Welcome to UC San Diego:
First Steps for International Graduate Students
WELCOME
to UC San Diego!
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Agenda

- The International Services & Engagement Office
- Graduate Admissions Reminders
- Applying for your I-20 or DS-2019 and Visa
- Approaching Deadlines & Reminders
- Upcoming Webinars & Additional Resources
- Q&A
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

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Before We Begin
Who are we?

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

- 30 Professional Staff
- 15 Student Staff
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**?
WELCOME!
First Steps Checklist
Reminders from Graduate Admissions

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

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

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

Your UCSD PID is:

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

View Update >>

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

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

University of California San Diego
Graduate Division - Graduate Admissions
9500 Gilman Drive #0003
La Jolla, CA 92038-0003

For test scores and CGPA/CHESIC documents: Please refer to the instructions provided in the Explanation of Pending Documents.

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

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

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

Verify Address
We have your addresses listed as follows:

Mailing Address

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

United States

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

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

**STEP 1:** Apply for F-1 or J-1 Status

Requesting your Form I-20/DSS 2019 and applying for your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp or transferring your SEVIS record.

**STEP 2:** Prepare for Your Arrival to UC San Diego

Travel arrangements, housing, and completing UCSD health and enrollment requirements.

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

What to expect at Customs, activating your F-1 or J-1 status upon arrival to UC San Diego, and International Student Orientation.
Applying for your U.S. Visa: Getting Started
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NEXT WEEK!
Register for "Applying for your U.S. Visa" at iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu

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01 Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

SEVIS Transfer Students

Are you currently in the U.S. on an F-1 or J-1 visa, and hoping to transfer your F or J status to UC San Diego?

You are still required to request a new Form I-20 or DS-2019 from UC San Diego!

SAVE THE DATE
Join us in early May for a SEVIS Transfers Pre-Arrival Webinar. Check back at iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu to register.
You must have your Form I-20 to apply for your F-1 visa stamp
OR
your Form DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa stamp
You must have your Form I-20 to apply for your F-1 visa stamp OR your Form DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa stamp.

Beginning **March 18**: Request your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 from ISEO via the iPortal.

Once you receive your I-20 or DS-2019, you can submit the visa application at your local U.S. consulate.
01 Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

iPortal opens on **Monday, March 18** (morning Pacific Daylight Time).

*Students gain access to iPortal 2-3 days after setting up their UCSD Personal Identification Number (PID) and email (@ucsd.edu).*
Students must submit the relevant NEW ADMIT Service request in iPortal:

- **Fall start**: NEW ADMIT: I-20 or DS-2019 Request

- **Summer start**: NEW ADMIT: I-20 or DS-2019 Summer Start Program

Use iPortal.ucsd.edu to request services from ISEO.
Prepare to submit your NEW ADMIT request by reviewing instructions on our website:

- Complete your UCSD account set up!
- Know your iPortal deadline
- Meet the I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements
- Prepare other documents you will be required to upload

01 Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

iNewStudent.ucsd.edu → STEP 1
Processing time for NEW ADMIT documents is **15 business days** from when the student successfully **completes and submits** the request in iPortal.

*Review instructions at iNewStudent.ucsd.edu before you get started!*
When your Form I-20 or DS-2019 has been issued, it will be uploaded as a PDF to your NEW ADMIT request in iPortal.

You MUST download, print, and sign it by hand.
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Get Engaged
Redefining the world we know with one experience at a time.

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UC San Diego ISEO
@istudents.ucsd
@ISEOUCSD
Additional Resources
IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

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

March 18
Begin requesting your visa documents via the iPortal
Visit: iportal.ucsd.edu

Mid-May
On-Campus Housing Contracts due
Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

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

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

- **March 19**: Applying for your U.S. Visa
- **March 21**: Graduate Student Housing
- **March 26**: Student Health: Insurance & Immunization Requirements
- **March 28**: Graduate Student Funding
- **April 02**: TAships & TOEFL Requirements
- **April 04**: Student Life & Getting Involved on Campus
- **May 02**: Finances & Student Accounts Webinar
- **May 03**: SEVIS Transfers
- **May 09**: Campus Safety

All webinars will be recorded and posted at [iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu](http://iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu)
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