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Welcome to UC San Diego:

GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

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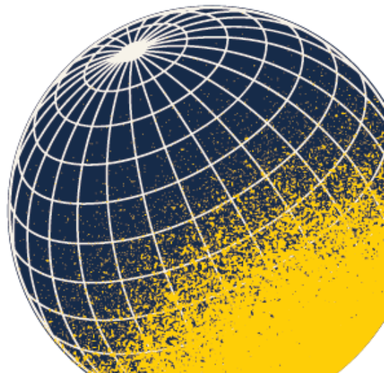

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- **Grace Fuller**
  - International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO)
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  - Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA)
- **Pa Chia Vue**
  - Student Financial Solutions

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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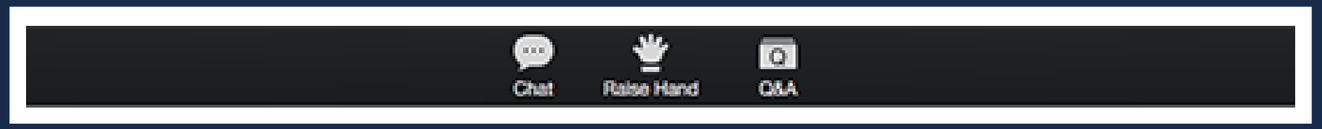
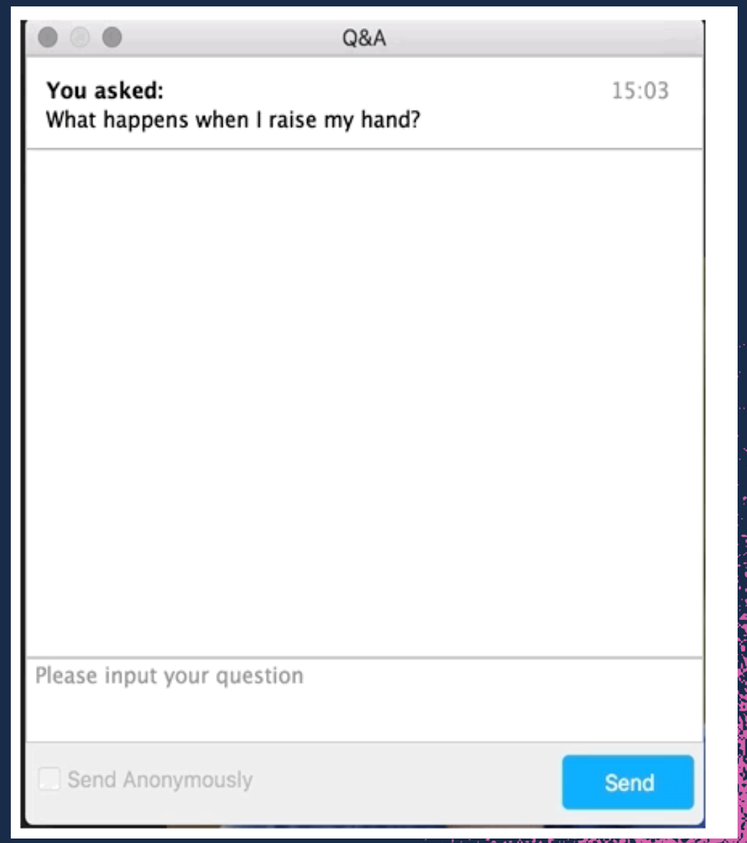
CONTROL PANEL





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First Steps Checklist

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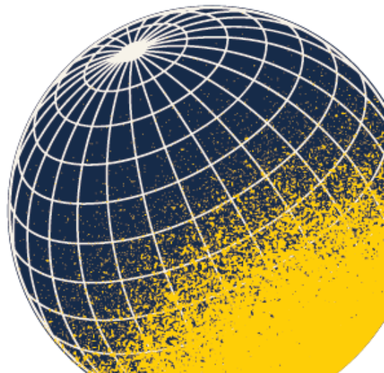

Reminders from Graduate Admissions

- 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.

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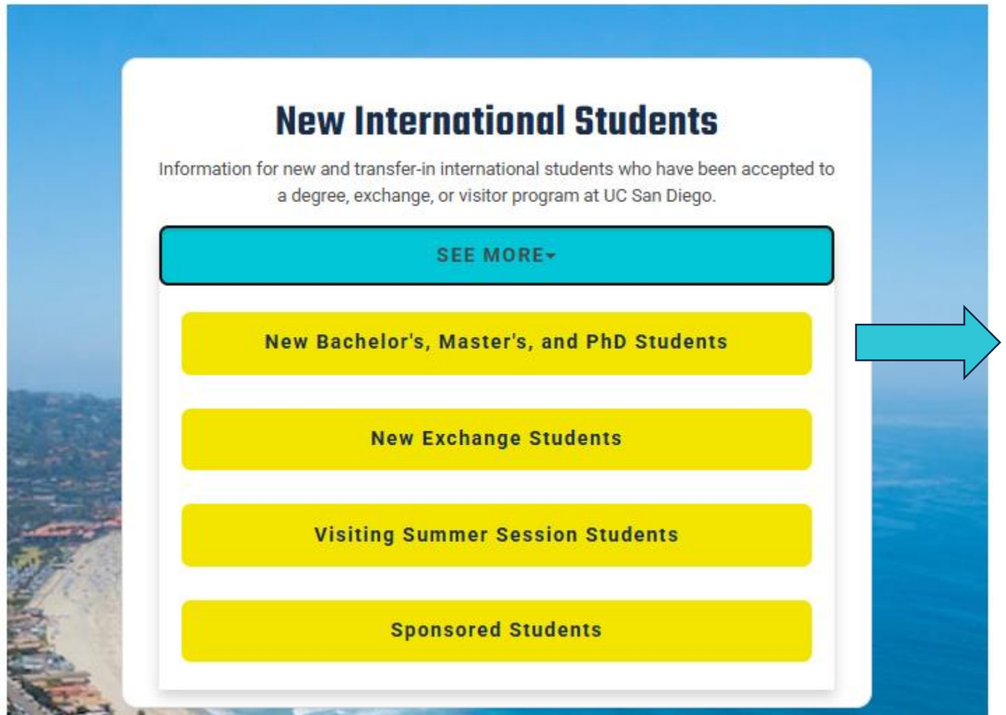
Starting a New Program at UC San Diego

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



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.

Required Accounts

Set up your PID and Active Directory Accounts:

1. UCSD Password for Personal Identification number (PID)

2. UCSD E-Mail (Active Directory)

3. Statement of Legal Residence

NOTE: Once you decide you are coming to UC San Diego, you'll need to set up these required accounts in order to access most UC San Diego portals

INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA)

HOME DEPARTMENT ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

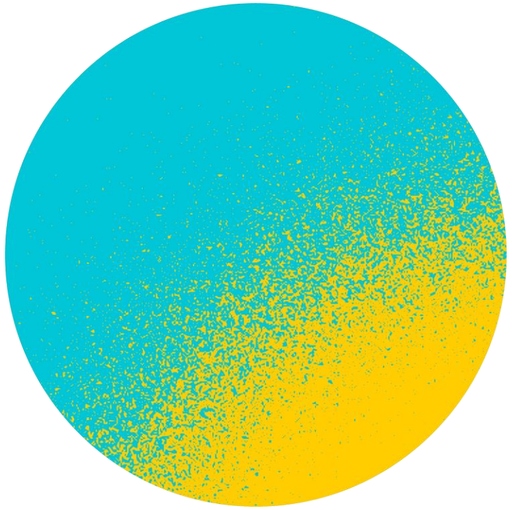
- The department from which the student will earn their degree is called the “academic home department,” or “home department.”
- The home department determines if student is eligible for support
- Gives approval for funding and employment
- Submits financial support requests on behalf of eligible students
- Your Home Department's Graduate Coordinator should be able to answer most of your questions regarding merit-based financial support and academic support

FELLOWSHIPS

- Intramural vs Extramural
  - Intramural: UC San Diego's funding, like funding from your department, or GEPA Fellowships
  - Extramural: Outside funding
- Many 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

FELLOWSHIP KEY WORDS

- **Narrow down your search**:
  - Tuition & Fees, Research Abroad, Stipend, Dissertation Funding, etc.
- **Key words will help guide your search in the right direction:**
  - Pre-doctoral
  - How many more years to completion
  - Advanced to candidacy
  - Dissertation research
  - Dissertation completion
- **Identify the type of award you are looking for:**
  - Travel, training, research, general scholarships



FELLOWSHIP TIPS

- **Read the program announcement!**
  - The WHOLE thing – If you are missing any of the required application materials you should write a statement as to why it cannot be included and when it will be available after the closing of the nomination cycle. All fellowship review requirements are based on each committee's own process requirements. You may find you were not reviewed based on missing/incomplete nomination materials.
- **Look for eligibility requirements:**
  - Citizenship, language, certain demographic, institution

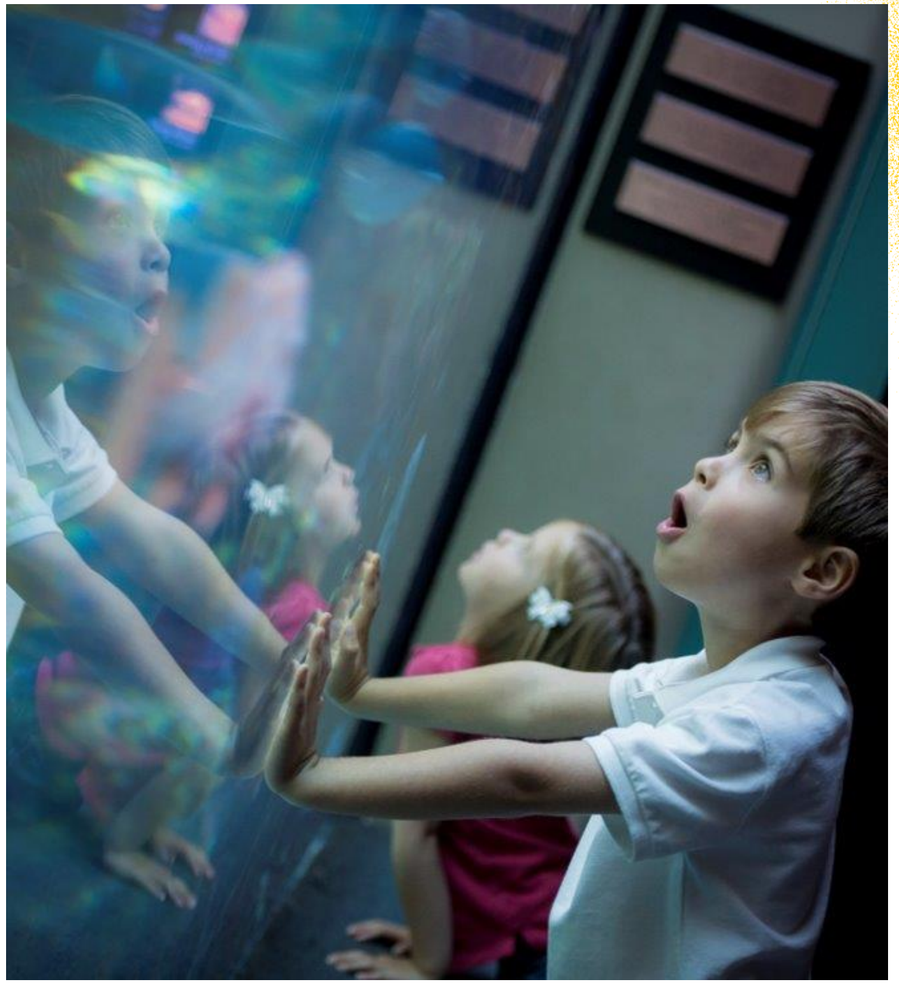
FELLOWSHIP TIPS

- **Check all application components:**
  - How many people will need to be involved in your application (letters, affiliation, language tests)?
  - Will you need letters to prove eligibility? Who should sign?
  - **Does your application need to be processed by on on-campus office?**
  - Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR), business official, institutional approval
  - It's good practice to have the documents listed here in the **Table of Contents Nomination Packet Sample .** The vast majority of extramural fellowships will require these forms and documents. It's best to conserve your time and energy on curtailing your CV and getting specialized letters of recommendation as needed.
  - ***Remember all nomination packets, accuracy, and completeness are the nominees' responsibility.***

FELLOWSHIP POSSIBILITIES

- **UC Presidents Pre-Professoriate Fellowship**
- **Tyler Center Fellowship**
- **Dissertation Year Fellowship**
- **Friends of International Center**
- **Graduate Fellowship Initiative**
- **Google, Microsoft, IBM**
- **Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans**
- **TRDRP**
- **Merkin Graduate Fellows Program**
- **J. Yang Scholarship**

***Look for opportunities in your home country and your employer or your spouse, partner, and or parent's employers.**



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: Information on intramural and extramural fellowships and limited-submission opportunities administered by GEPA

- GEPA Fellowships Website: General information on fellowships, including fellowship databases

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

HOW TO RECEIVE FELLOWSHIP STIPEND AND FEE PAYMENTS ON TIME

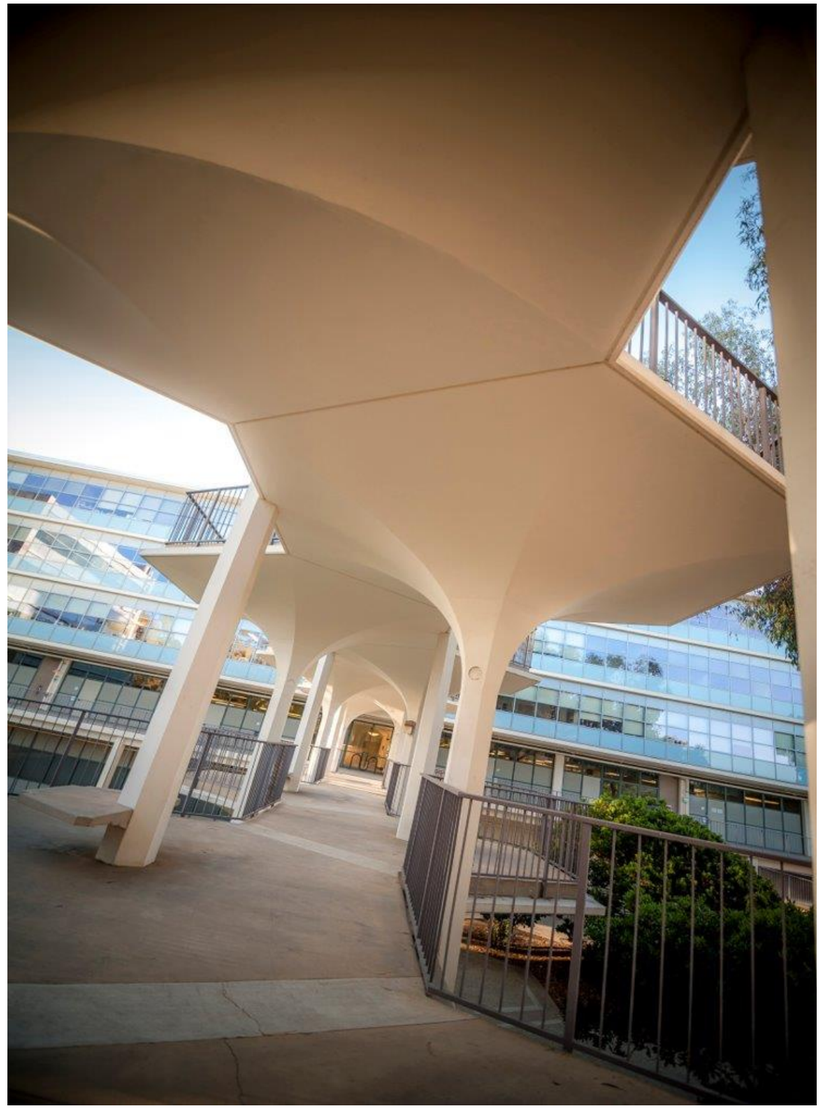
- Enroll each quarter by the registration fee payment deadline
  - See Enrollment and Registration Calendar
- Be familiar with your stipend schedule
  - If you do not receive your stipend payment by the date posted on the stipend schedule on the Student Financial Solutions (SFS) website, submit a ticket and include your graduate coordinator as a watcher
- Enroll using the Direct Deposit tool via TritonLink
  - Different from Payment Works direct deposit
  - International students who become Resident Alien, Permanent Resident, etc. will have their direct deposit through TritonLink

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- **Graduate Student Researchers (GSR)**:
  - 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)**:
  - Associate Instructors/ Teaching Assistants/ Readers/ Tutors

- For more information on the types of academic student employment visit GEPA's website



Holds

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**

Get Engaged

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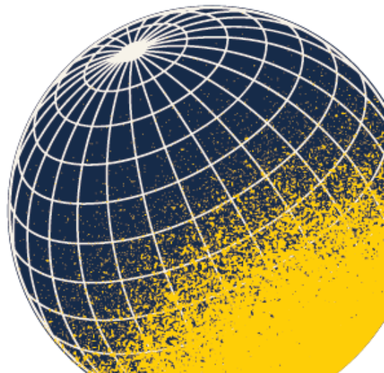
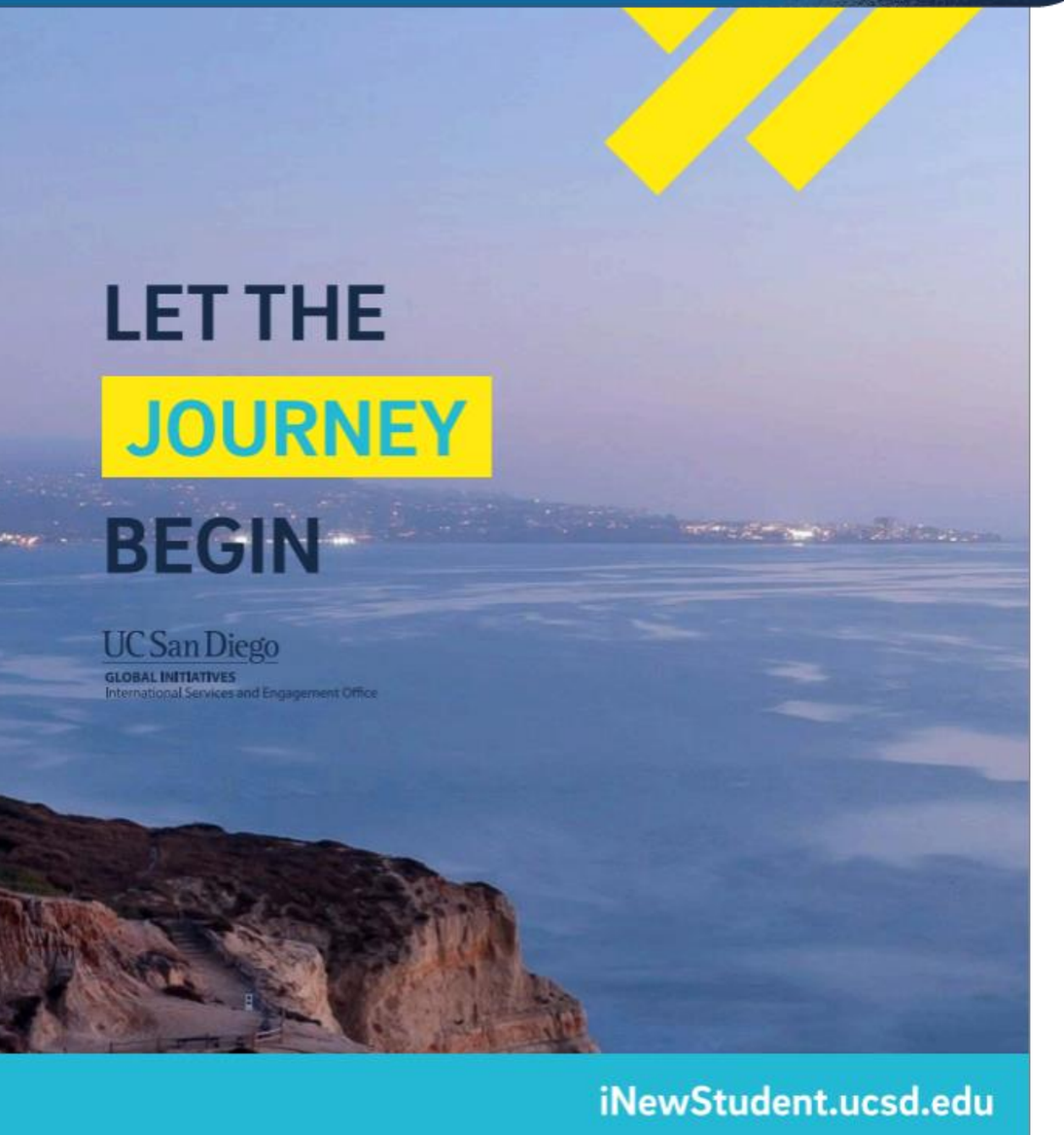


Welcome Guide

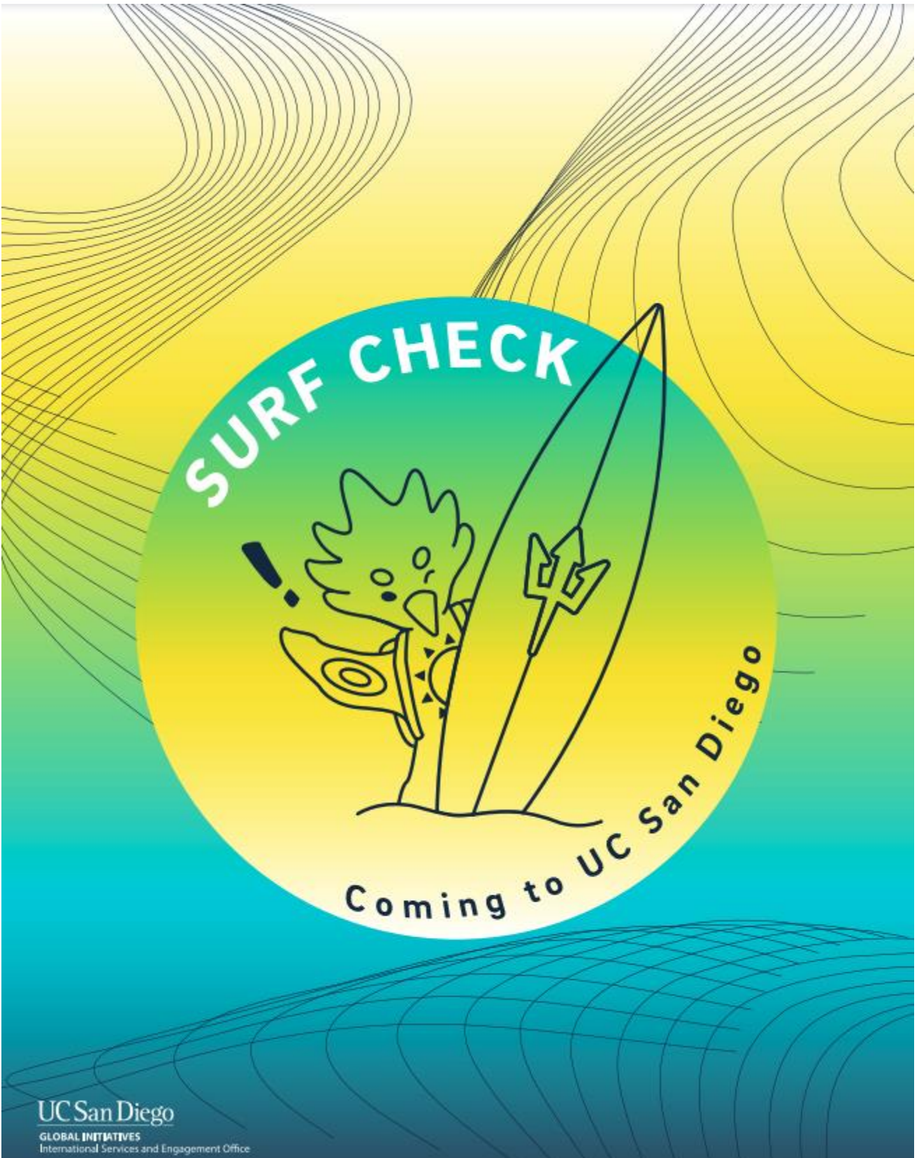


ISEO has created a **Welcome Guide** filled with helpful checklists and interactive links:

- 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

Grad Pals Peer Mentorship Program

iPrograms

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

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iEvents Calendar

iEvents.ucsd.edu

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

The Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs is looking for feedback and input from students for our Strategic Plan! We will be ...

Students | In-Person | On-Campus | Free-Food

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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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

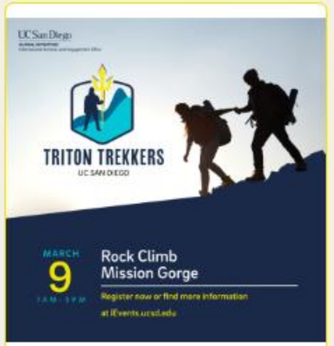
Tue Mar 5th 5:00pm - 6:00pm

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

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts

Wednesday Coffee and Crafts is an

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



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

Federal Tax Workshop

Register Here

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

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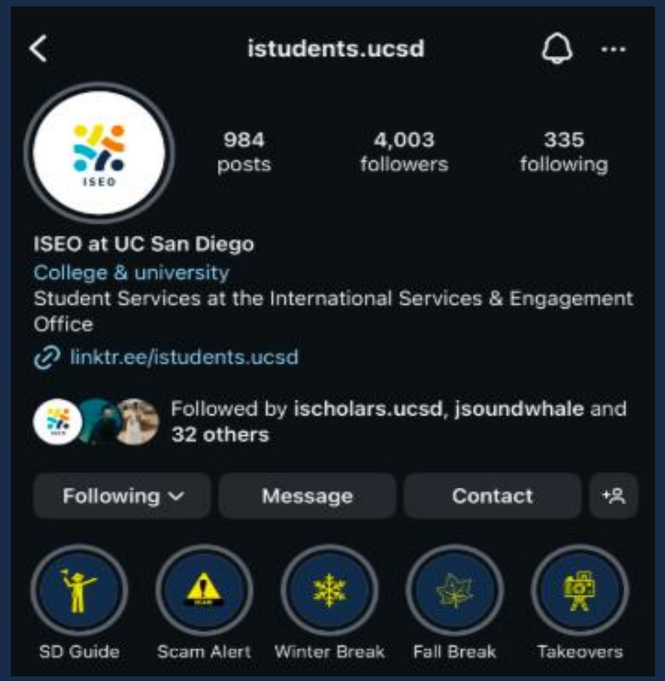

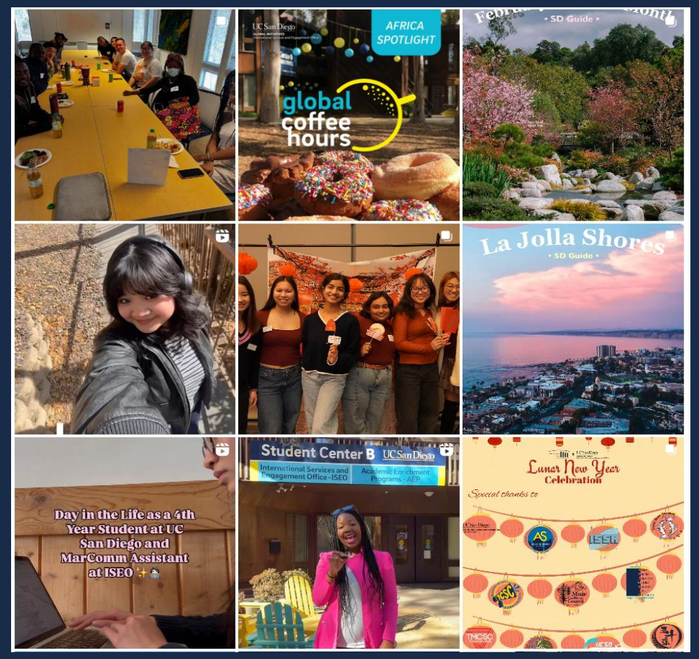

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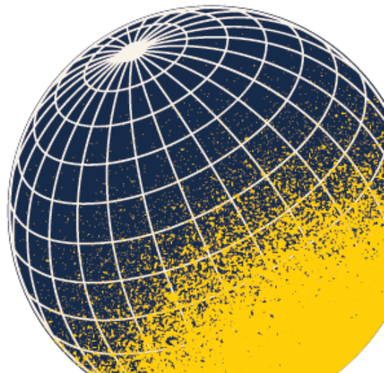

IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

NOW

Begin requesting your visa documents via iServices

Visit: iServices.ucsd.edu

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

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Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars

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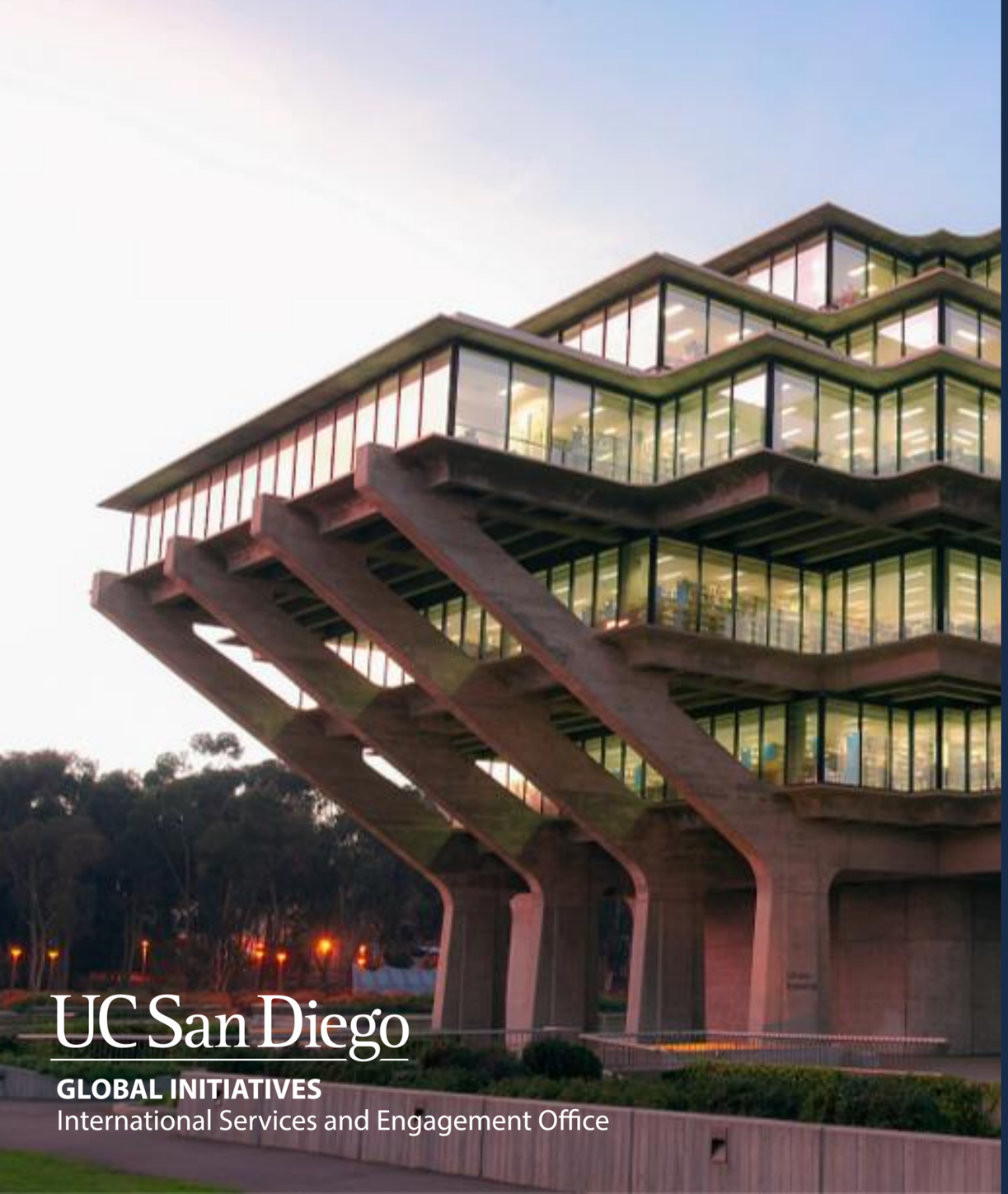
- **March 20:** English Language Requirements for Instructional Assistants
- **March 25**: Student Life & Getting Involved on Campus
- **April 15:** Finances & Student Accounts Webinar
- **April 17:** SEVIS Transfers
- **April 24**: Campus Safety

All webinars will be recorded and posted at

iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu

Survey



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