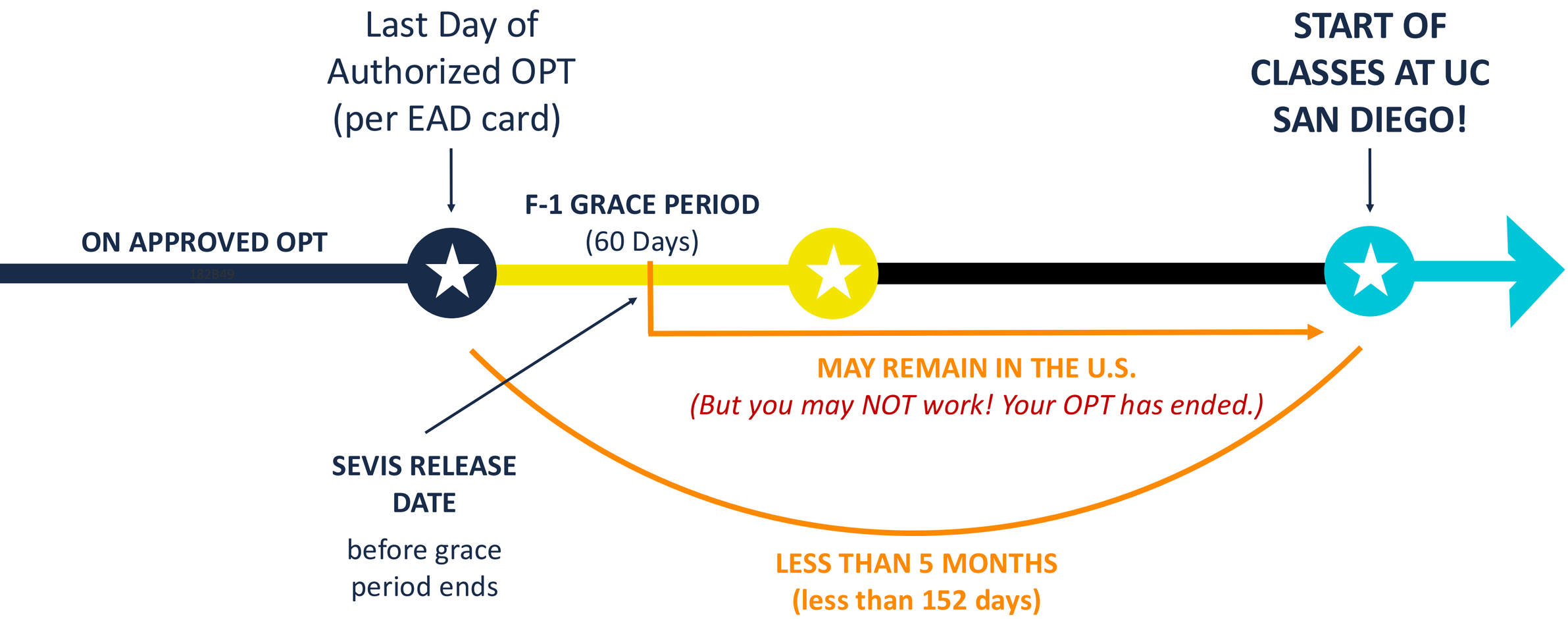
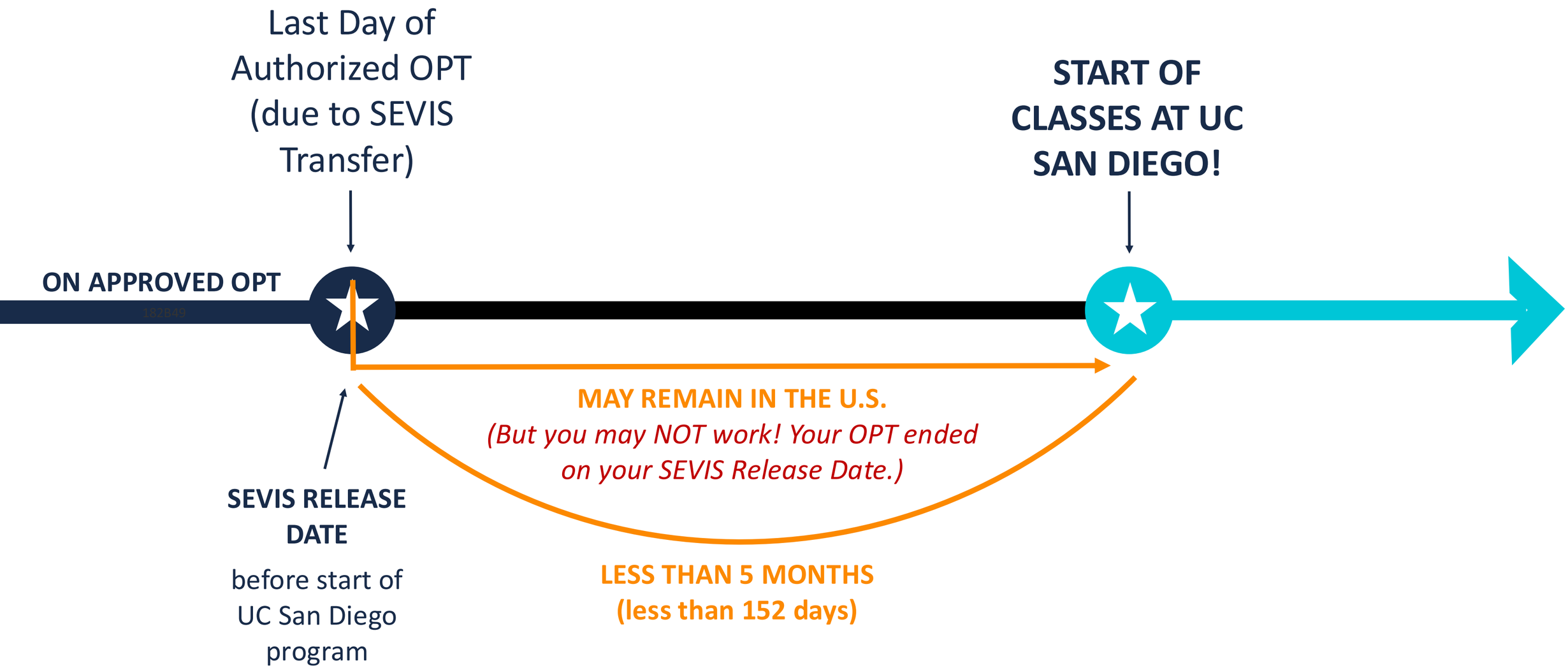


Choosing a SEVIS Release Date (Ending OPT Early)



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Requesting your UCSD Form I-20

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Submitting a Request for an Immigration Document: Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1)

Submit your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 Request:

Log into iServices with your Student SSO (PID) or Active Directory credentials and submit only **ONE** of the following NEW ADMIT request according to visa type:

- **New Admit I-20 Request** if you will begin a degree program with UC San Diego in F-1 visa status.
- **New Admit DS-2019 Request** if you will begin a degree program with UC San Diego in J-1 visa status.
- **New Admit: Change of Status to F-1 or J-1 Request** if you will begin a degree program with UC San diego and are currently in the U.S. in a different non-immigrant visa status (i.e. F-2, H-4, L-2, etc.) with intention to apply to change to F-1 or J-1 status with USCIS **without** departing the U.S., schedule an appointment with an ISEO advisor before submitting this form. If you are in the U.S. and wish to change your non-immigrant visa status to F-1 or J-1 by **travel,** do not use this request.

Remember to complete all required eForms when submitting your New Admit Request. You can view the status of your New Admit request under the "Requests" section of the iServices Home Page. When you have successfully submitted a request, the status of your request will be "**Pending Office Approval.**"

Deadline to Submit & Processing Time

iServices.ucsd.edu will open on **MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**, for newly admitted Summer and Fall 2025 international students to begin requesting their immigration documents.

When does your program begin?	Deadline to request Form I-20/DS-2019*
Before August 1	Submit your iServices request by **May 1**
Between August 1 and September 23	Submit your iServices request by **June 1**
On September 22 (Fall 2025 quarter start)	Submit your iServices request by **August 1**

**Requests for immigration documents will be accepted and processed after August 1; however, to ensure timely issuance, you are urged to submit your request by the relevant deadline above.*

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Requesting your UCSD Form I-20

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SEVIS Transfer Eligibility

MAIN PAGE FOR E-FORM GROUP

(*) Information Required

If you are within yout 60 day grace period or on OPT/STEM OPT, you may be eligible to request a transfer of your SEVIS Record to UC San Diego.

Prepare for your Application

- Review the **FAQs on Transferring your SEVIS Record** to UC San Diego.
- Consult with your International Student Advisor at your current U.S. school regarding SEVIS Transfer eligibility.

If you have been admitted to a new program at another institution in the United States, you may be eligible to request a transfer of your SEVIS Record.

☐ Please confirm that you have reviewed the Transfer FAQ Webpage. *

Do you plan on transferring a current SEVIS Record (Form I-20) from your current / previous institution to UC San Diego?*

○ Yes ○ No

Save Draft **Submit**

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"Transfer Pending" Period

Once you receive your "Transfer Pending" Form I-20 from UC San Diego:

- Review it to make sure all of the information is correct, and that your SEVIS ID number matches the SEVIS ID on your previous I-20 from your prior institution
- You may enroll in courses (check with your college or academic department). You are expected to enroll full-time in-person by your Form I-20 Program Start Date
- You are required to report any changes to ISEO through the iServices *New Admit Updated I-20 Request* to maintain your Form I-20
- You may apply for on-campus employment
- You may travel/re-enter the U.S. (you are not subject to the 30-day rule)
- You may use your new I-20 to apply for/renew an F-1 visa from abroad

Completing Your SEVIS Transfer

Important!

REQUIRED: Check-In with ISEO within 10 days of US arrival

Within 10 days after arrival into the USA, take the following steps:

1. **Check-In for I-20/DS-2019 Activation:** Once you arrive to the U.S., you must submit the Check-In for I-20/DS-2019 Activationn form in order for ISEO to activate your F or J status.
2. **Document iSelfCheck:** Complete the International Student Document iSelfCheck. It is important for you to review and verify that your documents were processed correctly at the port of entry.
    - Please note that there is no need to notify ISEO when you complete the document self-check unless you have questions or if you believe there is an error in your visa status.
    - You should fulfill the document self-check requirement every time that you re-enter the U.S.

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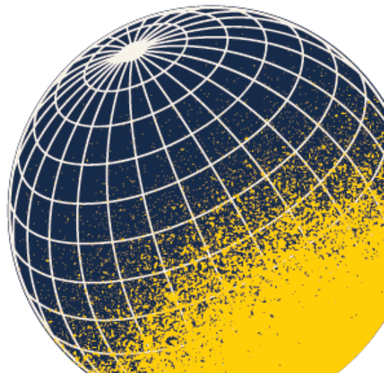


iNewStudents Newsletter

Starting Monday, March 3 at 9AM PT: Request Your Form I-20 or DS-2019 via iServices

International students requiring F-1 or J-1 student visa status to study in the US must request and receive a Form I-20 (F-1) or Form DS-2019 (J-1) from ISEO via **iServices**. iServices is ISEO's document request system. ***These forms from UC San Diego are required for all newly admitted F-1 or J-1 students, even if you are transferring from another US school!***

iServices Opens: Monday, March 3 at 9AM PT

iServices will open for newly admitted international students to request their Form I-20 or DS-2019 on March 3. In preparation to submit the request for your Form I-20 or DS-2019, please review the important information below:

- In order to access iServices when it opens, you must have accepted your offer of admission and have **set up** all required UC San Diego student accounts.
- Review the *STEP 1: Apply for your F-1 or J-1 Status* instructions on our **iNewStudent website** so that you can prepare the required documents and information ahead of time.
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties with iServices, please see review **iServices Instructions**. If the problem persists, please see **iServices Troubleshooting**.

Winter 2025 | International Services and Engagement Office

Dear Incoming Triton,

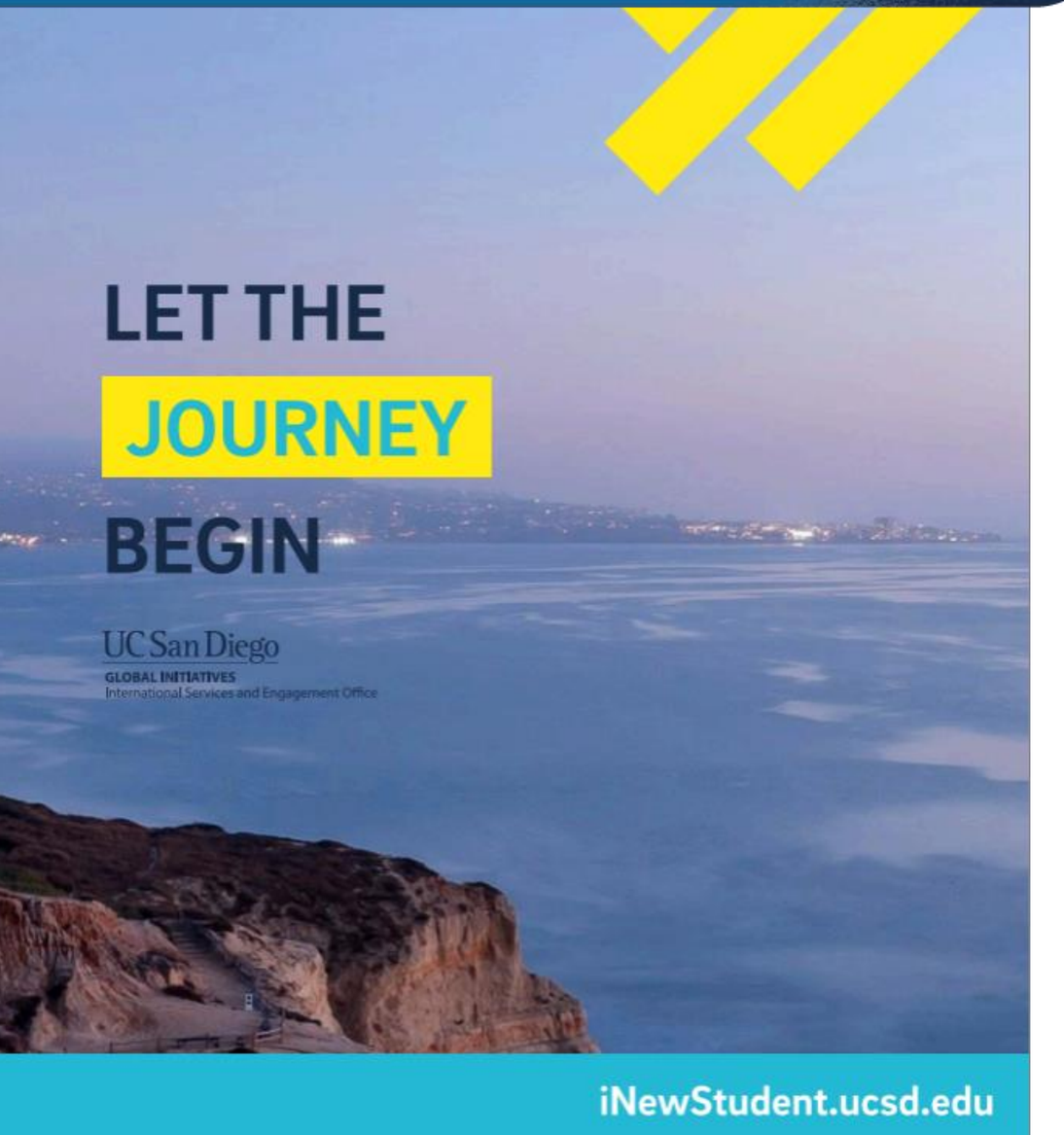
Join us this Tuesday, March 4 at 8:30AM Pacific Time (PT) for our first Graduate Pre-Arrival Webinar! During this webinar, we will discuss your checklist of things to do as a newly admitted international graduate student, including how to complete your post-admission requirements, request your immigration documents, and more. There will be time for Q&A at the end of the webinar. Staff from the International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO), Graduate Admissions, and Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA) Student Affairs, will be in attendance to respond to questions.

If you are unable to attend, the recording will be available a few days later at **iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu**.

Pre-Arrival Webinar: **REGISTER NOW!**

- Critical information
- Sent weekly
- UCSD emails

Welcome Guide

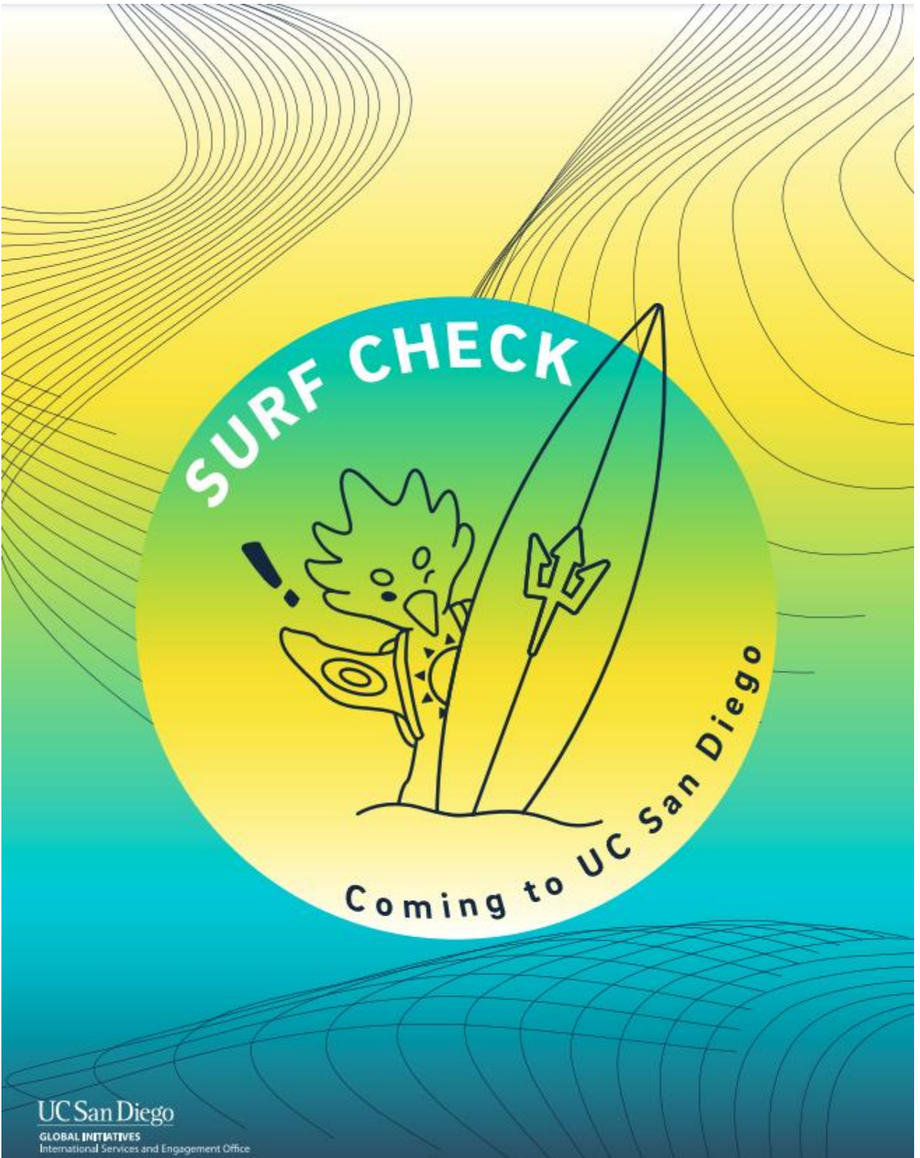


ISEO has created a **Welcome Guide** filled with helpful checklists and interactive links:

- Next steps to take **before you start classes**
- Next steps to take **preparing for arrival**
- Next steps to take **upon arrival**

Learn more at
https://iseo.ucsd.edu/programs/guides.html

Surf Check Guide



Surf Check Guide: Coming to UC San Diego

- Created for students by students covering the most frequently asked questions international students
- Covers topics like housing, arranging transportation from airport to campus, setting up a phone account, bank account, and more!

Learn more at https://iseo.ucsd.edu/programs/guides.html

iPrograms

Redefining the world we know with **one experience at a time.**

Global Ambassador Program (GAP)

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Grad Pals

- Summer-long peer-mentorship program
- Matches incoming international graduate students with current UC San Diego undergraduate students

iEvents Calendar

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Tue Feb 27th - Sun Mar 17th

ISEO Is Hiring: Marketing & Communications Student Assistant

Communications & Marketing Student Assistant (STDT 4) For the 2024-2025 Academic Year Estimated salary: $18 per hour Application Deadline: ...

Employment | Students | Professional-Development

Wed Feb 28th - Sun Mar 17th

ISEO Is Hiring: Undergraduate Programs Student Assistant

Undergraduate Programs Student Assistant (STDT 3) For the 2024-2025 Academic Year Estimated salary: $17 per hour Application Deadline: ...

Students | Employment | Professional-Development

Fri Mar 1st 10:00am - 12:00pm

Friday Chat

Participation in our English conversation tables are a wonderful way for you to practice your English and make friends. The conversation ...

Volunteer-Led | Off-Campus | In-Person | Global-Community | Scholars | Families

Fri Mar 1st 1:00pm - 4:00pm

UCSD Student Affairs Strategic Plan: Student Focus Groups

Register Here

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Sun Mar 3rd 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Sunday Supper: A Cosmic Cantina

This long-standing tradition is a quarterly dinner for residents and friends of I-House to celebrate and gather in the Great Hall. Come to ...

The Great Hall

I-House | Social | In-Person | Students

Mon Mar 4th 8:00am - 3:00pm

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International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) March Meeting

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The International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) is comprised of leadership from student leaders and stakeholders invested in the ...

GETCCR | Grad-Students | Undergrad-Students | Student-Org

Tue Mar 5th 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Wed Mar 6th 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts

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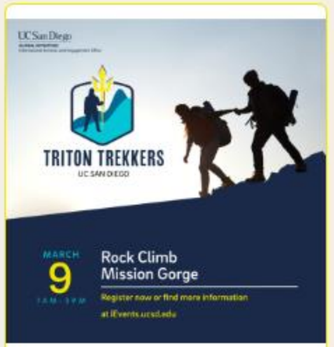
Thu Mar 7th 11:00am - 12:00pm



Tue Mar 12th 12:00pm - 2:30pm

Federal Tax Workshop

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Professor Steve Gill, San Diego State University, Fowler College of Business faculty member, and Douglas Kelley, Accounting Lecturer at San ...

Students | Scholars | Families

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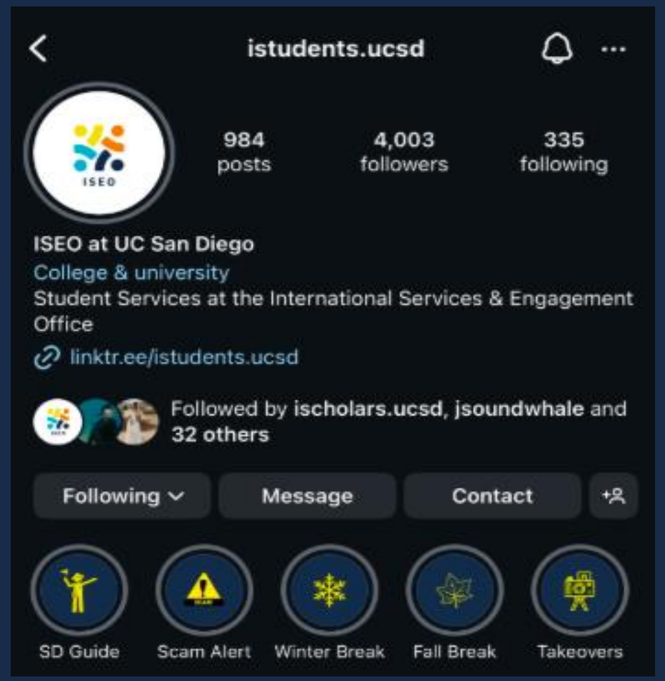

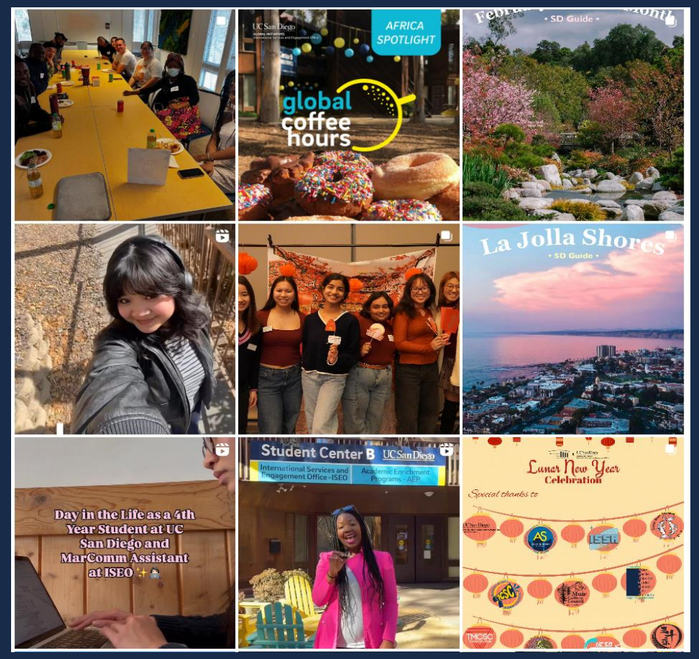

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Additional Resources

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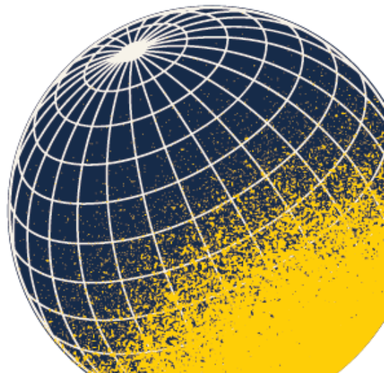

IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

NOW

Begin requesting your visa documents via iServices

Visit: iServices.ucsd.edu

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Apply for on-campus housing

Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

Mid-May

Housing, Dining and Hospitality (HDH) starts to send out housing contracts in Mid-May. Offers are made 60 days prior to requested move-in date.

Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

July

Deadline to submit health immunization requirements and complete OPHD training

Visit: studenthealth.ucsd.edu

Sept

Tuition due

Move-In

Check-In

New International Student Orientation

Visit: iOrientation.ucsd.edu

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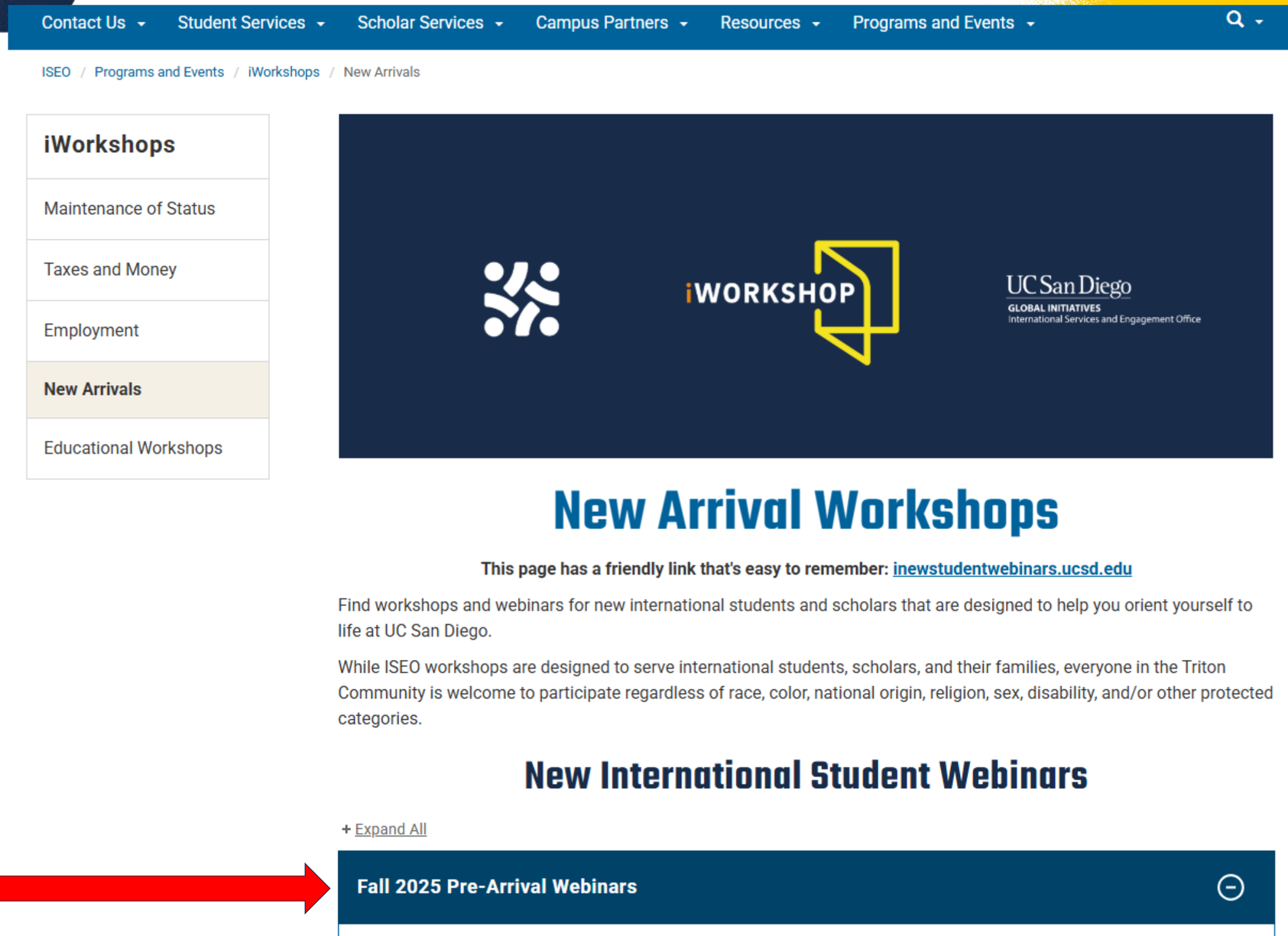
Pre-Arrival Webinars

All Pre-Arrival Webinar slides and recordings can be accessed at iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu

Please allow approximately 1 week for upload.



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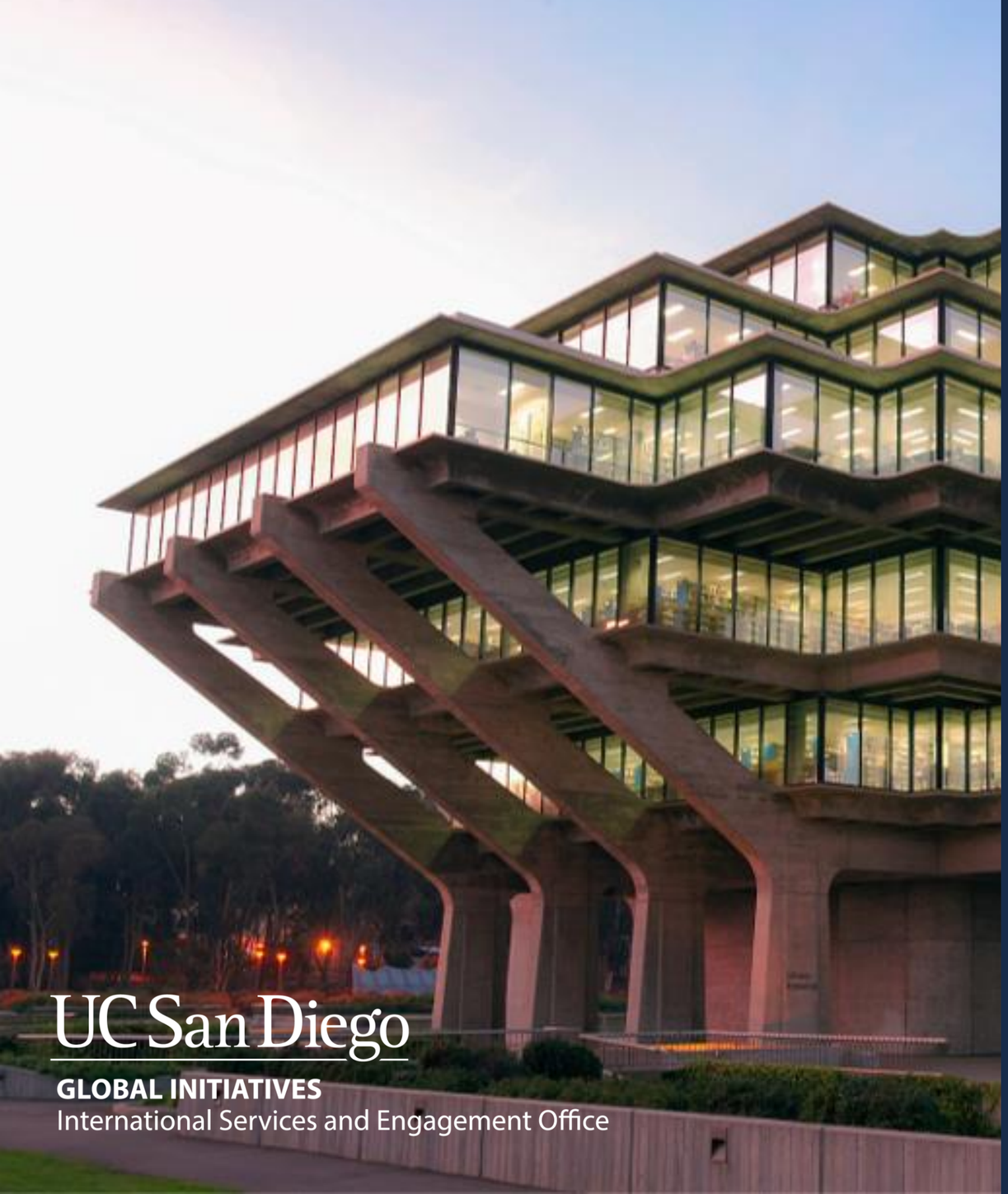

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