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Welcome to UC San Diego:

Applying for your U.S. Visa





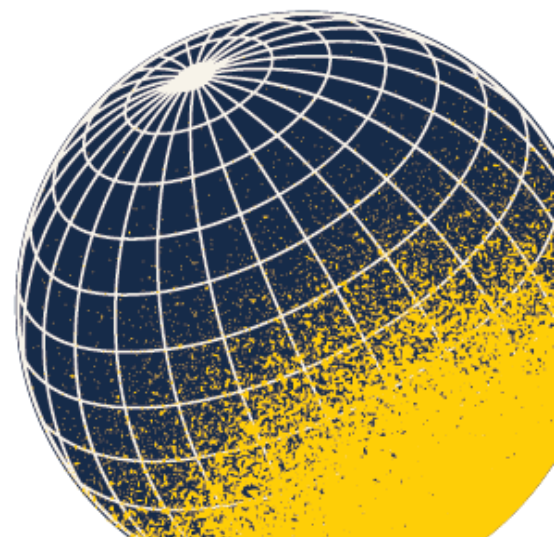
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**DIVISION OF GRADUATE EDUCATION
AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS**



Presenters



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- Director of Graduate Admissions
- Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA)

- **Shana Slebioda**

- Student Services Advisor
- Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA)

Agenda

- **Graduate Admissions Reminders**
- **Applying for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp**
- **Approaching Deadlines & Reminders**
- **Upcoming Webinars & Additional Resources**
- **Q&A**

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Before We Begin



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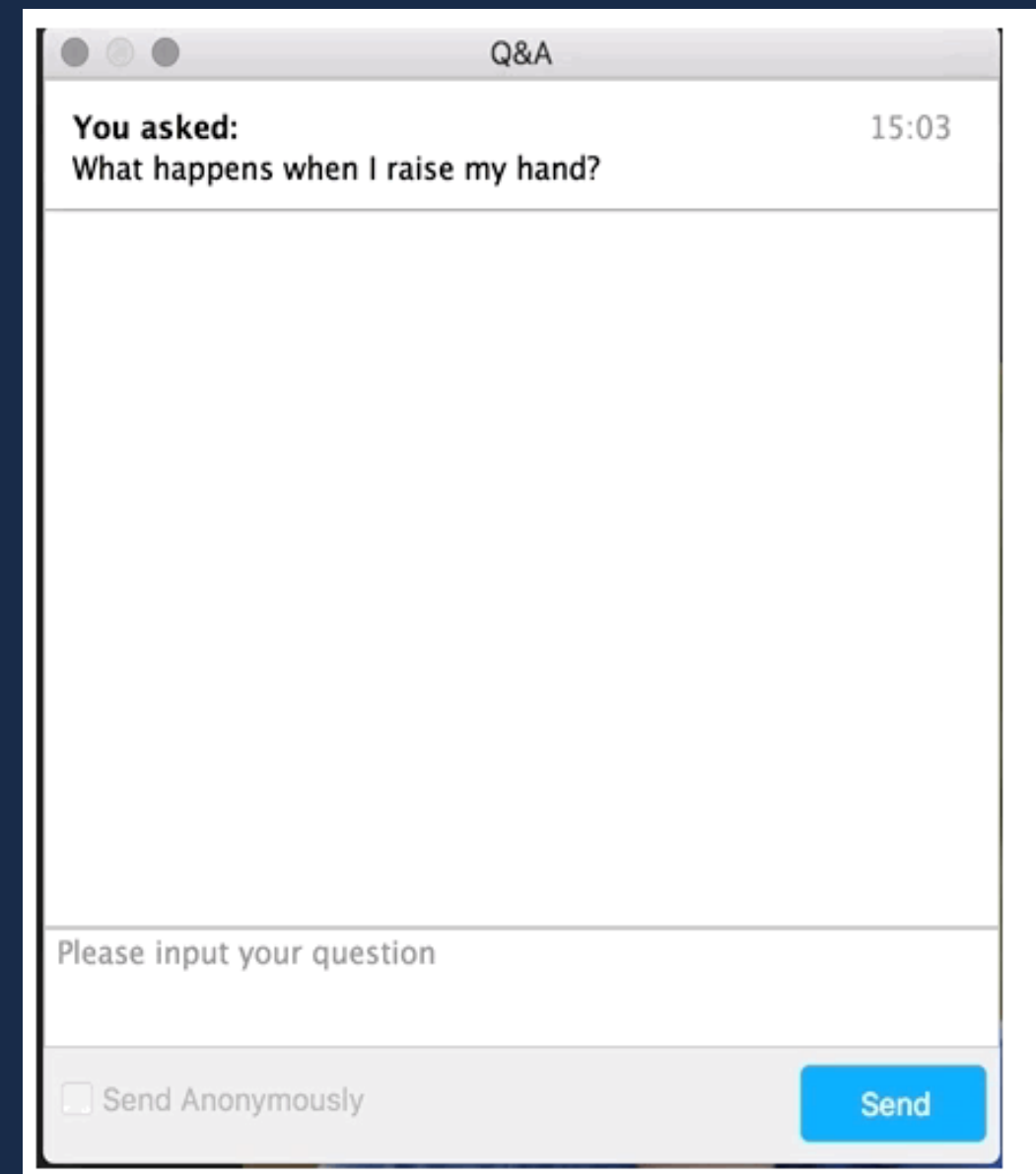
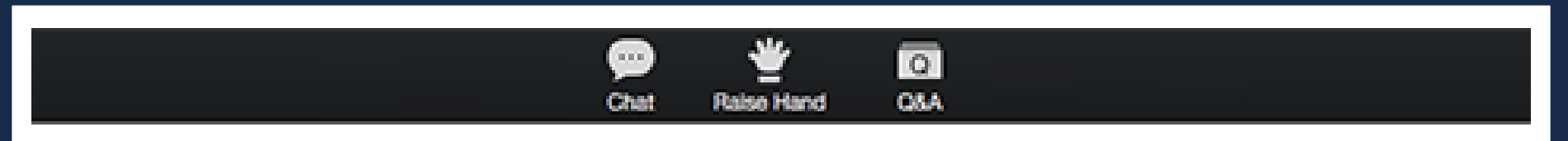


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We're recording. You'll be able to view this webinar recording at iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu

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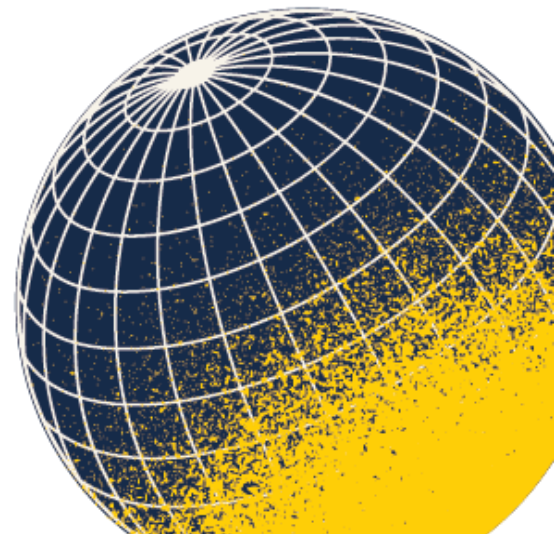


First Steps Checklist

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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.

GEPA Announcements

Welcome to your UC San Diego Applicant Portal

[Home](#)[Your Checklist Items](#)[Program Information](#)[Financial Support](#)[FAQ](#)

Thank you for your interest in UC San Diego. This applicant portal will be an important source of information for you throughout the application process. Please bookmark this page and check back for updates regularly!

Your **application reference number** is [REDACTED].

Visit the tab [Your Checklist Items](#) above to ensure that all of your required application documents have been submitted.

Status Update

An update to your application was last posted June 5, 2024.

[View Update >>](#)

Your Status: Accepted

We have received your decision to accept your admission to UC San Diego! You may access your official admissions letters at any time using the "View Update" link above.

At this time, your admission status is Provisional. This means that there are documents you need to submit to the Graduate Admissions Office in order to finalize your admission. Please visit [Your Checklist Items](#) to see what documents are still pending. Provisional status does not affect your ability to begin other admissions procedures. You are officially admitted and will be able to register for courses, sign up for housing, and begin financial aid or visa paperwork.

In addition to Your Checklist Items, please read over the following pages for more important next steps!

- [What to Do Immediately](#)
- [Before You Arrive on Campus](#)
- [When You Arrive on Campus](#)
- [International Students](#)

Forms

Please complete the following forms:

- ✓ 06/05/2024 Decision Reply Form [Display](#)
- ✓ 06/16/2024 Statement of Legal Residence [Display](#)

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Required Documents

You are required to submit the following official documents in order to finalize your admission:

- Final official transcript with conferral - University of Pittsburgh (Bachelor of Science). **Document has been received and is in queue for processing.**

The Graduate Admissions Office begins reviewing official documents in **June** for incoming Summer and Fall students. Please be sure to check this portal often in case there are updates regarding your pending admission documents. If you have any questions about your required documents, please email us at gradadmissions@ucsd.edu with your application reference number or PID.

The deadline to submit the above documents is the fourth Friday of your first quarter of enrollment at UC San Diego. Failure to submit documents by this date will result in a hold on future registration until the documents are received. View the current [Academic Calendar](#) to see when your first quarter of enrollment begins.

How to Submit a Final Transcript

A **final transcript** is required for any degree(s) earned at institutions within the United States, and in some cases is required for coursework completed at institutions where you did not earn a degree (either domestic or international).

Please have your transcript sent directly to Graduate Admissions using one of the three options below. Transcripts must be the final version, which includes all grades and coursework completed, any degree(s) received, and the date(s) of degree conferral (if applicable).

Option 1: Parchment. Select "University of California San Diego Graduate Admissions" as the recipient in the menu provided by Parchment. This is the best way to ensure your academic materials reach our office and your applicant file in a timely manner.

Option 2: Other e-transcript service/electronic submission of materials. Have your institution send the documents to gradadmissions@ucsd.edu. Please note that you may not email your materials yourself. Documents must be sent by officials from the issuing institution or through a secure, third-party service such as National Student Clearinghouse.

Option 3: Mail. Have your institution send the documents to Graduate Admissions at the address listed below. Please note that we cannot accept documents that were opened or sealed by the student. Documents must be received in an envelope sealed by the issuing institution.

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

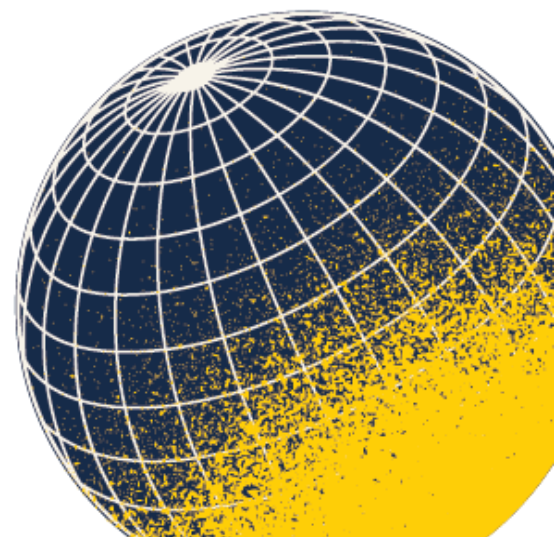
Your transcript must state the degree conferred to you and the date of degree conferral (if applicable). We do not accept transcripts that have pending grades or in-progress coursework.

Applying for your U.S. Visa: F-1 and J-1 Students

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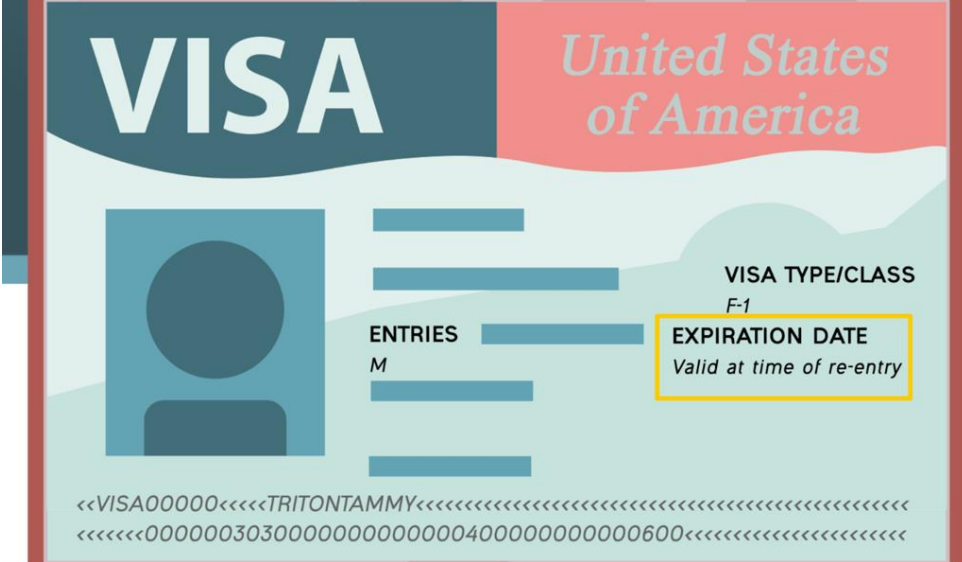
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The Visa Process

iNewDegreeStudent.ucsd.edu



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Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

Submit a New Admit I-20 or DS-2019 Request in iServices

Students gain access to iServices after:

- Accepting UCSD admission
- Setting up UCSD password for PID and activating your UCSD email (@ucsd.edu) (3-7 day waiting period)

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New Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Students

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Summer Session Visiting Student: if you will only be enrolling with UC San Diego for Summer Session and will not matriculate into a UC San Diego degree program, please visit [ISEO's New Summer Session Visiting Page](#).

Step 1: Apply for F-1 or J-1 Certificate of Eligibility

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iServices.ucsd.edu will open on MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 (9:00 AM Pacific Standard Time) for newly admitted Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 international students to begin requesting their immigration documents.

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Accept Admission and Complete Required Account Set Up



Preparing for Submission



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



Apply for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp



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The Visa Process

iNewStudent.ucsd.edu

TODAY!



Request and receive Form I-20 or DS-2019 from ISEO (required for SEVIS Transfer students too!)



Schedule visa interview (DS-160, pay fees)

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Attend visa interview

03

TODAY!

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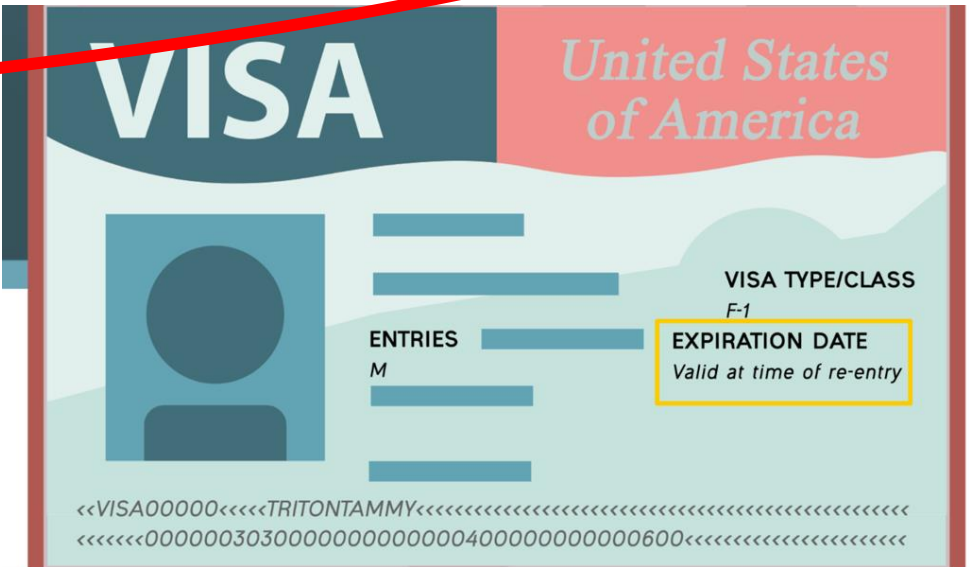
Receive visa stamp and plan travel to U.S.

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Arrive to the U.S. (apply for entry at Port of Entry)

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Complete SEVIS Check-In to activate status



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Apply for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp



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The F-1 or J-1 Visa

A [visa](#) is a legal document that grants you permission to seek entry to a particular country for a specific reason (for example, study or tourism). All international students, except for citizens of Canada and Bermuda, must have a valid F-1 Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 **in addition to** a valid F-1 or J-1 visa to seek entry to the U.S.

For students who have successfully received a UC San Diego Form I-20 or DS-2019 and are in need of a valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamp to enter the United States, follow steps below to understand the steps needed to apply and interview for your visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate outside of the U.S. **Note, a U.S. Visa cannot be obtained within the U.S.**

A list of all U.S. embassies/consulates by country can be found at <https://www.usembassy.gov/>.

Pay the SEVIS Fee:

After receiving your Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1), you must pay the [SEVIS I-901 fee](#). This fee is required of every international student issued a new Initial Form I-20 or DS-2019, which has a new SEVIS ID number. After you pay the SEVIS I-901 fee, you will see a confirmation page. **Save a PDF copy of this confirmation page for your own records;** you will be required to bring it to your visa interview.

SEVIS Transfer Students: Students transferring their SEVIS record to UC San Diego are NOT required to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee again, since the SEVIS Transfer process allows them to keep their SEVIS ID number the same.

Submit the DS-160 and Schedule your Visa Interview:

After receiving your Form I-20 or DS-2019 and paying the SEVIS I-901 fee, complete the [DS-160 Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application](#) form. In order to fill out this form, you will need your Form I-20 or DS-2019, which shows your SEVIS ID number:

- **F-1 students:** Your SEVIS ID number starts with an "N" and is located in the top LEFT corner of your Form I-20
- **J-1 students:** Your SEVIS ID number starts with an "N" and is located in the top RIGHT corner of your Form DS-2019. As part of your DS-160 application, you will also need to provide **UCSD's J-1 Program Number, which is: P-1-02849**

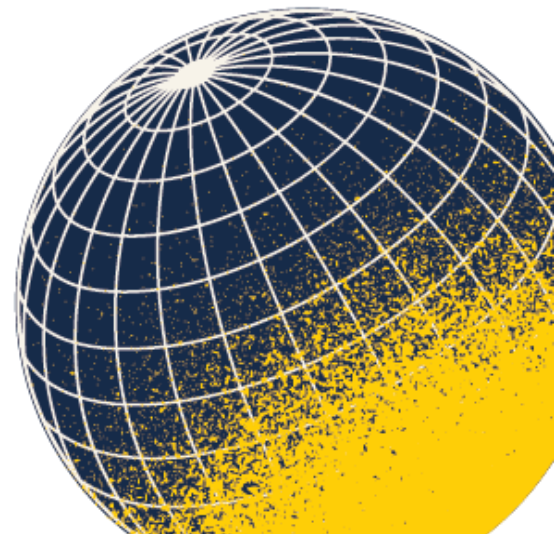
When the DS-160 asks you for UC San Diego's contact information, you may use the following:

Scheduling the visa interview

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Schedule your visa appointment

Submit the DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application

- AND -

Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee

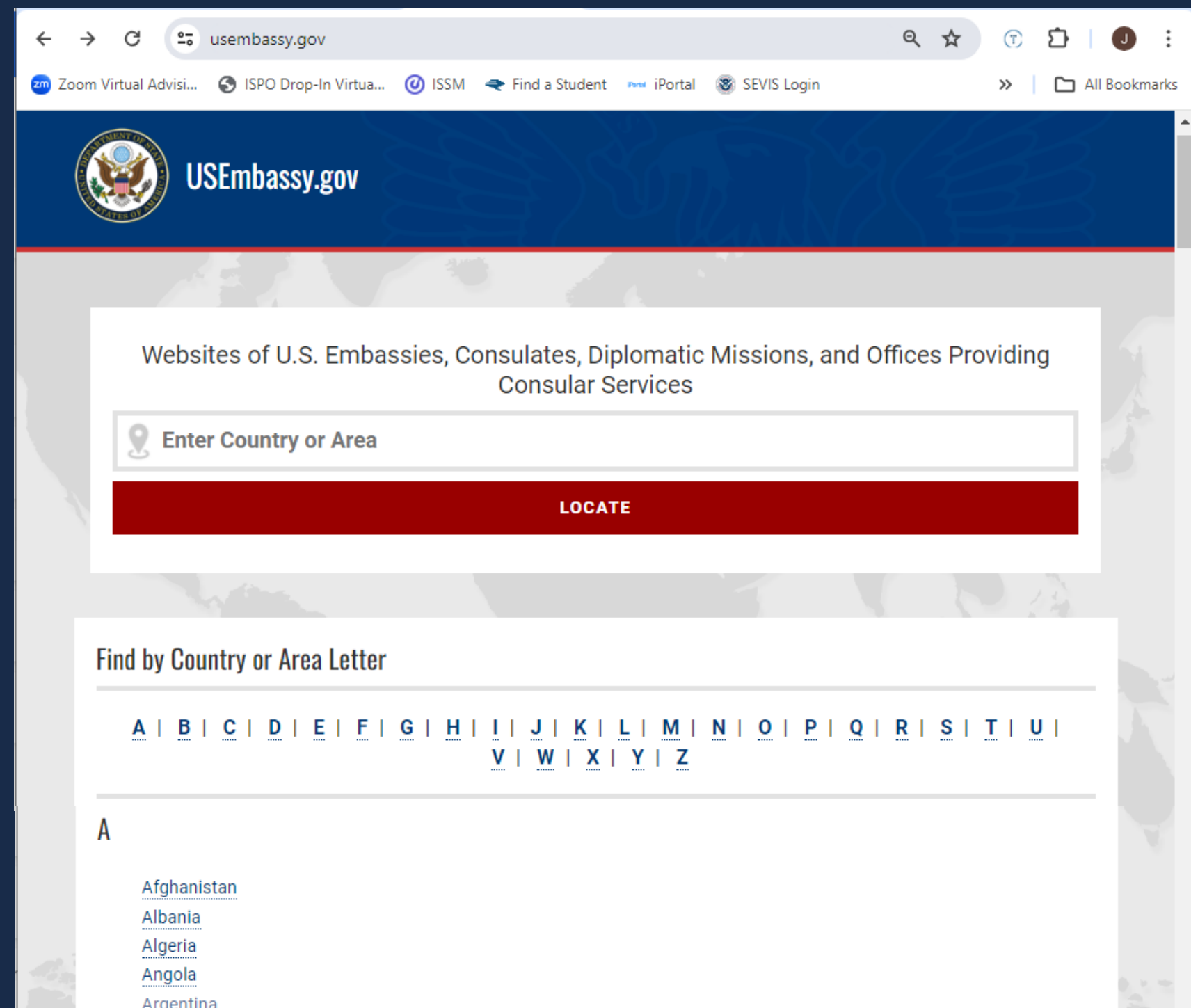
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Schedule your visa appointment

[USEmbassy.gov](https://usembassy.gov)

Submit the DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application

- Will include the \$185.00 visa fee ("MRV fee")
- *USEmbassy.gov* --> Check your local U.S. embassy or consulate's website for specific instructions on applying for a NONIMMIGRANT visa, including payment instructions



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Schedule your visa appointment

Submit the DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application

- Prepare required documents/information ahead of time per the instructions on the embassy/consulate's website
- Have your passport and Form I-20 or DS-2019 with you
- Takes approximately 1-2 hours to complete if prepared beforehand

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center website. At the top, there is a header with the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". A language selection dropdown is set to "ENGLISH". The main heading is "Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160)". Below this, there is a "FAQs" button. A tooltip message states: "Tooltip Language: English [View Tool Tip Help] Most of this application has been translated. To see the translation point your mouse over any sentence on the page." The page is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Welcome!", contains introductory text and a list of four important steps: 1. Learn about Types of Visas, 2. This website is designed to be accessed using Chrome, Edge, or Firefox only, 3. Gather your documents, 4. Review the instructions and FAQ. The right column, titled "Get Started", features a location selection dropdown menu, a security code input field, and a CAPTCHA image showing the text "PEMB33". Below the CAPTCHA, there are two buttons: "START AN APPLICATION" and "RETRIEVE AN APPLICATION". At the bottom, there is an "Additional Information" section with instructions on writing down the Application ID and saving the application frequently.

FORM I-20 (F-1)

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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

SEVIS ID: N00

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME _____ **GIVEN NAME** _____ **Class of Admission**
_____ **PASSPORT NAME** _____ **F-1**

PREFERRED NAME _____ **COUNTRY OF BIRTH** _____ **COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP** _____ **ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE**
_____ **CITY OF BIRTH** _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____ **ADMISSION NUMBER** _____

FORM ISSUE REASON
INITIAL ATTENDANCE - UPDATED

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME University of California San Diego **SCHOOL ADDRESS** 9500 Gilman Drive, Mail Code 0018, La Jolla, CA 92093
University of California San Diego

SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Jessica Boyle **SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE** SND214FD0088000
International Student Advisor 14 JANUARY 2003

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL	MAJOR 1	MAJOR 2
MASTER'S	Clinical and Industrial Drug Development 51.2006	None 00.0000

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE
Required	Student is proficient	24 AUGUST 2024

START OF CLASSES	PROGRAM START/END DATE
26 SEPTEMBER 2024	23 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 33,365	Personal Funds	\$ 70,055
Living Expenses	\$ 25,104	Funds From This School	\$
Expenses of Dependents (2)	\$ 10,800	Funds From Another Source	\$
Books & Supplies	\$ 786	On-Campus Employment	\$
TOTAL	\$ 70,055	TOTAL	\$ 70,055

REMARKS
Graduate student pursuing MS program in Drug Development and Product Management.

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

SEVIS ID Number

SIGNATURE OF: _____ **DATE:** _____

STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to the information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. **Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.**

SIGNATURE OF: _____ **DATE:** _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ **SIGNATURE** _____ **ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)** _____ **DATE** _____

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FORM DS-2019 (J-1)

U.S. Department of State

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

OMB APPROVAL NO.1405-0119
EXPIRES: 10/31/2020
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min

1. Surname/Primary Name: _____ **Given Name:** _____ **Grade:** _____ **SEVIS ID:** N00 _____

Date of Birth: _____ **City of Birth:** _____ **Country of Birth:** _____ **Citizenship Country Code:** _____ **Citizenship Country:** _____

Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: _____ **Legal Permanent Residence Country:** _____ **Position Code:** 215 **Position:** UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Primary Site of Activity: University of California, San Diego
9500 GILMAN DR
LA JOLLA, CA 92093-5004

2. Program Sponsor: University of California, San Diego **Program Number:** P-1-02849

Participating Program Official Description:
PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS;
STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT INTERN; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE

Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.

3. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 01-03-2024 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-14-2024

4. Exchange Visitor Category: STUDENT NON-DEGREE
Subject/Field Code: 24.0199 **Subject/Field Code Remarks:** Full time undergraduate non-degree exchange student.

5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) is to be provided to the exchange visitor by:
Current Program Sponsor funds : \$32,258.00
Personal Funds : \$14,945.00
Total : \$47,203.00

6. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER ATTESTATION: I attest that prior to issuing this Form DS-2019, the Program Sponsor organization identified above, for which I serve as the Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer, has verified, in accordance with the requirements of 22 CFR 62.12(b), that each prospective exchange visitor: (i) is eligible and qualified for, and accepted into, the program in which he or she will participate; (ii) possesses adequate financial resources to participate in and complete his or her exchange visitor program; and (iii) possesses adequate financial resources to support an accompanying spouse and dependents, if any. I also attest that upon printing and signing this form, I am physically present in the United States or in a U.S. territory. A notification copy of this form has been provided to the U.S. Department of State.

7. Jessica Boyle **Alternate Responsible Officer**

Name of Official Preparing Form: _____
9500 GILMAN DR
Mail Code 0123
LA JOLLA, CA 92093
Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer

Telephone Number: 858-534-5795
Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 11-15-2023
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer

8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM)
Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.

PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(a) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (see item 1(a) of page 2).

The Exchange Visitor in the above program:

1. Not subject to the two-year residence requirement.

2. Subject to two-year residence:

A. Government financing

B. The Exchange Visitor

C. PL 94-484 as amended

TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year*)
*EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel.

SIGNATURE OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER: _____ **DATE (mm-dd-yyyy):** _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: _____ **DATE (mm-dd-yyyy):** _____

THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(a).

EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE (mm-dd-yyyy):** _____

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FORM I-20 (F-1)

FORM DS-2019 (J-1)

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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

SEVIS ID: N00 [REDACTED]		
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME	GIVEN NAME	Class of Admission F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
CITY OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE - UPDATED	ADMISSION NUMBER	

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SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Jessica Boyle International Student Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE SND214FD0088000 14 JANUARY 2003

PROGRAM OF STUDY		
EDUCATION LEVEL MASTER'S	MAJOR 1 Clinical and Industrial Drug Development 51.2006	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE 24 AUGUST 2024
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REMARKS Graduate student pursuing MS program in Drug Development and Product Management.
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SCHOOL ATTESTATION I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.
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SIGNATURE OF: Jessica Boyle Advisor	DATE: [REDACTED]	OFFICE ISSUED La Jolla, CA	
STUDENT ATTESTATION I have read and agreed to the information provided on this form and I understand that I am entering the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study as defined by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am aware that my records needed by DHS are maintained by DHS.			
SIGNATURE OF: [REDACTED]	DATE: [REDACTED]		
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE



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*See Page 2

1. Surname/Primary Name: [REDACTED]	Given Name: [REDACTED]	Gender: [REDACTED]	N00 [REDACTED]
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): [REDACTED]	City of Birth: [REDACTED]	Country of Birth: [REDACTED]	Citizenship Country Code: [REDACTED] Citizenship Country: [REDACTED]
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: [REDACTED]	Legal Permanent Residence Country: [REDACTED]	Position Code: 215	Position: UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Primary Site of Activity: University of California, San Diego 9500 GILMAN DR LA JOLLA, CA 92093-5004			
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Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.			
3. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 01-03-2024 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-14-2024 STUDENT NON-DEGREE Subject/Field Code: 24.0199 Subject/Field Code Remarks: Full time undergraduate non-degree exchange student.			
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Current Program Sponsor funds: \$214,945.00 Personal Funds: \$14,945.00 Total: \$47,203.00			
6. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER ATTESTATION: I attest that prior to issuing this Form DS-2019, the Program Sponsor organization identified above, for which I serve as the Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer, has verified, in accordance with the requirements of 22 CFR 62.12(b), that each prospective exchange visitor: (i) is eligible and qualified for, and accepted into, the program in which he or she will participate; (ii) possesses adequate financial resources to participate in and complete his or her exchange visitor program; and (iii) possesses adequate financial resources to support an accompanying spouse and dependents, if any. I also attest that upon printing and signing this form, I am physically present in the United States or in a U.S. territory. A notification copy of this form has been provided to the U.S. Department of State.		7. Jessica Boyle Name of Official Preparing Form 9500 GILMAN DR Mail Code 0123 LA JOLLA, CA 92093 Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Telephone Number 858-534-5795 11-15-2023 Date (mm-dd-yyyy) Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer	
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Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer Date (mm-dd-yyyy)		Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	
THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(f).			
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.			
Signature of Applicant		Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	

Field of Study & CIP Code

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FORM I-20 (F-1)

FORM DS-2019 (J-1)

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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

SEVIS ID: N00 [REDACTED]

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME
[REDACTED]

PREFERRED NAME
[REDACTED]

COUNTRY OF BIRTH
[REDACTED]

CITY OF BIRTH
[REDACTED]

FORM ISSUE REASON
INITIAL ATTENDANCE - UPDATED

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME
University of California San Diego
University of California San Diego

SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL
Jessica Boyle
International Student Advisor

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL	MAJOR 1
MASTER'S	Clinical and Ind Development 51.2

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
Required

ENGLISH PROFICIE
Student is profi

START OF CLASSES	PROGRAM START/END DATE
26 SEPTEMBER 2024	23 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 33,365	Personal Funds	\$ 70,055
Living Expenses	\$ 25,104	Funds From This School	\$
Expenses of Dependents (2)	\$ 10,800	Funds From Another Source	\$
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TOTAL	\$ 70,055	TOTAL	\$ 70,055

REMARKS
Graduate student pursuing MS program in Drug Development and Product Management.

SCHOOL ATTESTATION
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's admission to the program is in the best interests of the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

SIGNATURE OF: Jessica Boyle, International Student Advisor
DATE ISSUED: 2 February 2024
PLACE ISSUED: La Jolla, CA

STUDENT ATTESTATION
I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. **Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.**

SIGNATURE OF: [REDACTED]
DATE: [REDACTED]

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: [REDACTED]
SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS (city/state or province/country): [REDACTED]
DATE: [REDACTED]



U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

OMB APPROVAL NO.1405-0119
EXPIRES: 10/31/2020
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min
*See Page 2

Gender: [REDACTED]
N00 [REDACTED]

Country Code: [REDACTED]
Citizenship Country: [REDACTED]

Position:
UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Program Number: P-1-02849

ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS;
DEGREE

ate family members.

graduate non-degree exchange student.

visitor by:

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7. Jessica Boyle
Name of Official Preparing Form
2500 2500th St
Mail Code 0123
LA JOLLA, CA 92093
Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer

Alternate Responsible Officer
Title
858-534-5795
Telephone Number
11-15-2023
Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

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Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer
Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature

PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(a) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (see item 1(a) of page 2).

The Exchange Visitor in the above program:

1. Not subject to the two-year residence requirement.

2. Subject to two-year residence requirement based on:
A. Government financing and/or
B. The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or
C. PL 94-484 as amended

(ALL USAID PARTICIPANTS G-2-06263 AND ALL ALIEN PHYSICIANS SPONSORED BY P-3-04519 ARE SUBJECT TO THE TWO-YEAR HOME RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT.)

Name: [REDACTED] Title: [REDACTED]
Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer: [REDACTED] Date (mm-dd-yyyy): [REDACTED]

TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
(Maximum validation period is 1 year*)

*EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel.

(1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time.
Date (mm-dd-yyyy): [REDACTED]

Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: [REDACTED]
(2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time.
Date (mm-dd-yyyy): [REDACTED]

Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: [REDACTED]

THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(f).

EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.

Signature of Applicant: [REDACTED] Place: [REDACTED] Date (mm-dd-yyyy): [REDACTED]

School Contact Information
Name of the advisor listed on your Form I-20 or DS-2019
858-534-3730
istudents@ucsd.edu
Find this information under STEP 1 at
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Schedule your visa appointment

Submit the DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application

- Print the confirmation page with the barcode! You will be required to bring a printed copy to your visa interview
- Following successful submission of your DS-160, you will be able to schedule your visa interview, pending appointment availability

Print this page!

U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE
CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER

Select Tooltip Language **ENGLISH**

Exit

Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160)

Confirmation

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

You must bring a 5 cm x 5 cm passport-like photo to your interview.

Name Provided:
Date Of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Gender:
Country/Region of Origin (Nationality) JAPAN
Passport Number:
Purpose of Travel:
Completed On:
Confirmation No: **AA0074HLQC**

Location Selected:
TKY
Visa Branch, Consular Section
U.S. Embassy Tokyo
1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku
Tokyo 107-8420, Japan

Version 01.02.04

THIS IS NOT A VISA

Print Confirmation Print Application Email Confirmation

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Schedule your visa appointment

fmjfee.com

Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee

- Pay at least 3 business days before your visa interview
- Required any time you receive a new SEVIS ID number (open a new F or J record)
- F-1: \$350 | J-1: \$220
- Print the confirmation receipt page! You will be required to bring a printed copy to your visa interview



The screenshot shows the website fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html. The page is titled "I-901 Fee" and features a navigation menu with "PAY I-901 FEE" and "CHECK I-901 STATUS" buttons. The page also includes contact information for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, such as the phone number (US) 1-703-603-3400 and the email address fmjfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov. The main content area displays a large image of a smiling student with a backpack and books, with the text "WELCOME TO FMJFEE.COM" overlaid at the bottom.



ISEO Tip



Citizens of CANADA and BERMUDA

- ✗ NOT required to apply for a F-1 or J-1 visa stamp
- ✓ Must still present a valid Form I-20 or DS-2019 to seek entry to the US
- ✓ Must still pay the SEVIS I-901 fee

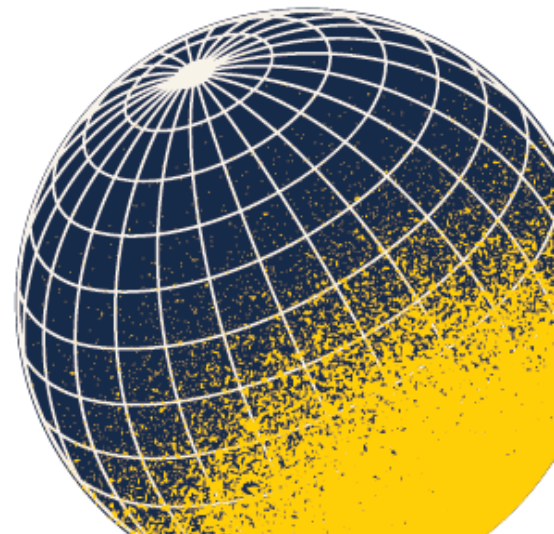
For more information visit travel.state.gov and search "Citizens of Canada and Bermuda"

Attend the visa interview

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Attend your visa interview

What to Bring

- Passport** valid for at least 6 months after your Program Start Date
- Form I-20 or DS-2019**, printed and hand-signed
- DS-160 confirmation page** (with the barcode)
- Proof of payment:
 - **Visa fee** ("MRV fee") if payment was required prior to your interview
 - **SEVIS I-901 fee**
- Passport photo** if you were unable to upload as part of your DS-160
- Proof of funding** documentation
- Documentation of home country address (**ties to home country**)

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Attend your visa interview

What to Bring

Other documents may be required or recommended!

Check the embassy or consulate's website for a complete list of documents you should bring.



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Attend your visa interview

What to Expect

Before the Visa Officer even begins the interview, they have already checked:

- ✓ Your **application history** (including green card petitions previously filed in your name)
- ✓ Your **previous refusals** (if any)
- ✓ Your **DS-160 responses**
- ✓ Whether you have **family members in the United States**
- ✓ Your **body language** (yes, they analyze this fast)
- ✓ **Complications** in your situation (assume your officer knows about that arrest, that run-in with customs, or that school you stopped attending)

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Attend your visa interview

What to Expect

Common first questions include variations of: "Why are you traveling to the U.S.?" or "Where are you planning to study in the U.S.?"

What the Visa Officer **wants** to hear in your response:

- ✓ **Confidence** → Clear, direct answers show you have nothing to hide.
- ✓ **FOUR** → Details to support your answers, not just more words to fill up time.
- ✓ **Credibility** → Your answers match your documents, your situation, and your intent.

What the Visa Officer **doesn't want** to hear in your response:

- ▶ **Hesitation** → "Uh... um... well, I think..."
- ▶ **Too little detail** → Makes them think you're covering something up.
- ▶ **Overreliance on documents** → **Think** human-to-human communication as documents have already been reviewed!

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Attend your visa interview

What to Expect

Additional things to consider

- The visa interview goes **quickly**
- Be **brief** and maintain a **positive attitude**
- **Be ready to talk** – the consular officer expects to have a (short) conversation with you
- Know this information flawlessly:
 - Your program of study and its connection to long-term career or life goals
 - Your source(s) of funding
 - Your ties to your home country
- Be prepared to have the entire interview conducted **in English**

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Attend your visa interview

Visa Delays

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING

- Special security clearance procedure lasting up to 60 days or more
- 221(g) letter indicating visa has been "refused"
- You may be required to submit additional documentation to consulate
- Please contact ISEO if you experience this (iContact.ucsd.edu)

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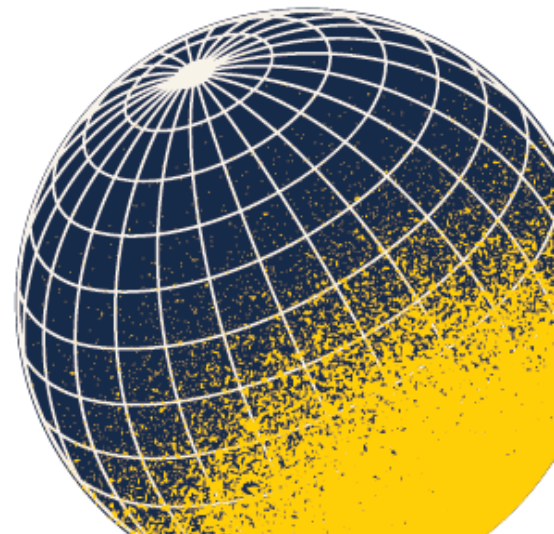
- Rare, but does happen
- In most cases, applicants can reapply
- 214(b)
- Please contact ISEO if you experience this (iContact.ucsd.edu)

Receive visa stamp and plan travel to the U.S.

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Receive visa, plan travel to U.S.

Obtaining your visa stamp

- Consular officer will collect your passport
- 1-2 weeks to produce and affix visa stamp
- Ask them how you can receive your passport back—may be mail or pick-up options

You now have the documents required to seek entry to the United States! Customs will require:

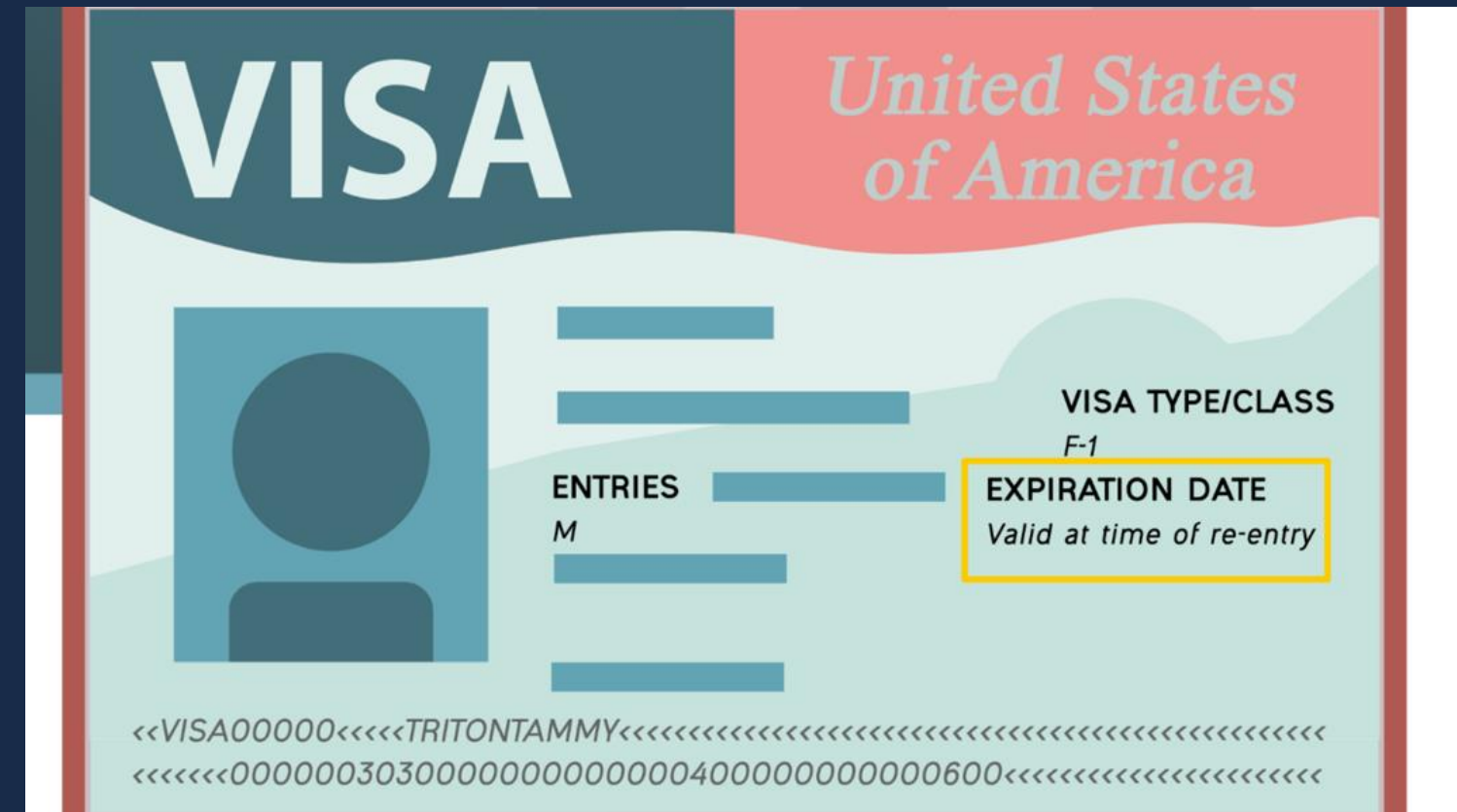
- ✓ **Passport** valid for at least 6 months after your Program Start Date
- ✓ **Form I-20 or DS-2019**, printed and hand-signed
- ✓ **F-1 or J-1 visa stamp** in your passport

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Receive visa, plan travel to U.S.

Booking your travel to the United States

- **Get your visa first!**
 - We strongly recommend you wait to purchase travel until after you receive your visa stamp



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Receive visa, plan travel to U.S.

FORM I-20 (F-1)

Booking your travel to the United States

- **30-day entry rule**
 - F-1 and J-1 students may enter the US no more than 30 days prior to the Program Start Date listed on their Form I-20 or DS-2019
 - **F-1 students:** Look at the **Earliest Admission Date** field on your Form I-20

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038	
SEVIS ID: N00 [REDACTED]			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME [REDACTED]	GIVEN NAME [REDACTED]	Class of Admission F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE	
PREFERRED NAME [REDACTED]	PASSPORT NAME [REDACTED]		
COUNTRY OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP [REDACTED]		
CITY OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]		
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE - UPDATED	ADMISSION NUMBER [REDACTED]		
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 Jessica Boyle International Student Advisor		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE SND214F00088000 14 JANUARY 2003	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL MASTER'S	MAJOR 1 Clinical and Industrial Drug Development 51.2006	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE 24 AUGUST 2024
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient		
START OF CLASSES 26 SEPTEMBER 2024	PROGRAM START/END DATE 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025		
FINANCIALS			
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REMARKS Graduate student pursuing MS program in Drug Development and Product Management.			
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Receive visa, plan travel to U.S.

Booking your travel to the United States

FORM DS-2019 (J-1)

- **30-day entry rule**
 - F-1 and J-1 students may enter the US no more than 30 days prior to the **Program Start Date** listed on their Form I-20 or DS-2019
 - **J-1 students:** Look at the "Form Covers Period:" box on your DS-2019 and calculate 30 days prior to the "From:" date (the "From" date is your Program Start Date!)

U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

OMB APPROVAL NO.1405-0119
EXPIRES: 10/31/2020
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min
*See Page 2

1. Surname/Primary Name: _____ Given Name: _____ Gender: _____		J-1
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ Citizenship Country Code: _____ Citizenship Country: _____		
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: _____ Legal Permanent Residence Country: _____ Position Code: 215 Position: UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS		
Primary Site of Activity: University of California, San Diego 9500 GILMAN DR LA JOLLA, CA 92093-5004		
2. Program Sponsor: University of California, San Diego Program Number: P-1-02849		
Participating Program Official Description: PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT INTERN; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE		
Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.		
3. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 01-03-2024 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-14-2024	4. Exchange Visitor Category: STUDENT NON-DEGREE Subject/Field Code: 24.0199 Subject/Field Code Remarks: Full time undergraduate non-degree exchange student.	
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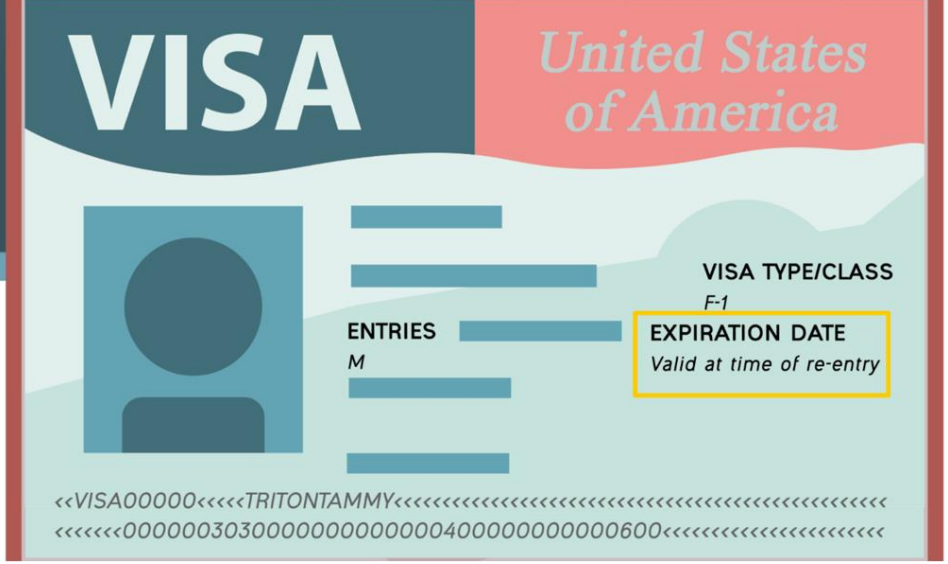
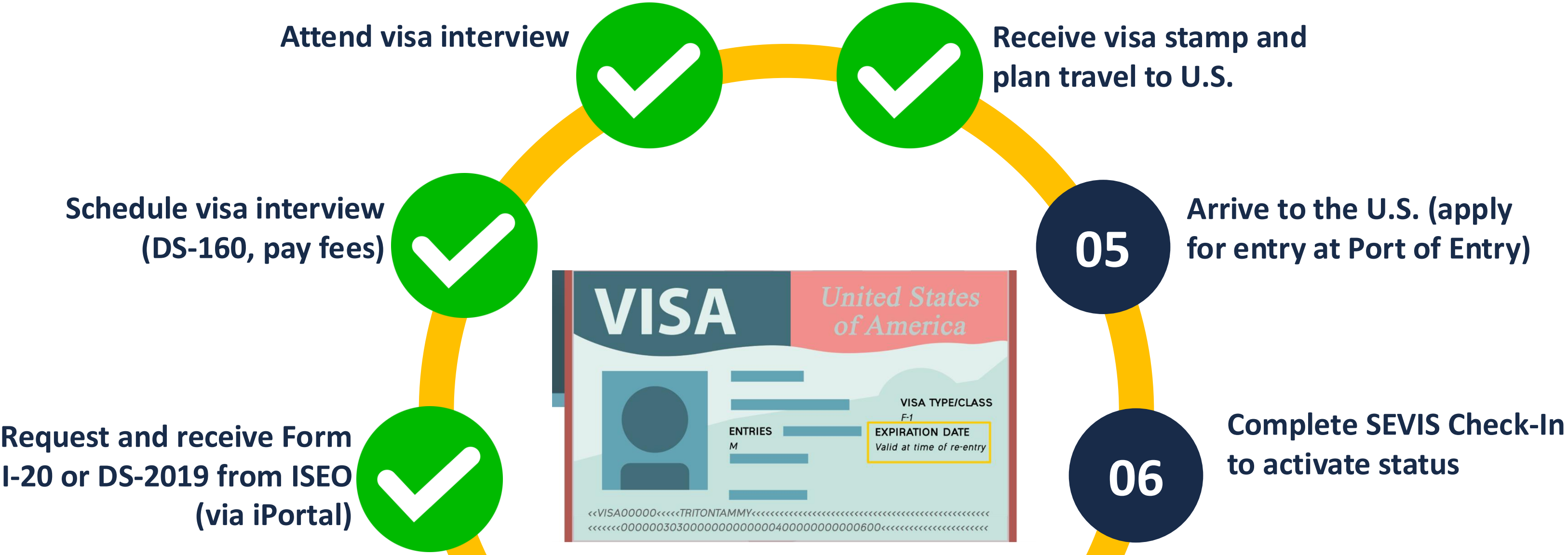
Receive visa, plan travel to U.S.

Booking your travel to the United States

- **Plan for extra time at your first U.S. Port of Entry**
 - We recommend you schedule **2-3 hours** between connecting flights or when crossing a land border, to allow for SEVIS status verification at Customs



The Visa Process



Quick Recap: The Visa Process

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The Visa Process

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New Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Students

CONGRATULATIONS! Newly Admitted **Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD International Students:** The International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO) congratulates you on your admission to the University of California, San Diego!

This page provides a comprehensive guide for newly admitted international undergraduate and graduate students on obtaining their U.S. student visa (F-1 or J-1) and preparing for their arrival to the United States.

Summer Session Visiting Student: if you will only be enrolling with UC San Diego for Summer Session and will **not** matriculate into a UC San Diego degree program, please visit [ISEO's New Summer Session Visiting Page](#).

Step 1: Apply for F-1 or J-1 Certificate of Eligibility

To apply for an F-1 or J-1 visa stamp at a U.S. consulate/embassy, OR to transfer your SEVIS record to UC San Diego (if applicable), you must request that ISEO issue you the appropriate visa status certificate of eligibility document, called the Form I-20 (for F-1 students) or the Form DS-2019 (for J-1 students).

iServices.ucsd.edu will open on **MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 (9:00 AM Pacific Standard Time)** for newly admitted Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 international students to begin requesting their immigration documents.

+ [Expand All](#)

Accept Admission and Complete Required Account Set Up



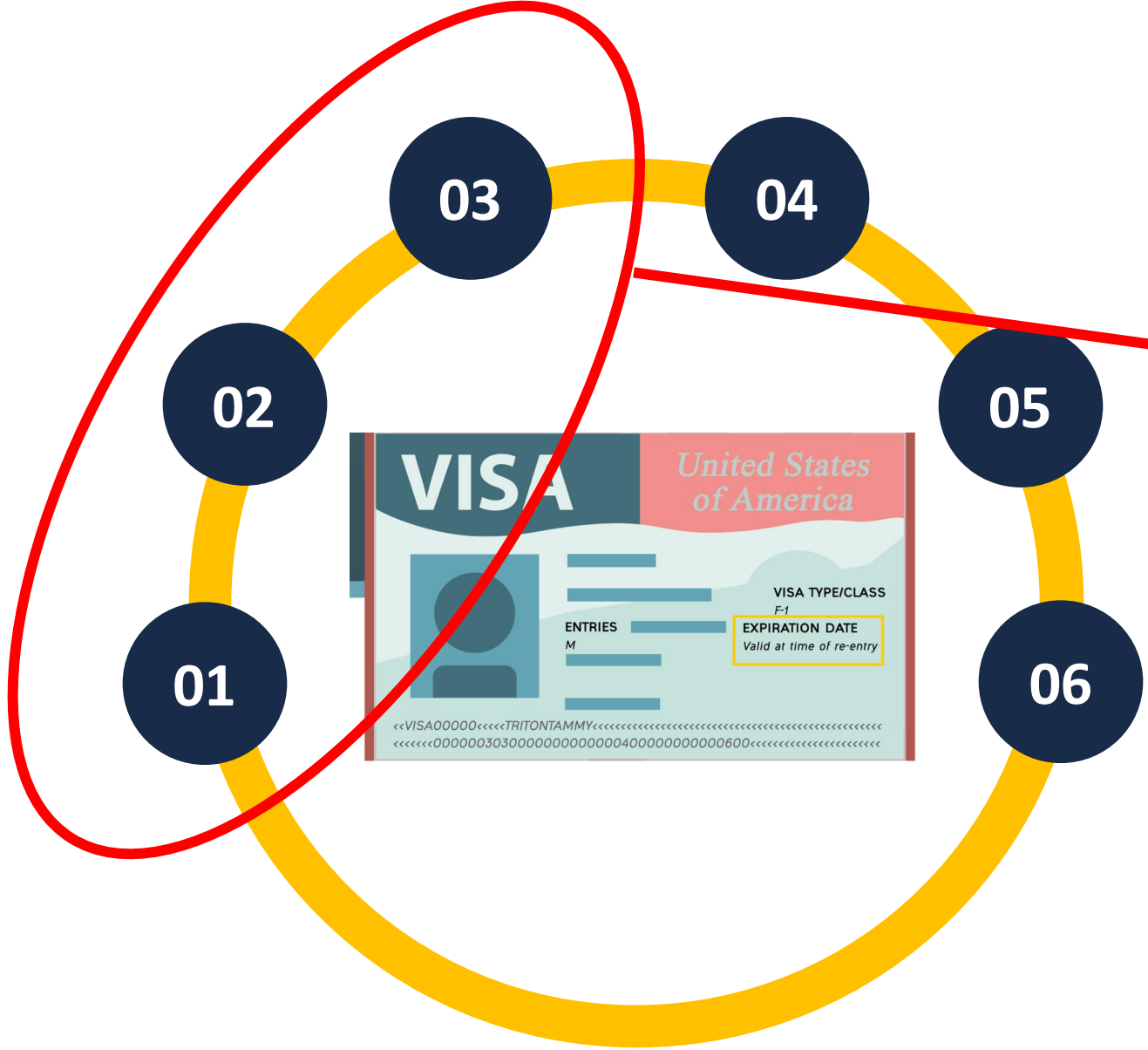
Preparing for Submission



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



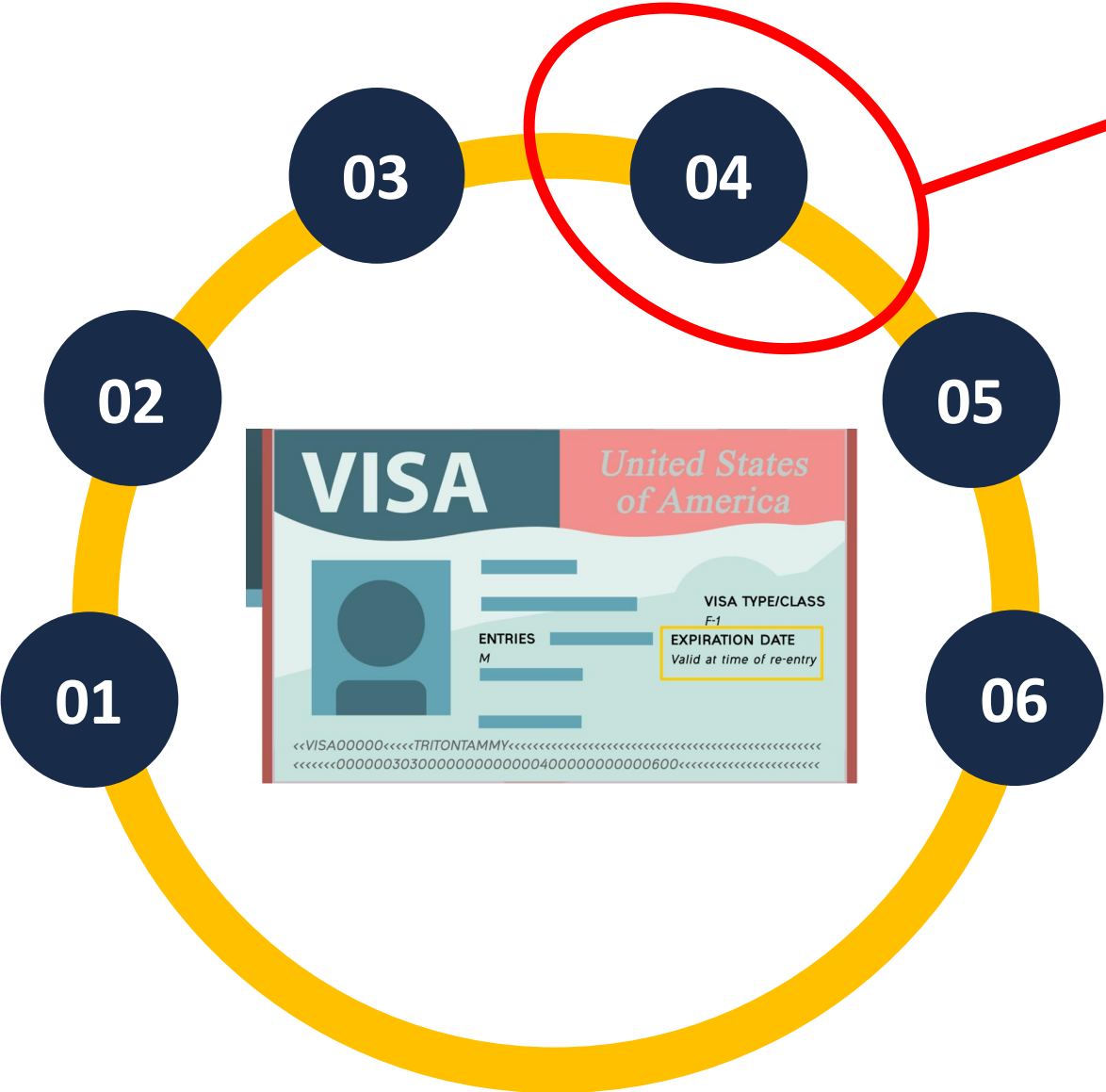
Apply for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp



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Step 2: Prepare for Your Arrival to UC San Diego



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- Tuition/Fees and Pending Admissions Documents +
- Health Screenings and Immunization Requirements +
- Webinars and Orientation Sessions +
- Enrollment Requirements +
- Gather Documents and Plan your Transportation from the Airport +

+ [Expand All](#)

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Step 3: Arrival to the U.S. and UC San Diego



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- What to Expect at U.S. Customs (+)
- REQUIRED: Check-In with ISEO within 10 days of US arrival (+)
- Campus Directory and Map (+)
- Getting Started at UC San Diego (+)

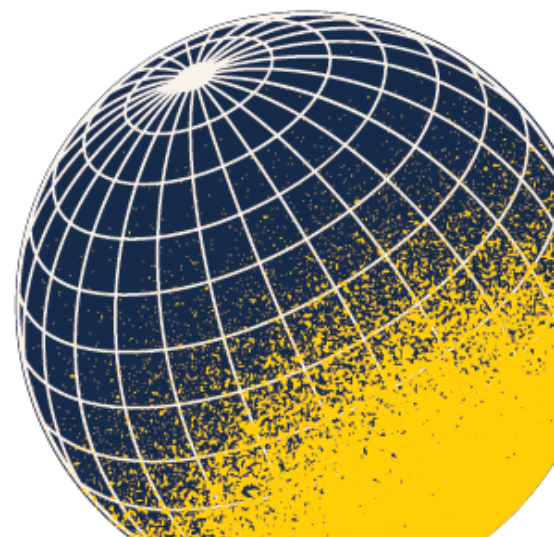
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iNewStudents Newsletter

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](#)**.



iNewStudents Newsletter

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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

LET THE

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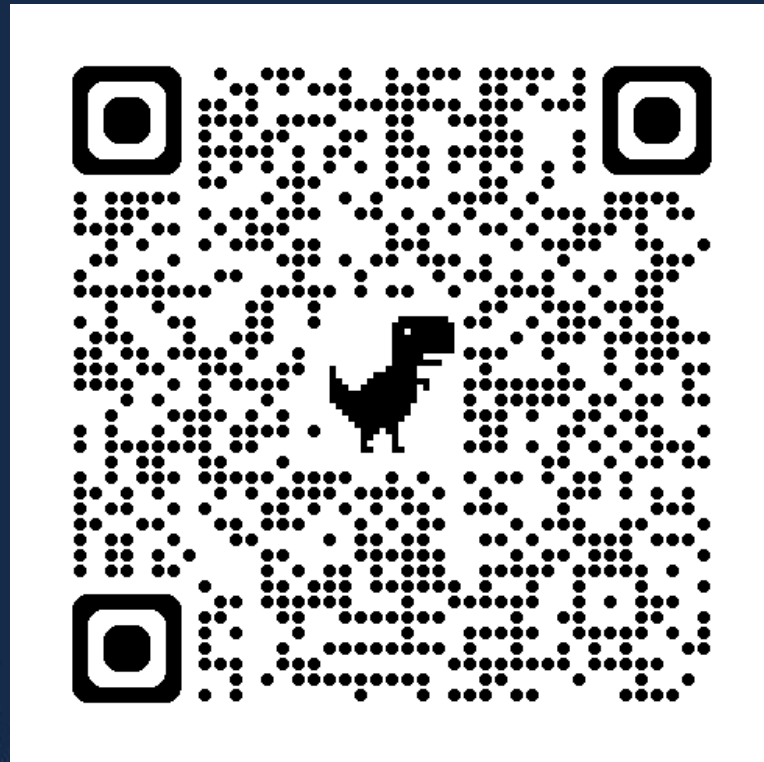
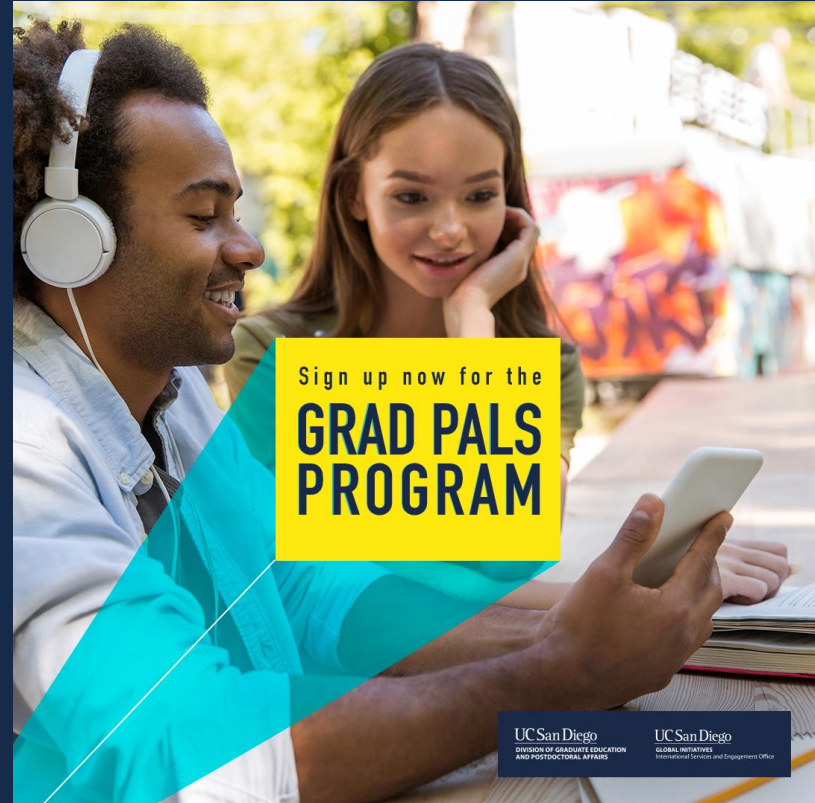
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ISEO has created a **Welcome Guide** filled with helpful checklists and interactive links:

- 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>



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ISEO IS HIRING!
For the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Job #8702193 on Handshake

Communications & Marketing Student Assistant (STDT 4)
Estimated salary: \$18 per hour
Application Deadline: March 17 at 12:00pm PST



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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

UC SAN DIEGO STUDENT AFFAIRS STRATEGIC PLAN: STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS

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RED SHOE ROOM - PRICE CENTER

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Students In-Person On-Campus Free-Food

SUNDAY SUPPER
A Cosmic Cantina

THE GREAT HALL
MARCH 3RD
5:30PM



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

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ISAC
International Student Advisory Council
UC San Diego



Mon Mar 4th 4:00pm - 5:00pm

International Student Advisory Council (ISAC) March Meeting

Register Here

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

Join us at the Great Hall for...

Language Conversation Tables

Sign up at the link below to practice your language skills and meet new friends!

<https://tinyurl.com/ict-signup>

Weeks 3-7, Tuesdays 5-6pm



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

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts

Every Wednesday
10:00am - 12:00pm

LA JOLLA COMMUNITY ROOM AT LA JOLLA VILLAGE SQUARE



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

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts is an

CAREER REVOLUTION
Turn your new year's resolution into career solutions!

Join our Winter Workshop Series and gain valuable insights into Career Resumes, Negotiating, Resume building, LinkedIn Networking, and Mocking Interview! Save the dates for these interactive sessions to be held in the UC San Diego Career Services Horizon Room. Your pathway to success begins here - secure your spot and elevate your career game!

FEB 7 10PM-12:00PM	Career Goals, Resumes & Negotiation	REGISTER HERE
FEB 13 10PM-12:00PM	CAREER READINESS PASSPORT	REGISTER HERE
FEB 21 10PM-12:00PM	RESUMES & COVER LETTER OVERVIEW	REGISTER HERE
FEB 28 7:00PM-8:00PM	LINKEDIN & NETWORKING	REGISTER HERE
MAR 6 10PM-12:00PM	INTERVIEWING	REGISTER HERE

OPT INFO SESSION



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Rock Climb Mission Gorge

MARCH 9
7AM-12PM

Register now or find more information at iEvents.ucsd.edu



iWORKSHOP



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

Federal Tax Workshop

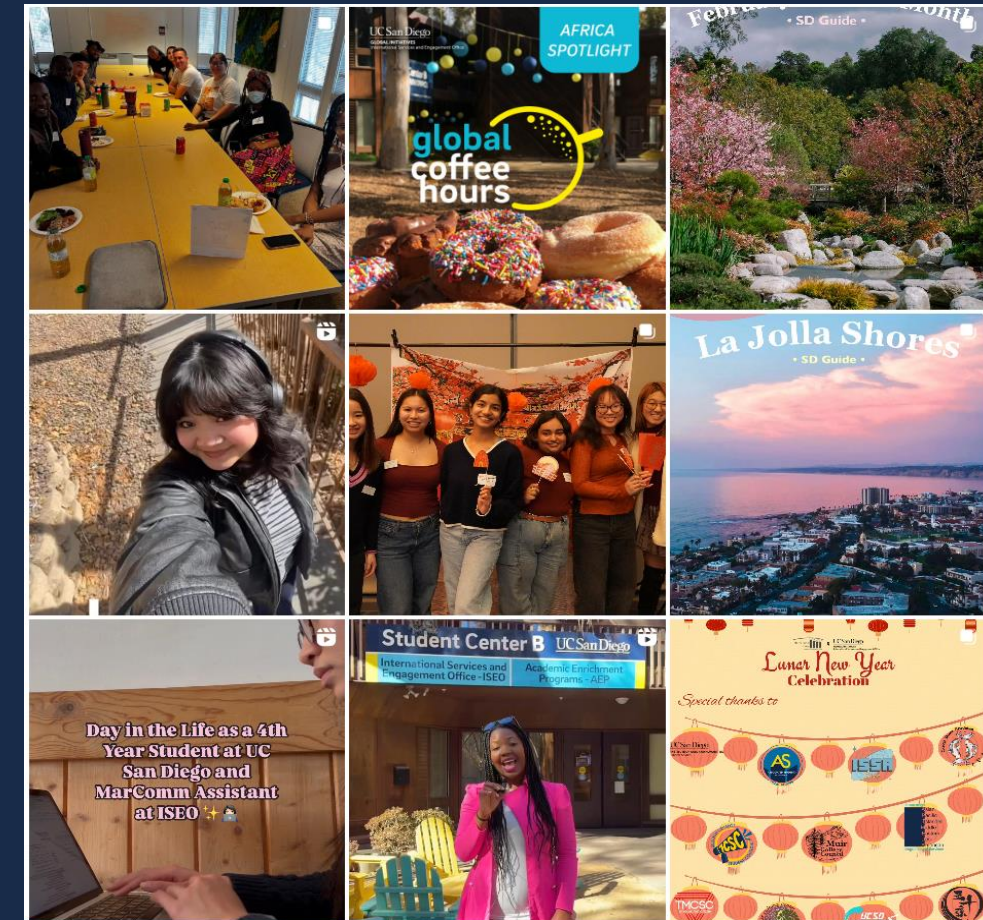
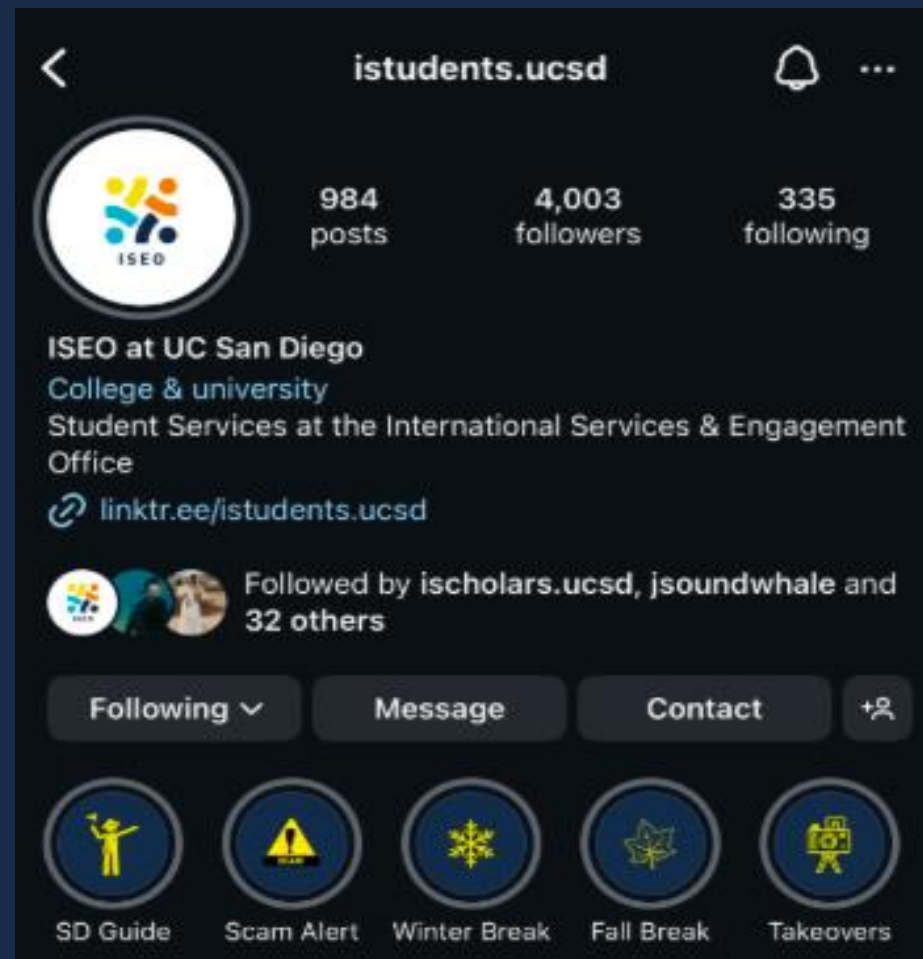
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Professor Steve Gill, San Diego State University, Fowler College of Business faculty member, and Douglas Kelley, Accounting Lecturer at San ...

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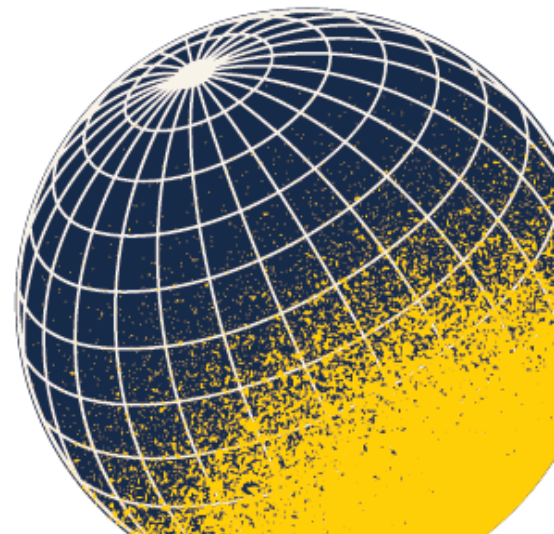


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IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

NOW

Begin requesting your
visa documents via
iServices

Visit:
[iServices.ucsd.edu](https://iservices.ucsd.edu)

NOW

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

Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars



- **March 11:** Graduate Student Housing
- **March 13:** Student Health: Insurance & Immunization Requirements
- **March 18:** Graduate Student Funding
- **March 20:** English Language Requirements for Instructional Assistants
- **March 25:** Student Life & Getting Involved on Campus
- **April 15:** Finances & Student Accounts Webinar
- **April 17:** SEVIS Transfers
- **April 24:** Campus Safety

All webinars will be recorded and posted at

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