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International Services and Engagement Office

Welcome to UC San Diego:

**Getting Set Up in the
U.S. (Surf Check Live)**

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Before We Begin



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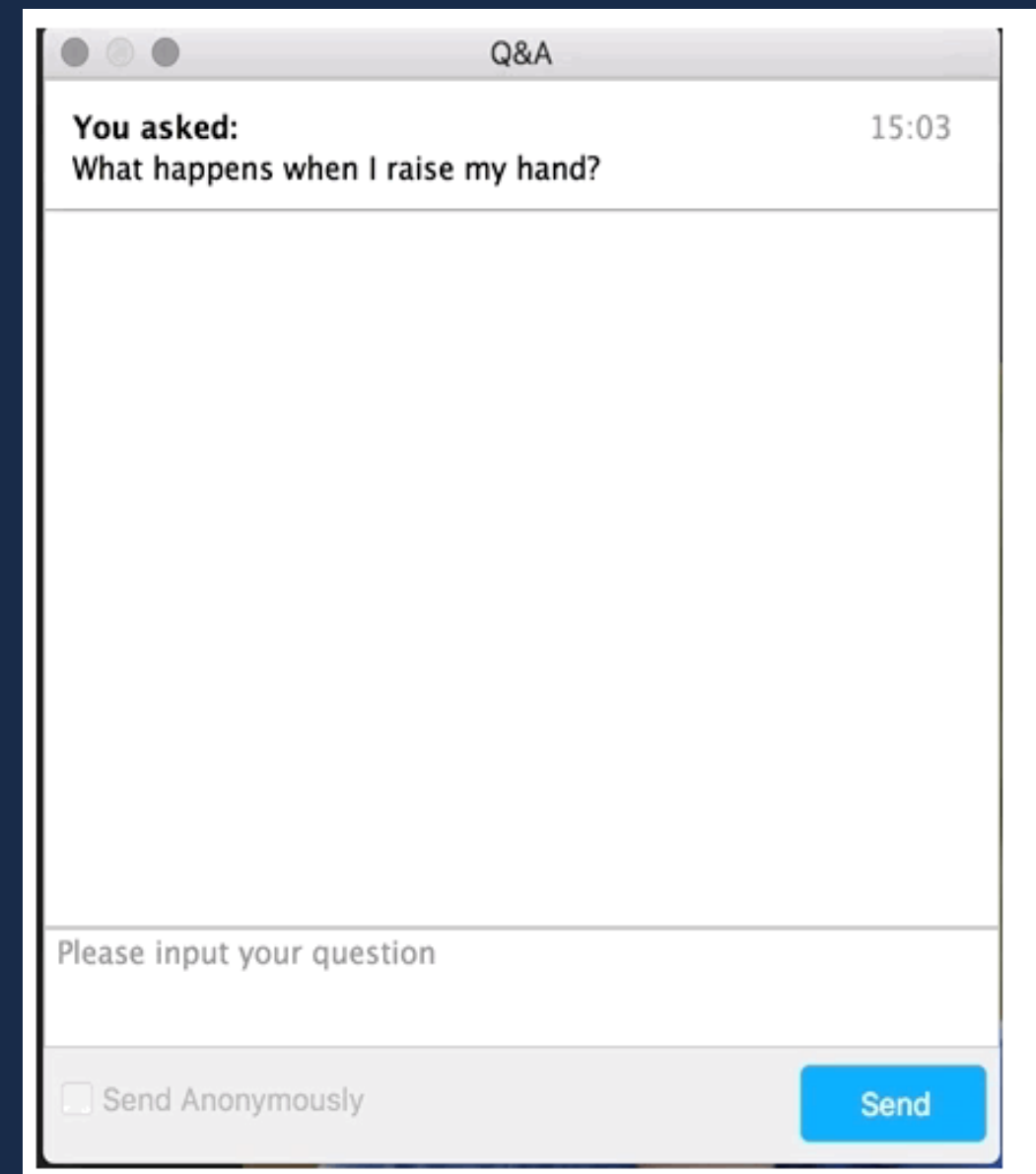


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International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO)



**Pre-Arrival &
Orientation**

**Advising
Services**



**Visa and Status
Support Services**

**Programs
& Events**



POPULATIONS WE SERVE

- ✓ **International Students** (10,545 Students, currently enrolled and working after graduation)
- ✓ **International Faculty & Scholars** (2,347 Scholars)
- ✓ International Families (642 Spouses/Partners, 464 Children)
- ✓ **Campus Partners** (Entire Campus!)

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Leading Institution for
Hosting **International
Faculty & Scholars**



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Leading Institution for
Hosting **International
Students**

13,988

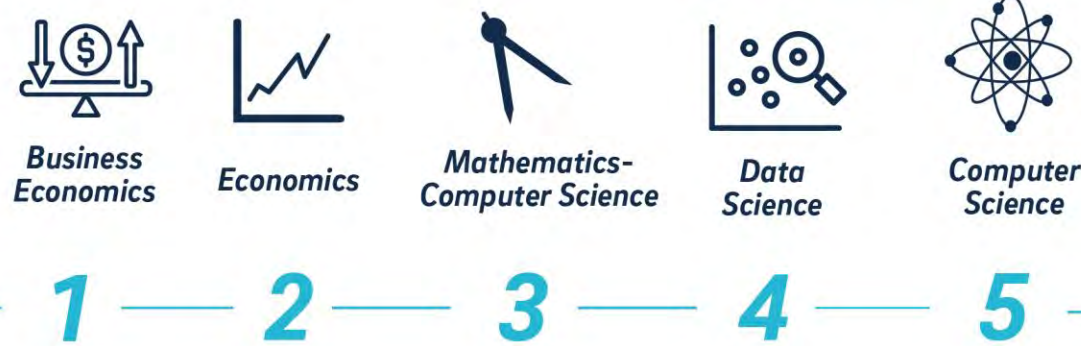
Total Service Population

Source: Open Doors 2025



4,418 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 MAJORS

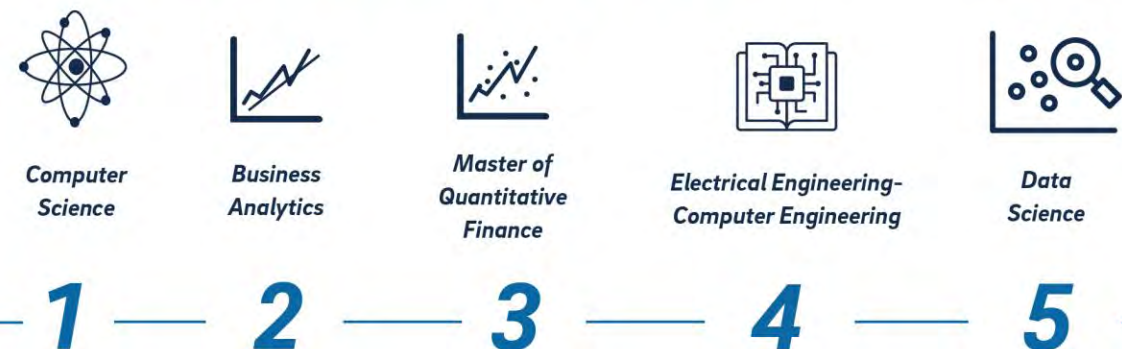


POPULATION BY COLLEGE



3,988 GRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS



8,407

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

19.16% of campus population



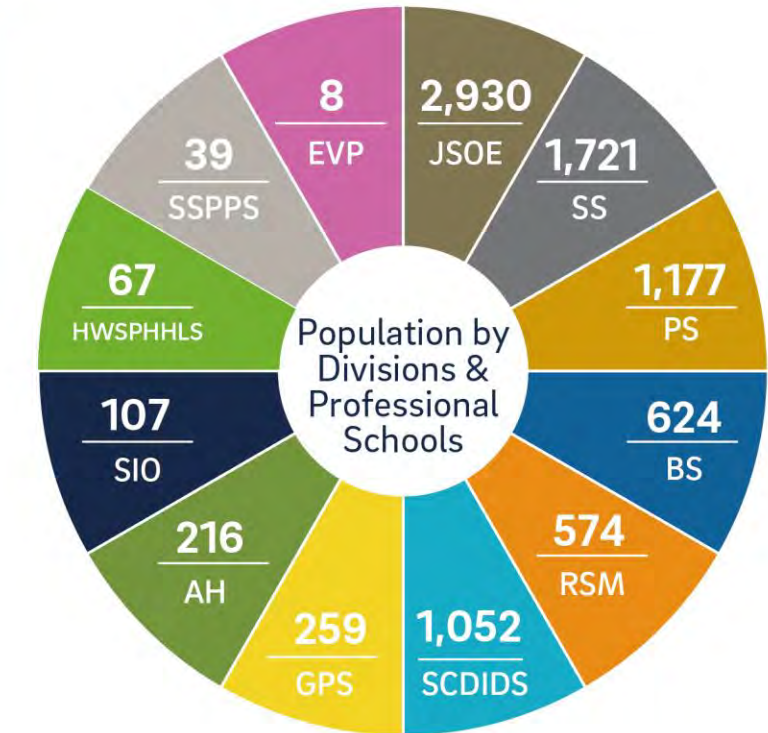
2,167

WORKING AFTER GRADUATION on OPT, STEM OPT or Academic Training

10,897 total of international students served

43,877 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)
- Biological Sciences (BS)
- Rady School of Management (RSM)
- Computing, Information and Data Sciences (SCDIDS)
- Global Policy and Strategy (GPS)
- Arts and Humanities (AH)
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO)
- Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science (HWSPHLS)
- Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS)
- Exchange and Visitor Programs (EVP)

TOP 10 PLACES OF ORIGIN

*Based on country of citizenship listed on passport

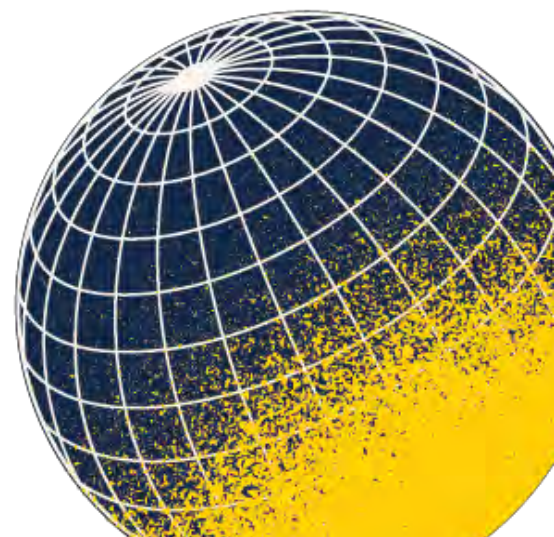


How to set up a phone account

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Common Provider in the U.S.



- Major Providers

- AT&T
- Verizon
- T-Mobile
- Spectrum

- Smaller Providers

- Cricket
- Boost Mobile
- Mint Mobile

Major Providers vs Smaller Providers:

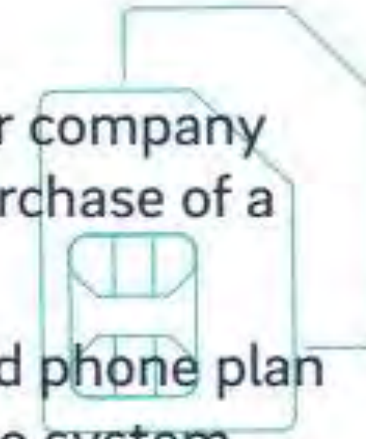
- Price difference
 - Major providers can be more pricy than smaller providers
- Data Speed
 - Major providers may have faster data speed

U.S. PHONE ACCOUNT

How to Set Up a U.S. Phone Account

Cell Phone Plan vs SIM Card

- **Cell Phone Plan** – paid monthly contract with a mobile carrier company that covers phone calls, text, and cellular data as well as a purchase of a cell phone.
- **SIM Cards** - can be purchased for *unlocked* phones. Prepaid phone plan works very similarly to a monthly plan but on a pay-as-you-go system
- Another option is **Campus SIMS**. Campus SIMs is offering free SIM cards to students to help connect you with mobile phone service in the United States (U.S.). Plans start at \$15/month and you can get your U.S. phone number before you leave your home country. **Click [here](#) to get your free SIM card mailed to you, so can use your phone as soon as you arrive in the U.S.** For more information, visit campussims.com.



How to Set Up a U.S. Phone Account

- Identification:
 - Valid government-issued photo identification
 - Driver's license
 - Passport
 - State ID card.
- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN):
 - T-Mobile may require your SSN or ITIN for credit checks and account setup purposes. If you don't have an SSN, you might need to provide an ITIN.
 - **NOT ALL PROVIDER REQUIRED SSN or ITIN**

Things to Keep in Mind

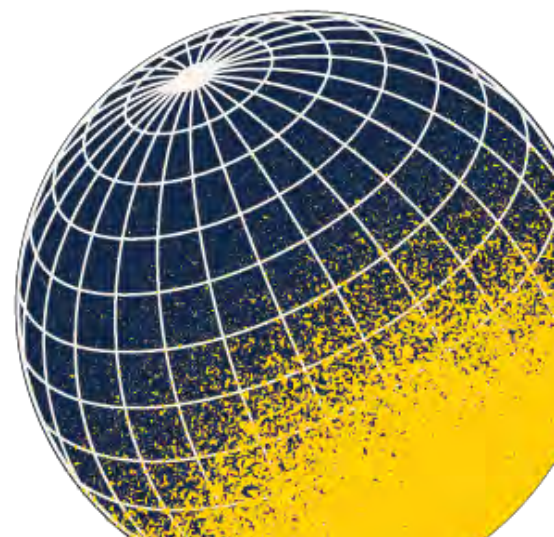
- Proof of Address:
 - Document that proves your current address
 - Utility bill
 - Bank statement
 - Rental agreement
- Account Information:
 - If you are transferring your number from another carrier, you will need your current account information
 - The account number
 - PIN or password from your previous carrier.
- Payment Method:
 - Credit card
 - Debit card
 - Bank account

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Mint Mobile by campusSIMS

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In addition to unlimited talk & text plus high-speed data on America's largest 5G network, they also provide:

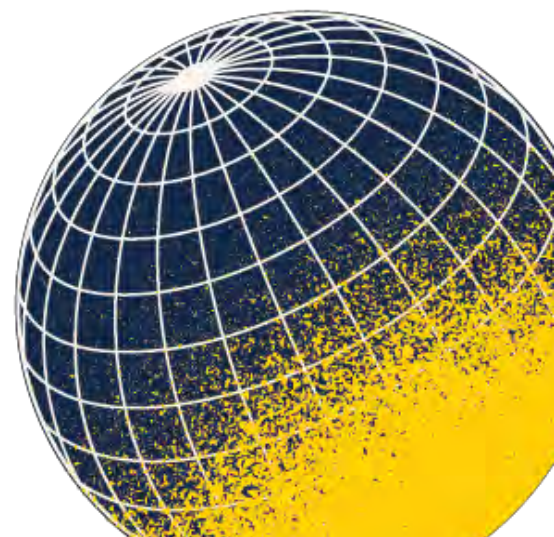
- *Plans starting at \$15/month with no contracts*
- *Easy E-SIM Activation before you leave your home country*
- *Physical SIM cards available on campus upon arrival*
- *International credit cards accepted*
- *No U.S. bank account required*
- *A U.S. phone number that's ready to use as soon as you arrive in the U.S.*

Transportation

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Arranging Transportation from the Airport

[ISEO Transportation Webpage](#)

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From the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

- Shuttle Services between San Diego and LAX:
 - [LAXLINQ*](#)
 - **Provider with whom we have a trusted relationship*
 - [reLAXsan](#)
- Buses
 - [Greyhound Bus](#)
 - [Flixbus](#)
 - Certain routes stop at UC San Diego
 - Use a nearby [bus line](#) or taxi to/from the Greyhound or Flixbus station
- Train: Amtrak
 - Departs from [LA Union Station](#)
 - Find schedules on [Amtrak's website](#)
 - The closest station to the La Jolla campus is the [Solana Beach station](#)
 - Hop on the [101 Breeze bus](#) between the station and campus, or use [another bus line](#) or taxi to/from the Amtrak station
 - [Amtrak offers students 15% off](#) the best-available rail fares for travel on Pacific Sunliner and other California Amtrak routes.

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From the San Diego International Airport (SAN)

- [Free shuttle to/from San Diego Airport and the Old Town Transit Center](#)
 - Be sure to check out the newest extension of [San Diego's MTS trolley line \(the Blue Line\)](#) that takes passengers directly into La Jolla and the UC San Diego campus as well. Getting to campus on public transportation has never been easier!
- [Bus](#)
 - Route 992 stops at the airport - you will need to transfer to/from your home or campus
 - Search the [bus schedule](#)
 - Ride free with your Triton U-Pass or there is a \$5 one-day MTS pass
- [Ride Share](#)
 - Take advantage of our [campus partnership with Lyft](#)
- [Taxi](#)
 - Allow about \$50+ from airport to UCSD La Jolla campus
- [Private shuttle service](#)
 - About \$20 each way between SAN airport and UCSD La Jolla campus



On Campus

Scooter

- Scooters are everywhere on campus, which you can rent
- App: Spin
 - Spin offers a discounted Unlock Pass for Tritons, which eliminates the unlock fee for each ride and lower-income students ride for as little as \$0.10/minute. Learn more about [Spin at UC San Diego](#).



On Campus

Bike & SkateBoard

- UCSD Bike & Skate Shop
 - Repair
 - Gear

UCSD Shuttle (Bus)

- <https://transportation.ucsd.edu/campus/shuttles/index.html>
[#Triton-Transit:-Shuttles](#)



Different Types of Transportation



[UC San Diego Shuttles](#)



[MTS Buses](#)



[MTS Trolley](#)



Off Campus



UCSD Shuttle

- Go around San Diego to UC San Diego satellite campuses such as Convoy, Hillcrest, Scripps, etc.

MTS

- San Diego Public transit
 - Bus
 - Trolley
- Students can use [U-Pass](#) for most MTS bus routes and trolley routes.
- Example: La Jolla Shores

Off Campus

Uber/Lyft

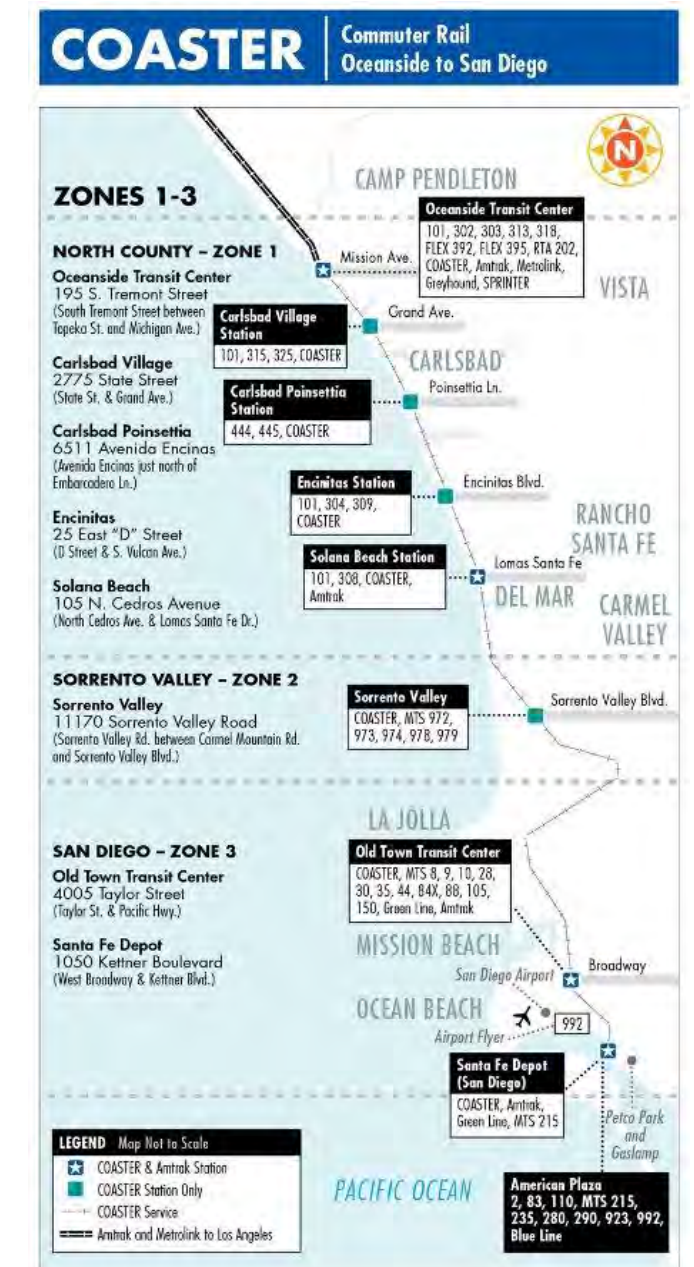
- Provides taxi services where individuals can hail a car using an app on their phone.
- [Lyft partnership](#)

Coaster

- Train that provides breathtaking coastal scenery as it runs north and south through San Diego County, serving eight stations between Oceanside and downtown San Diego.

Flixbus/Amtrak/Greyhound

- Provide bus/train to travel all around the U.S.



Maps & Wayfinding

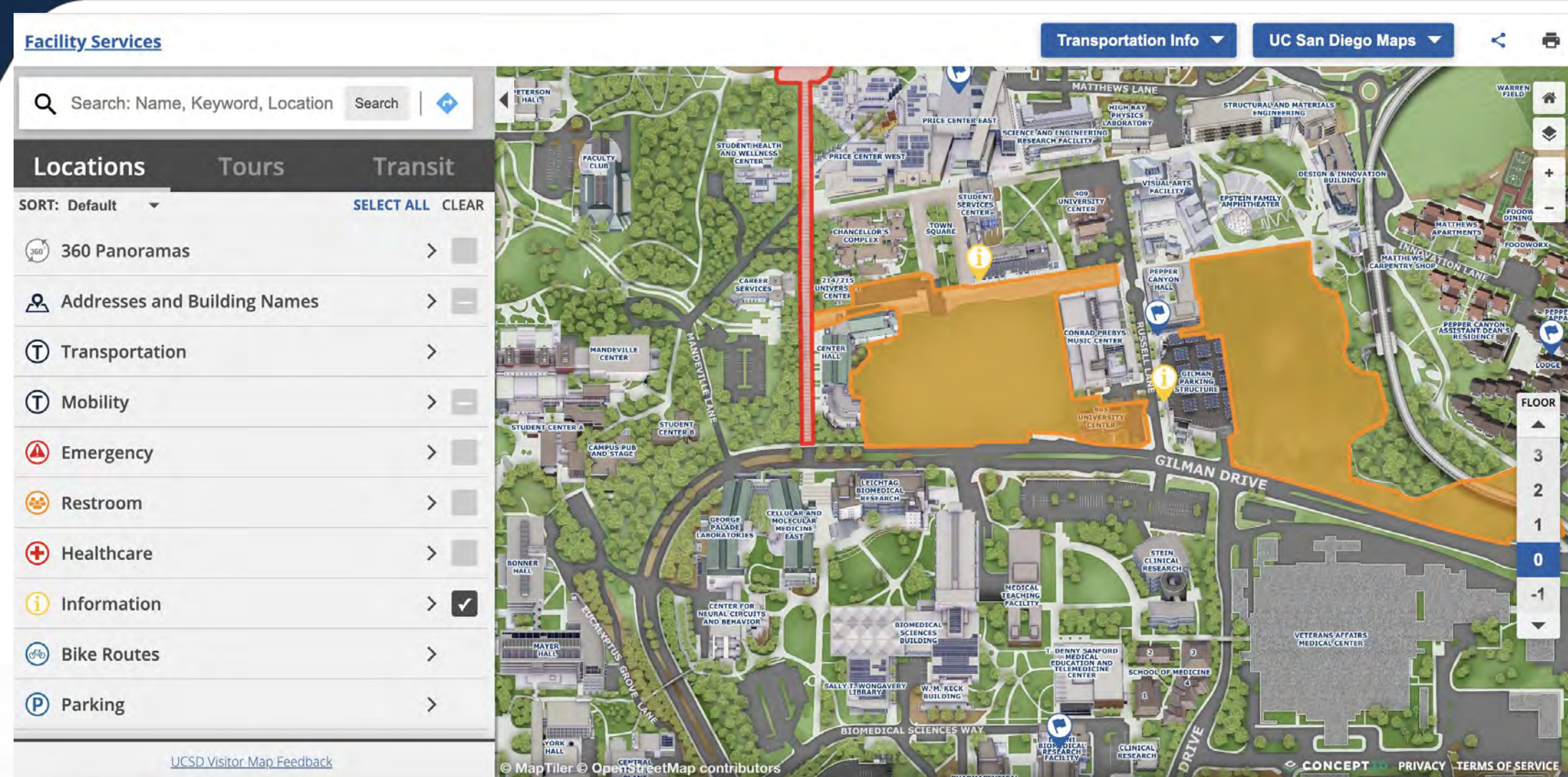
[UCSD Maps](#)

[UCSD Campus Waypoints](#)

Lost? Find a Waypoint!

- Look for these **location markers on light posts** around campus. Simply scan the QR code and your smartphone will open our campus map, centered on your current location, and provide information about nearby:
 - Buildings
 - Dining options
 - Campus services
 - Public art

[Learn More](#)



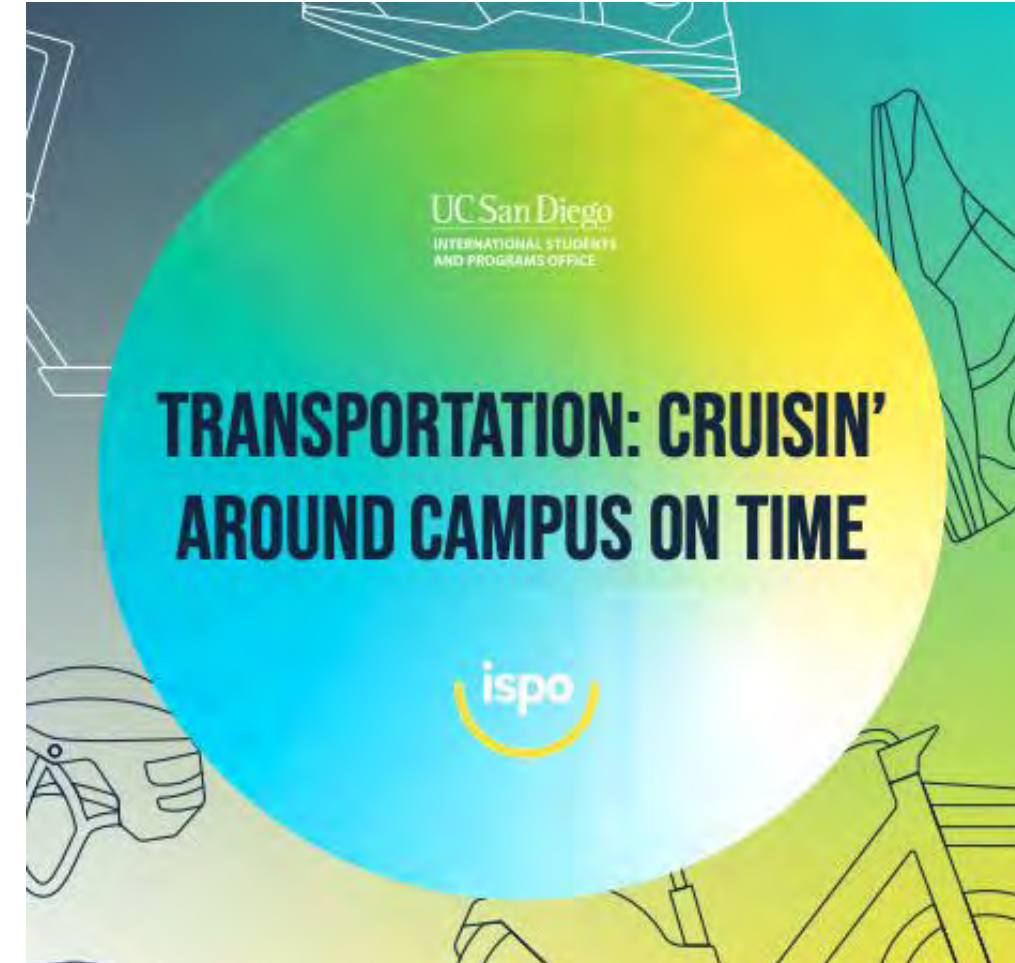
Call: **(858) 535-9255** for Safety Escort from Sunset to Sunrise (365 days/year)

Transportation in Surf Check

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SD - LAX SHUTTLE

LAX LINQ is a veteran-owned shuttle service connecting San Diego & Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

With 6 daily trips, it's the most affordable option—trusted by over **2,000 five-star Google reviews.** ★★★★★

\$59 /ONE-WAY
\$110 /ROUND-TRIP



VETERAN-OWNED



We have 2,000 5-star
Google Reviews!!!

“Linq is the perfect, economical way to get to LAX from North County. Drivers are always on time, friendly, and dedicated to getting you there safely. Highly recommend their rides.”

J. SHOOP





PICKUP/ DROP OFF

SAN DEGO OLD TOWN

➔ **SORRENTO VALLEY/ DEL MAR**

OCEANSIDE



(323)776-5467 

www.laxlinq.com 

hello@laxlinq.com 



Traveling to LAX is easier than ever before!
LAX LINQ is a local, veteran-owned shuttle service founded by a U.S. Army veteran. Rides are super affordable: \$59 one-way and \$110 round-trip. Just hop on at convenient San Diego pickup spots and take it easy while we handle the traffic.



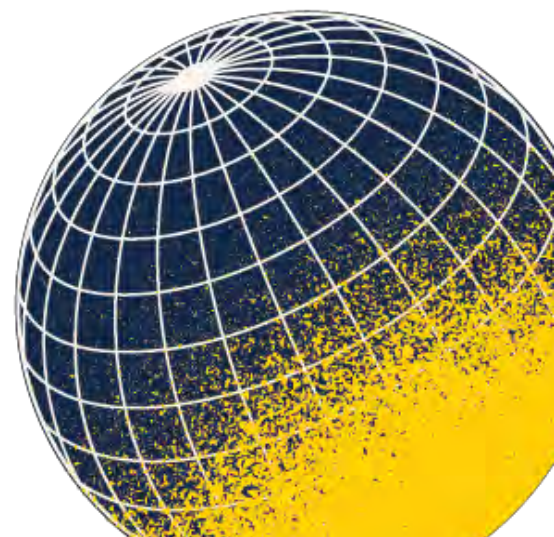
 **TICKETS AT** www.laxlinq.com

Where to buy groceries

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Stores mainly sell groceries

Vons

Ralphs

Trader's Joe

Whole Food Market

Aldi

Sprouts Famers Market

Food4Less

Pavilions

Amazon Fresh



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Stores that have groceries & essentials

- Target
- Walmart
- Costco (membership needed)
- Sam's Club (membership needed)



03

Pharmacies

- CVS
- Rite aid
- Walgreens



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Furnitures & Home Essentials

- World Market
- Homegoods
- Marshalls
- TJ Maxx
- Ross
- Burlington
- Ikea
- Macy's
- JC Penny



Marshalls



COST PLUS
WORLD MARKET
Unique, authentic and always affordable.



TJ·maxx[®]



Burlington



IKEA[®]



ROSS
DRESS FOR LESS[®]



macy's



JCPenney



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International Groceries Stores

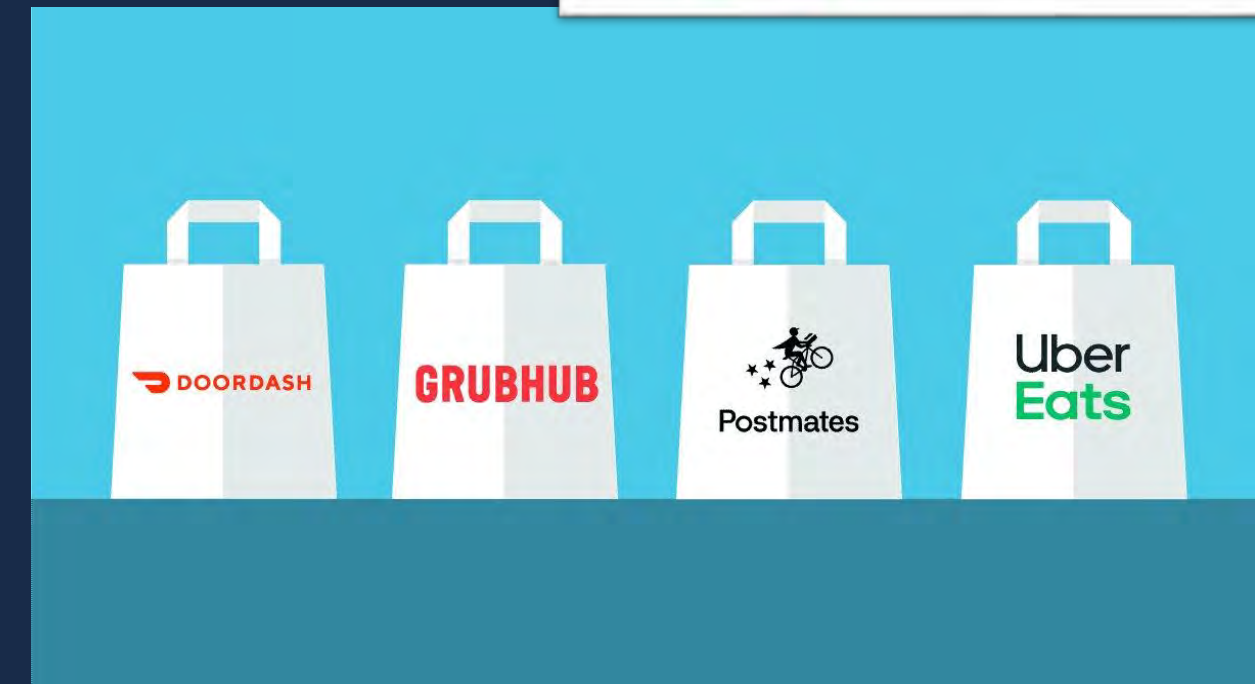
- 99 ranch (Chinese)
- H Mart (Korean)
- Zion Market (Korean)
- Marukai Market (Japanese)
- Nijuya Markey (Japanese)
- Mistuwa (Japanese)
- Cash & Carry (Indian)
- Balboa International Market
- Seafood City Supermarket
- Carnival Market



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Shop Groceries Online

- Instacart
- Amazon Fresh
- Weee!
- Yami buy
- Delivery apps which can get groceries
 - Uber eats
 - Door dash
 - Grubhub
 - Postmate



- **Target**
 - Located on Level 2 of Price Center West, this Target campus store is unique and provides a curated assortment of products and services tailored to the specific needs and wants of students, staff and faculty on the UC San Diego campus. Also includes a CVS Pharmacy.
- **General Store Co-op**
 - A non-profit, student-run cooperative committed to offering the campus community an assortment of school supplies, snacks, and convenience items at low price.

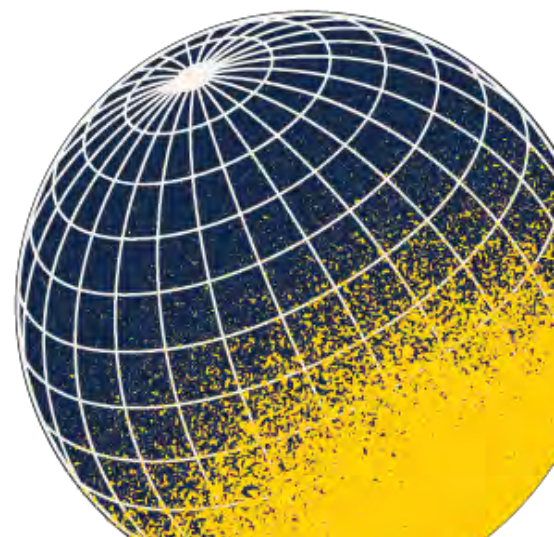
- Different colleges market:
 - John's Market (Muir)
 - Pepper Canyon Market (Warren)
 - Seven's Market (Seventh)
 - Roger's Market (Revelle)
 - Sixth Market (Sixth)
 - Sunshine Market (Price Center)

Photo ID

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Government IDs

- Passport
- Driver License
- REAL ID
 - (California ID)

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GETTING A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID

What is a government issued photo ID?

A government issued photo ID is an official document that includes your picture and personal information such as full name, date of birth, address, and more. This can be a driver's license, a state issued photo ID, or a passport.

Why do people get a government issued photo ID?

It can be used for local transactions where an identification is required such as purchase of alcohol. It is a **convenient alternative to carrying a passport with you.**

What's the difference between an ID Card and a driver's license?

Unlike a driver's license, you **cannot use your state issued ID Card for driving.** In California, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) oversees issuance of driver's licenses & state issued photo ID cards.

What is a REAL ID?

REAL ID is a driver's license or ID card that is also a federally accepted form of identification. For example, it can be used to fly within the U.S. The REAL ID Cards are marked with a gold bear and a star. The state of California is transitioning into only using REAL ID cards by May 3, 2023. Please note that **a REAL ID is used for photo identification and is not evidence of legal presence in the U.S.**



What you need to do get an ID Card:

DMV Website

- Make sure your SEVIS record has been activated
- Complete an [ID Card Application](#).

- Valid I-20 Form
- I-94 Record
- Original Passport
- Social Security (SSN) Card or Social Security Denial (Form SSA-L676)
- Residency documents** (have to show your name and the address where you reside, usually need 2 different types of documents. See DMV website for more detail)

DOCUMENTS

- Debit/credit card or cash to pay the application fee (about \$33)

What to expect at the DMV:

- Some services do not require an appointment and you can just walk in, check the DMV website for information.
- Once a staff member looks over your documents, you will be given a number. When it is your turn to approach the window, your number and the window number will appear on the screen. *(Fun Fact: Different letters that are part of your "number" are associated with different services. The numbers and letters are not called in a sequence!)*
- DMV can be a bit slow, be patient and **set aside at least 2-3 hours** to go to the DMV.
- You will be asked to provide a thumbprint and a signature as well as take a picture as part of the process. *(Please note that this may be different if you are applying for the driving license.)*
- The ID card will be mailed to you. In the meantime, the DMV will give you an official paper that acts as your ID.

UCSD Student ID

- Office that issue IDs: **Student Financial Solutions**
 - Address: Student Services Center, Suite 355
- Lost and found :
 - [Lost and Found Office](#)
 - [How to replace your card](#)

UCSD Student ID

- Virtual Campus ID (UCSD apps)
- What are the use of student ID:
 - Access your meal plan at campus dining facilities.
 - Gain access to residence halls
 - Check out books and materials through UCSD Libraries
 - Use recreation facilities and get discounts on recreation classes
 - Receive services at Student Health Services

UCSD Student ID

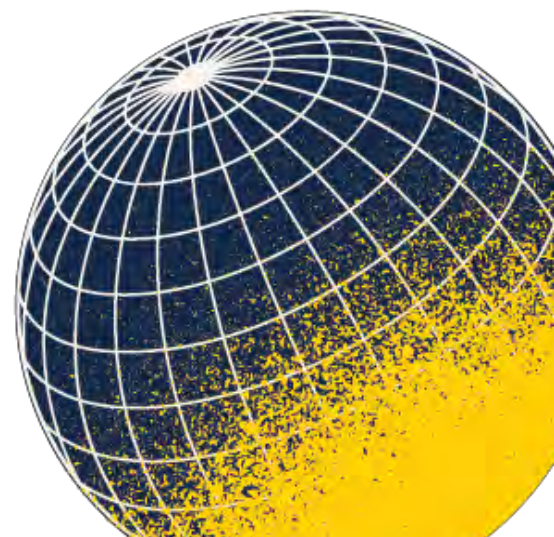
- Show your affiliation, if needed, on UCSD shuttles
- Participate in voting and other Associated Students activities, and get discounts on A.S. events
- Get discounts or free admission to sporting events and other campus activities
- Get discounts on attractions and events through the UCSD Box Office
- Get even more discounts on local arts and entertainment, computers, and more!

Common Social Media in the U.S.

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Instagram

- Instagram is one of the main platforms that UCSD and student organizations to share upcoming events and other announcements, students also use it to socialize with each other
- International Services & Engagement Office (ISEO) Instagram: [@istudents.ucsd](https://www.instagram.com/istudents.ucsd)



Discord

- Discord is an instant messaging and VoIP social platform. Users have the ability to communicate with voice calls, video calls, text messaging, media and files in private chats or as part of communities called "servers".
- It is an important platform for students to exchange information about classes and socialize with each other while studying in American institutions



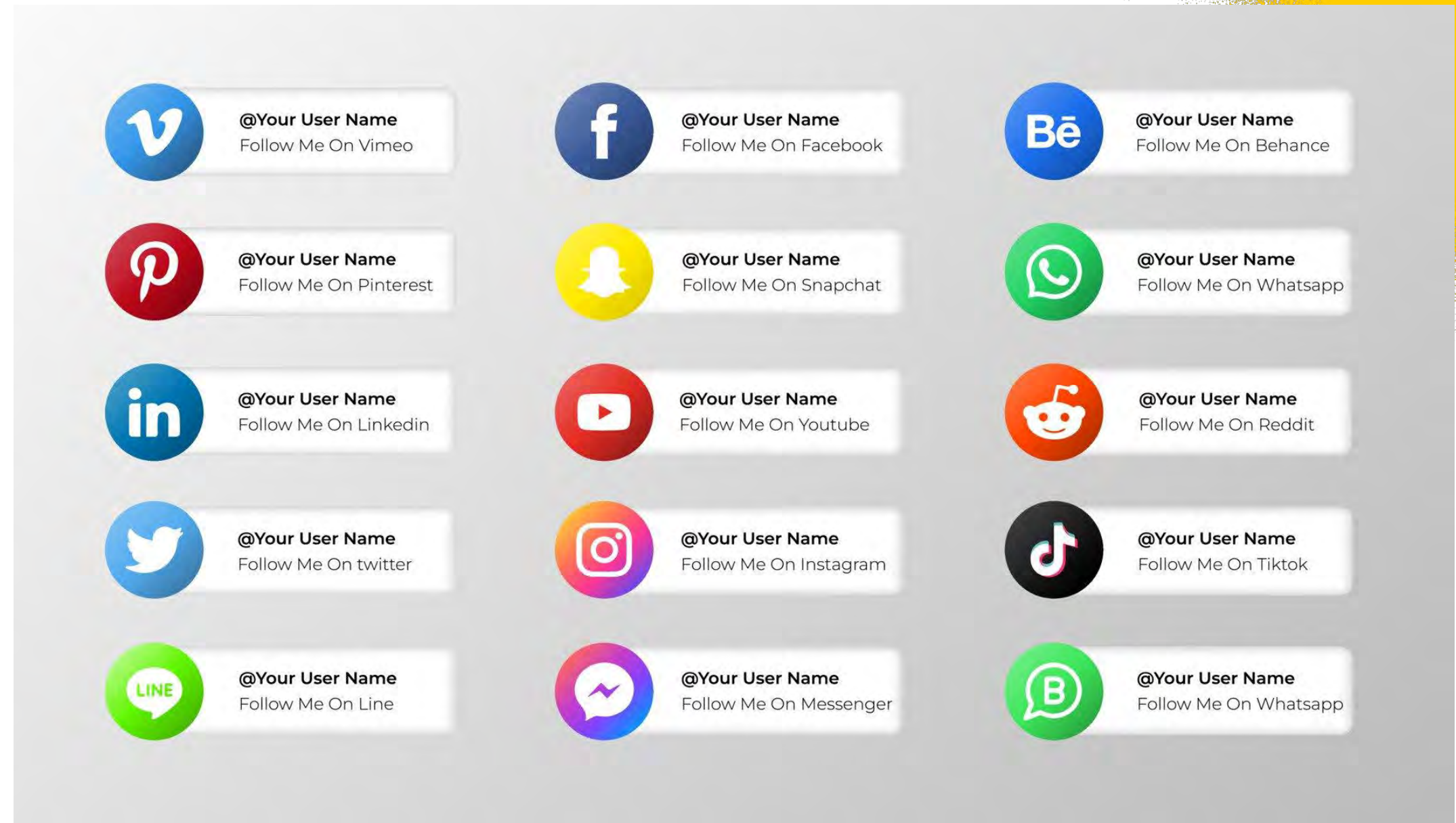
LinkedIn

- LinkedIn is a business and employment-focused social media platform that works through websites and mobile apps.
- Students use it to build up their network, expand their professional connections, and find employment opportunities
- ISEO LinkedIn
 - [UC San Diego International Services & Engagement Office \(ISEO\)](#)
 - [ISEO LinkedIn Group for International Students, Scholars & Alumni](#)



Other Platforms

- News & Posts:
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - BeReal
 - Reddit
- Messaging:
 - Snapchat
 - Whatsapp
- Videos:
 - TikTok
 - YouTube

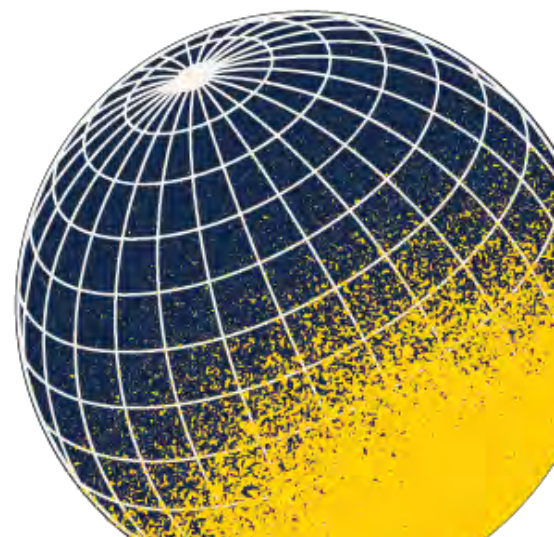


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Resources

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UCSD Off Campus Housing Website

☰ UC San Diego | Housing | Roommates | Resources | Add a Listing

Sign In / Sign Up |  In partnership with Apartments.com

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Off-Campus Housing Website

[View Rentals](#)



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Off-Campus Housing Educational Campaign

Check out our [off-campus housing education campaign on TikTok](#). You can also find it in the

Student Legal Services
Office hours:
8:00AM to 4:00PM
Closed for Lunch
Noon to 1:00PM
Phone: (619) 594-4370

Student Legal Services

[Student Legal Services](#) provides free, confidential counseling, education, and referrals to students and student



Basic Needs Hub

The [Hub Basic Needs Center](#) addresses the gaps and concerns students have accessing nutritious food, stable housing, and financial



Transit-Efficient Housing

Choose Transit-Efficient Housing. Look for housing in neighborhoods with great transit service. Click [here](#) for more information. Know

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES

UC San Diego Off-Campus Housing Website

Using the Off-Campus Housing Website, students can review property listings for rooms, apartments, and shared rentals, create their own roommate profiles, search for roommates, and find other off campus housing related resources.

AS Local Housing Guide

An off-campus housing guide compiled by Associated Student's Vice President of Food and Housing Resources.

Student Legal Services

Access information regarding leasing and legal topics. Students can book appointments for legal counseling through this website.



HUGS International Corporation*

**This service is a courtesy suggestion only and is not endorsed by the International Students & Programs Office.*

RoomChazer*

UNOFFICIAL HOUSING FACEBOOK GROUPS

[UCSD Student Off-Campus Housing](#)

[University of California, San Diego \(UCSD\) Housing, Sublets & Roommates](#)

[UCSD | USD | SDSU Housing / Sublets / Roommates for International Students](#)

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING WEBSITES

[Padmapper](#)

[Spare Room](#)

[CORT Furniture Rental](#)

What to expect when applying

- Documents:
 - Credit Score History*
 - *There are some companies that don't require credit score history, such as [RoomChazer](#)
 - Bank Statements
 - I-20
 - Other documents that show you have a stable source of income (possibly your or your parents' pay stub)
 - May need guarantor or co-signer
- Legal Concerns
 - [Student Legal Services: UCSD offers legal services for students](#)
 - Be aware of possible scams

Avoid Housing Scam

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Be aware of housing scams, particularly on websites like Craigslist. **Signs of a scam targeting renters can include the following:**

- The advertised price of the rental property is much lower than that of similar properties.
- The person trying to rent you the property claims to be an agent for the property owner who is too busy, out of the country, or otherwise unavailable to handle the rental.
- The owner or agent requires you to sign the lease before you see the rental property.
- The owner or agent can't let you enter the home or apartment or charges you a fee to view it.
- You're asked to wire money as a deposit or payment of the first and last month's rent. Remember wiring money is the same as giving cash. You can't get a refund, even if you find out the offer was a fraud.
- The owner or agent uses high pressure sales tactics, urging you to rent quickly, before someone else gets the property.
- The person preparing the lease writes in a higher monthly rent or additional fees that you hadn't agreed upon.
- The landlord directs you to a website to get a free credit check. This can be a tactic for harvesting your identity. Only disclose this information on a written application after you have seen the property.

[Learn more about how to avoid housing scams at iSafety.ucsd.edu](https://isafety.ucsd.edu)

Off-Campus Resources: Transitional Housing

Solana Beach Host Family Program

Connecting international students with
volunteer host families at no cost!



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Stay with an American host family for a few days when you first arrive to San Diego for free!

[Learn more about the Solana Beach Host Family Program here](#)

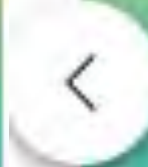
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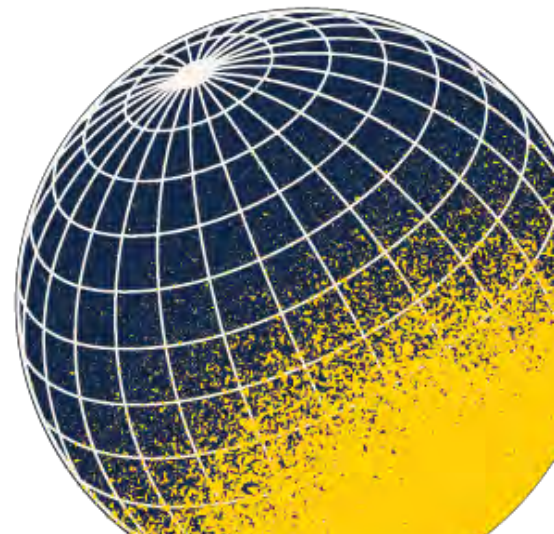


Things to do

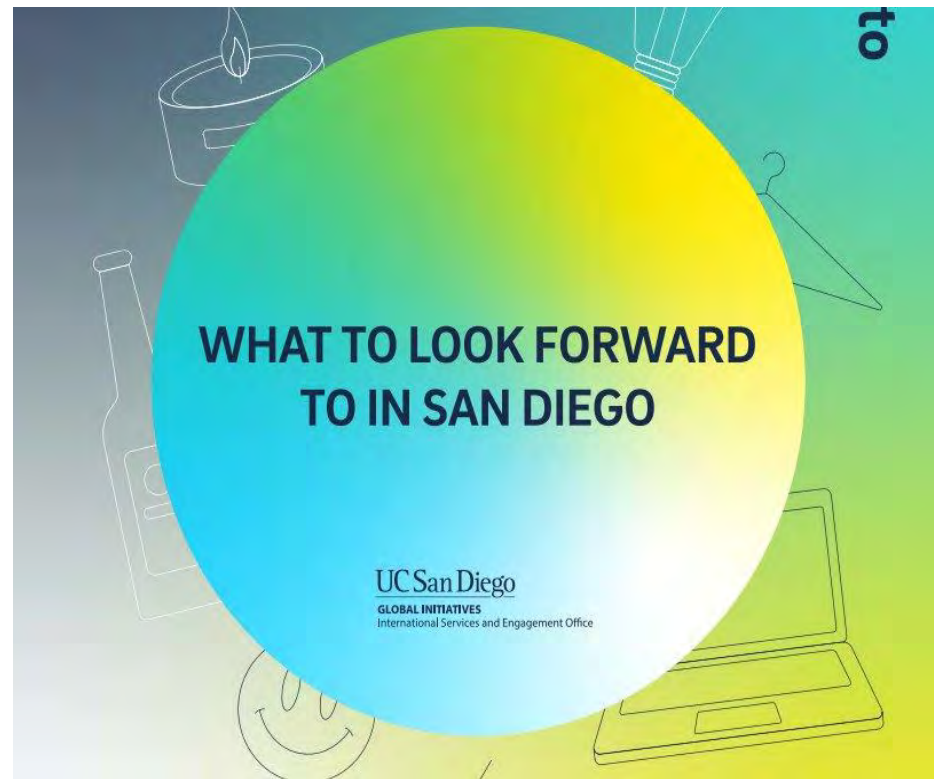
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Things to do



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Things to do at UCSD

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- [Recreation](#)
- [Craft center](#)
- [Climbing gym](#)
- [Swimming](#)
- [Game rooms](#)
- [Stuart art collection](#)
- [Art galleries](#)
- [Amphitheater](#)
- [Theatre/dance](#)



Student Events Calendar

Something for everyone — at your student union, on campus and virtually!

search 09/14/23 Submit Event Subscribe Pinboard Agenda Monthly

Events from Sep 14th

Things to do in UCSD

Fun facts about the Pieces

BEAR (2005) BY TIM HAWKINSON

Location: Academic Courtyard

(formed by Atkinson Hall of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, the Computer Science and Engineering Building, and the Powell-Focht Bioengineering Hall)

- The Bear is 23'6" feet high and weights 180 tons as it is constructed out of 8 granite stones and pushes the bounds of credibility.
- The Bear has inspired many students who have given it Valentines' Day "heart glasses", an entire crew team uniform, and a "Beary Potter" costume.

Have you ever had a small plush teddy bear when you were younger? How would you feel if you were to encounter that same bear but scaled up to the size of a building and made out of stone?



Playfully working with these concepts, Tim Hawkinson's Bear statue entices the viewer to look with awe at an almost fantastical structure that seems to break all conventions of scale.

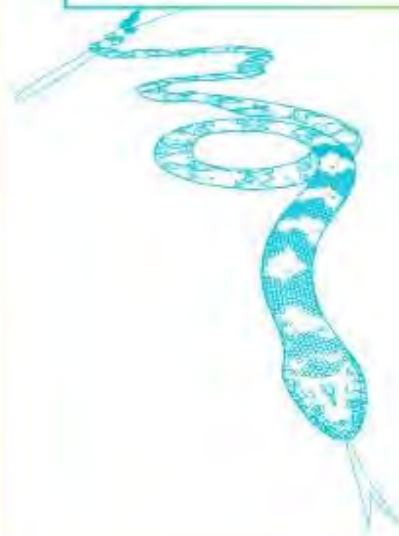
Fun facts about the Pieces

SNAKE PATH (1992) BY ALEXIS SMITH

Location: near the Geisel Library

- Snake Path consists of a winding 560-foot-long, 10-foot-wide footpath in the form of a serpent, whose individual scales are hexagonal pieces of colored slate, and whose head is inlaid in the approach to the Geisel Library. Along the way, the serpent's slightly crowned body circles around a small "garden of Eden" with several fruit trees including an apple, a fig and a pomegranate.

What comes to your mind when you think of what the word "paradise" means to you? Alexis Smith tackled this notion with the creation of Snake Path, a large walkway that serpentine up the side of the hill towards Geisel Library.



In working with the idea of a "movement towards knowledge" that one would do when going towards the site of the library and the potential for breaking away from the comforts of ones' own understanding of their world, or paradise, Smith deliberates on this idea of ignorance is bliss and what happens when leaving from that in the pursuit of knowledge.

Fun facts about the Pieces

FALLEN STAR (2012) BY DO HO SUH

Location: Jacobs Hall

- Do Ho Suh's work explores the notions of home, cultural displacement, one's perception of space and how one builds a memory of it. These explorations grew out of Suh's experience when he arrived in the U.S. in the early 90's to study at the Rhode Island School of Design.
- The Fallen Star is a sheer fabric replica of Suh's home in Seoul and his American apartments.

Have you ever felt like you are in the right place where you want to be, but things still feel a bit off? Your dream career is just a touch out of color from what you thought it was going to be like? This is similar to what Do Ho Suh was feeling when recreating an almost exact replica of his home in Seoul but setting it off-balance teetering off of the edge of a building.



The best way to experience this piece is making your way to the rooftop and walking into Fallen Star. The entire room is tilted ever so slightly to ensure for a mixture of home-ly comfort yet off-kilter instability.

Things to do in SD

ATTRACTIONS

EXPLORE CAMPUS

Stuart Collection Walking Tour

Walk UCSD

Learn more about some of the pieces at page 29-32!

HIKING ROUTES

Scripps Coastal Reserve

Scripps Coastal Reserve Biodiversity Trail

Torrey Pines

Ho Chi Minh Trail

Tide Pools Walk

La Jolla Heights Preserve Walk

Gliderport

Bird Rock Bike Path

BEACHES

La Jolla Windansea

Blacks Beach*

La Jolla Shores

Pacific Beach (PB)

Mission Beach

Del Mar Beach

Ocean Beach (OB)

Coronado Beach

*Note: Blacks Beach is a nude beach

PARKS

Mission Bay

Ellen Browning Scripps Park

La Jolla Cove

Kate Sessions Park

Chicano Park

Mission Trails Park

Presidio Park

Rose Canyon Open Space Park

ATTRACTIONS

BALBOA PARK

Main Website

San Diego Air and Space Museum

San Diego Museum of Art

Fleet Science Center

San Diego Model Railroad Museum

San Diego Natural History Museum

Museum of Photographic Arts

Timken Museum of Art

Museum of Us

The Old Globe

Spreckels Organ Pavilion

San Diego Art Institute (free admission)

Japanese Friendship Garden

MORE MUSEUMS

USS Midway Museum

Museum of Contemporary Art

Cabrillo National Monument

OTHER

Old Town

Support Village

Farmer's Market

Birch Aquarium

Hotel Del Coronado

Hidden San Diego

Liberty Station

UCSD REC Adventures

Haunted Places in San Diego

Belmont Park

Don't forget to check out **student discounts** for [the zoo](#) and [other attractions!](#)

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS



TACOS



DESSERTS



PIZZA



BREAKFAST



SUSHI



RAMEN

- Little Italy
- Clairemont/Kearny Mesa [Convoy]
- Old Town
- Gaslamp
- Pacific Beach
- Encinitas
- Hillcrest
- North Park
- Liberty Station

NEIGHBORHOODS

- The Taco Stand
- Board & Brew
- Cake De Partie
- Menya Ultra
- Sushi Ota
- Buona Forchetta
- Crack Tacos
- Rare Tea
- Bobboi Natural Gelato
- Rakiraki Ramen & Tsukemen

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ROAD TRIPS



CORONADO ISLAND

Hotel Del Coronado • Silver Strand State Beach • Coronado Central Beach • Giorietta Bay Beach • Coronado Ferry Landing • Kayaking in the San Diego Bay • Trolley Tours

SAN CLEMENTE

LAGUNA BEACH

AMUSEMENT PARKS

Disneyland • Knott's Berry Farm • Legoland • Six Flags

LOS ANGELES

Hollywood Walk of Fame • Griffith Observatory • Universal Studios (got student discounts!) • Santa Monica Pier • Venice Beach

PALM SPRINGS

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway • Palm Canyon Drive • Great hikes!

SALTON SEA

Salvation Mountain

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

LAKE ARROWHEAD & BIG BEAR LAKE

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

SOLVANG

SANTA BARBARA

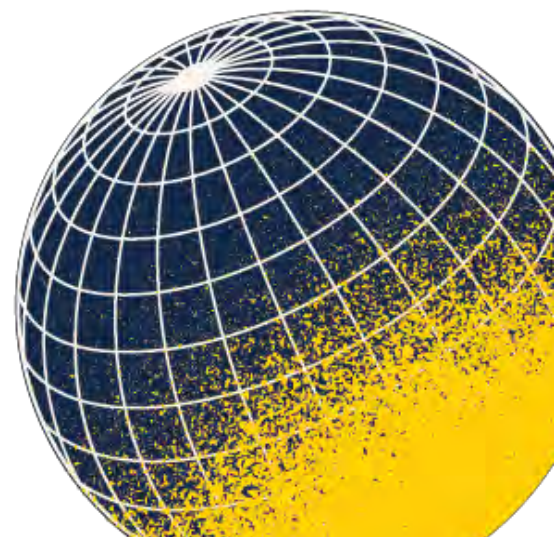
Stearns Wharf • Arroyo Buena County Beach Park (Henry's Beach) • Lotusland

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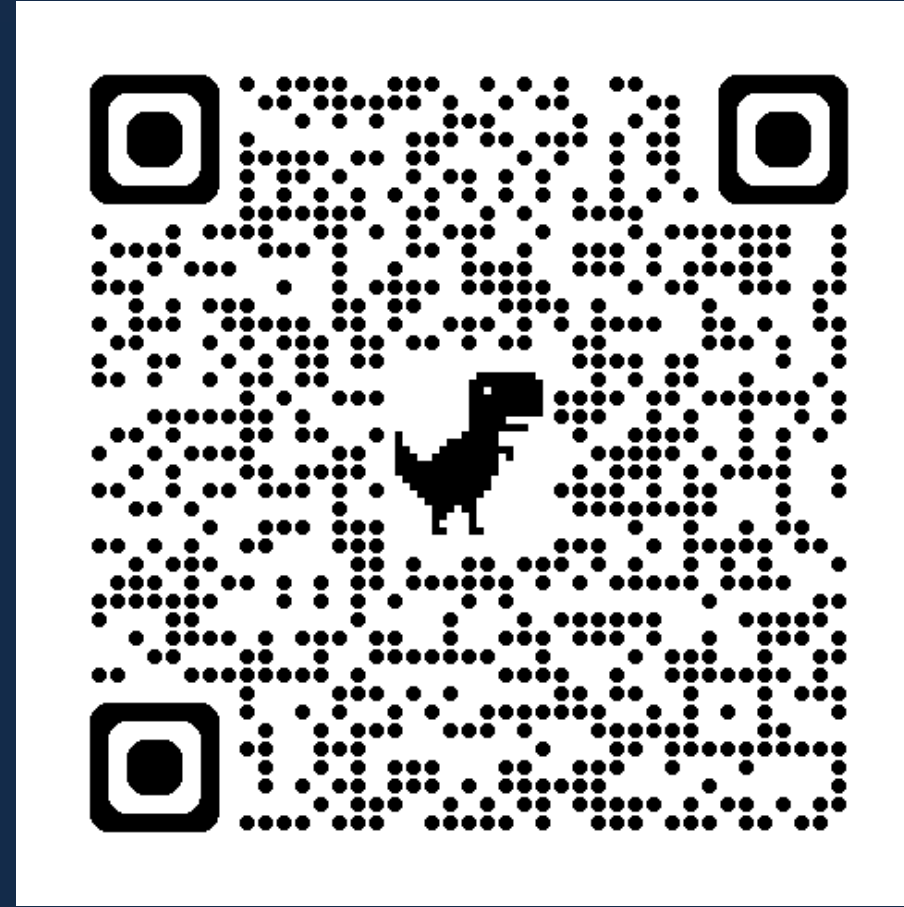
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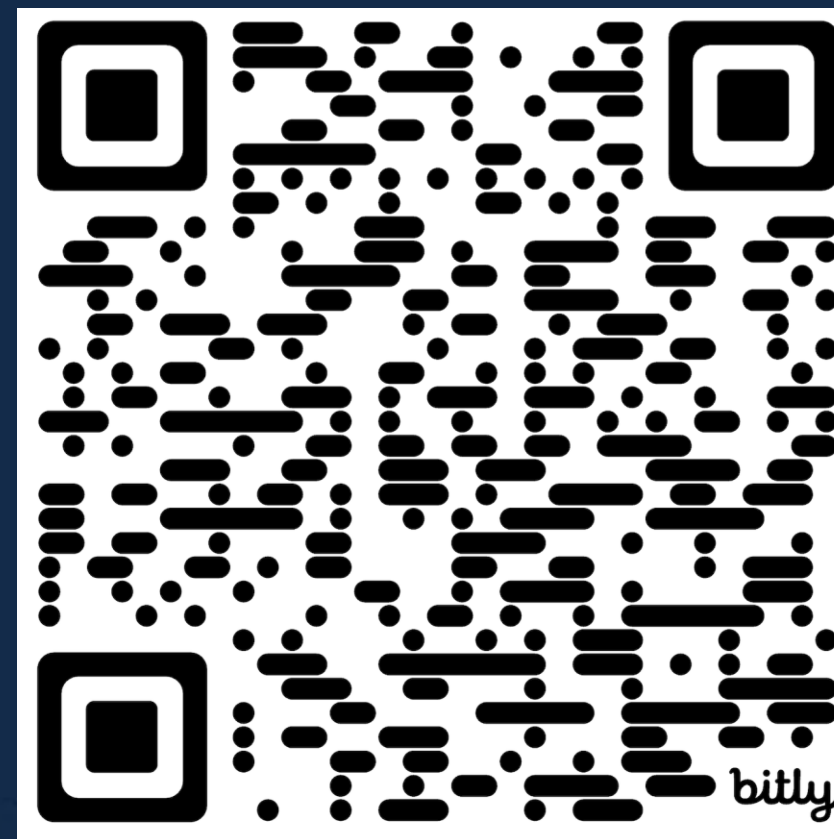
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iEvents Calendar

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The screenshot shows the iEvents Calendar website. At the top, the title "iEvents Calendar" is displayed in blue. Below it, a message states: "This page has a friendly link that's easy to remember: ievents.ucsd.edu". A paragraph follows: "If you are a student, events labeled with the tag #GetCCR count towards your **Co-Curricular Record**. Learn more at [GETCCR.ucsd.edu](https://getCCR.ucsd.edu). The central audience for iEvents consists of international students and scholars. Check out our [population information](#) if you are not sure of which audience you are!".

The interface includes a search bar with the text "search", a date selector set to "06/25/24", and navigation buttons for "Subscribe", "Pinboard", "Agenda", and "Monthly". A "Submit Event" button is located in the top right corner.

The main content area is titled "Events from Jun 25th" and features four event cards:

- Global Ambassadors Program (GAP):** A yellow circular logo with "GAP" in the center and "GLOBAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM" around the edge. The event is scheduled for "Fri Apr 12th 2:00pm - Sun Jun 30th 11:59pm". The description reads: "Undergrads: Sign Up to be a GAP Mentor this Summer!". A yellow "Apply Now" button is at the bottom.
- Grad Pals Program:** A photo of two students, one holding a sign that says "Sign up now for the GRAD PALS PROGRAM". The event is scheduled for "Mon May 13th - Sun Jun 30th". The description reads: "Graduate students: Sign Up to be a Grad Pals Mentor this Summer!". A yellow "Apply Now" button is at the bottom.
- Travel and Re-entry Workshop:** A dark blue card with a yellow "iWORKSHOP" logo. The event is scheduled for "Tue Jun 25th 12:00pm - 1:00pm". The description reads: "This workshop is for faculty and scholars in nonimmigrant visa classifications sponsored by UC San Diego". A yellow "Register Here" button is at the bottom.
- Wednesday Coffee and Crafts:** A purple card with a coffee cup and a pair of scissors. The event is scheduled for "Wed Jun 26th 10:00am - 12:00pm". The description reads: "Wednesday Coffee and Crafts is an informal, social gathering that provides attendees an opportunity".

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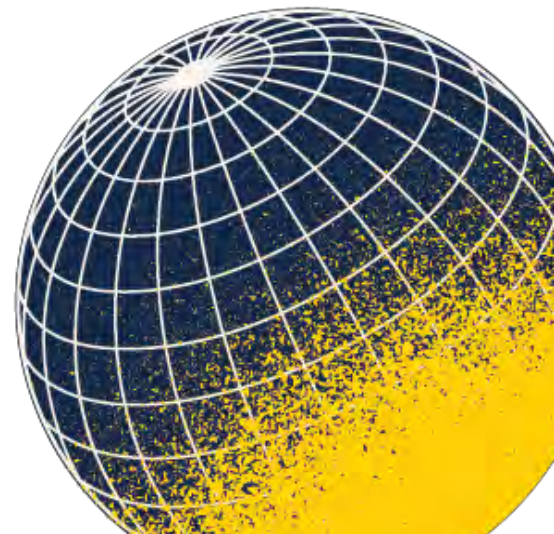
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Begin requesting your
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iServices

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

**Mid-
April**

Apply for on-campus
housing

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**May &
June**

Housing Application
Deadlines:

May 7 for First-Year
Students

June 7 for Transfer
Students

Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

July

Deadline to submit health
immunization requirements
and complete OPHD training

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Sept

Tuition due

Move-In

Check-In

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Student Orientation

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Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars

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