

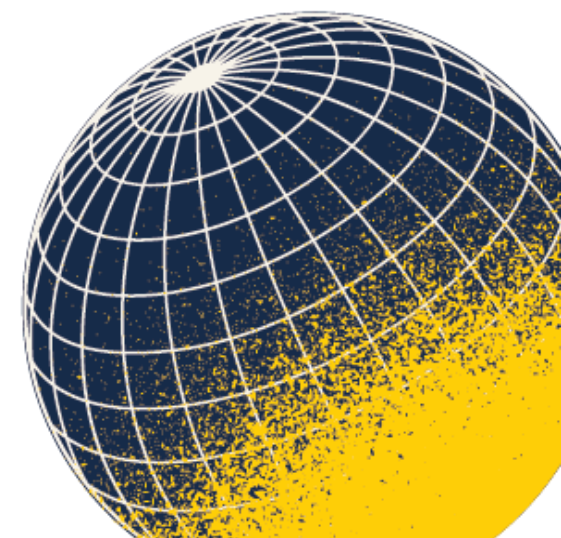
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International Services and Engagement Office

Welcome to UC San Diego:

**How to Request your
Form I-20 or DS-2019**



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Agenda

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

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Before We Begin



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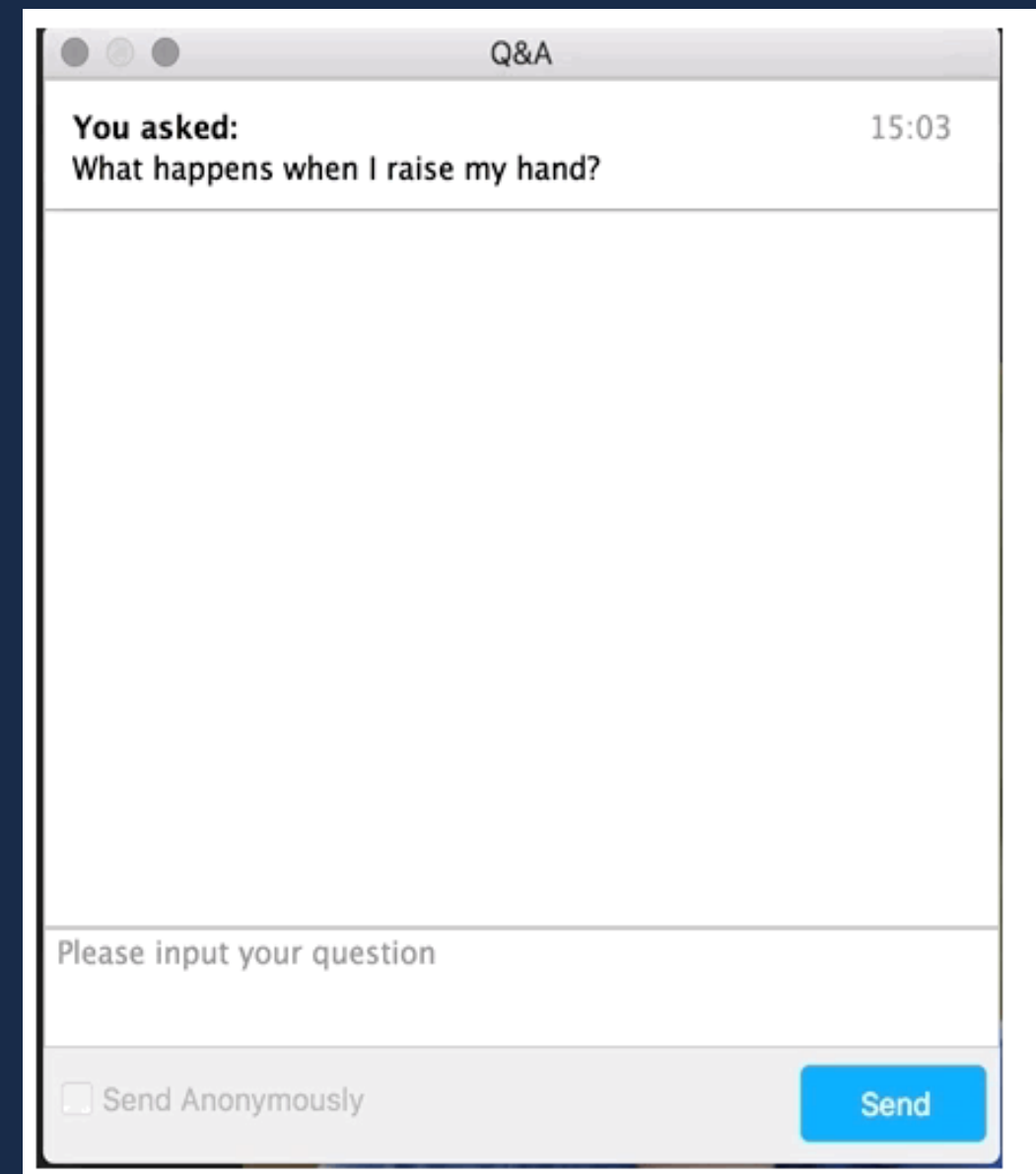
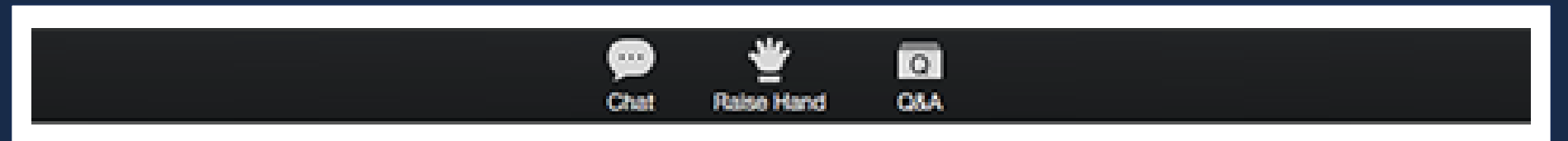


Ask questions – Use the Q&A feature to submit questions. You can also contact us at [iContact.ucsd.edu](mailto:iContact@ucsd.edu)



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

CONTROL PANEL



MEET **ISEO**

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

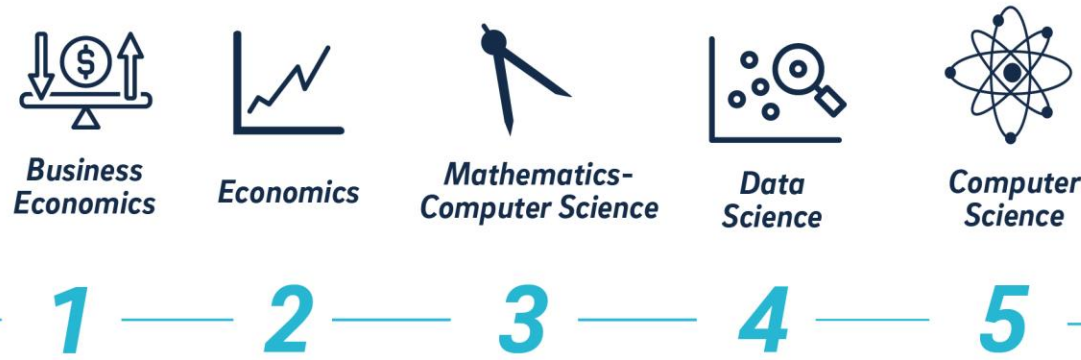
Total Service Population

Source: Open Doors 2025



4,418 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 MAJORS

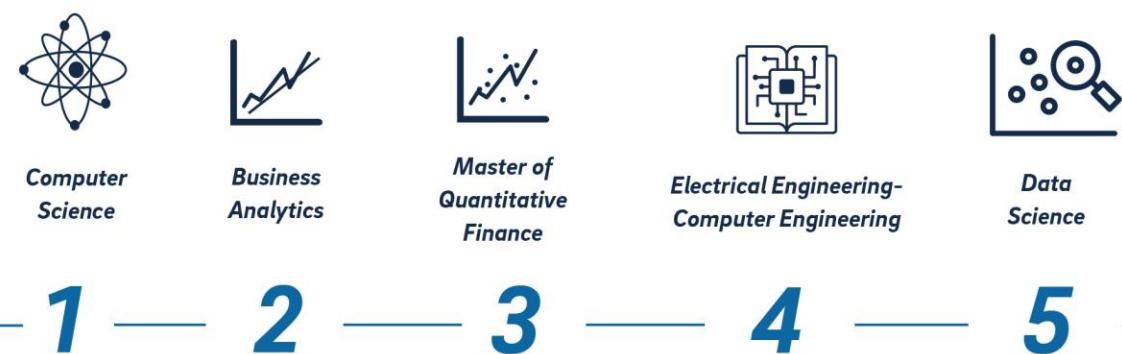


POPULATION BY COLLEGE



3,988 GRADUATE STUDENTS

TOP 5 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS



8,407

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

19.16% of campus population



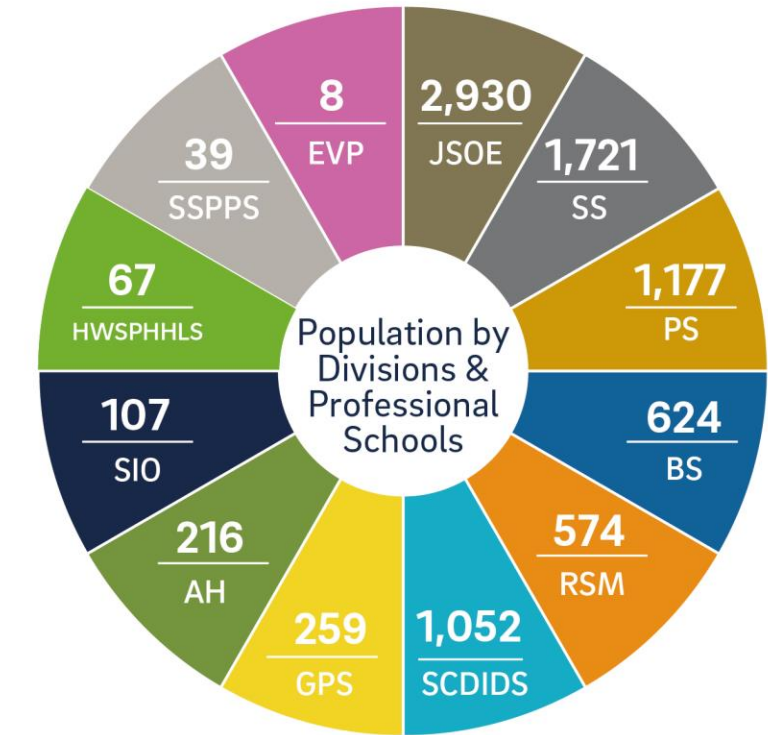
2,167

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



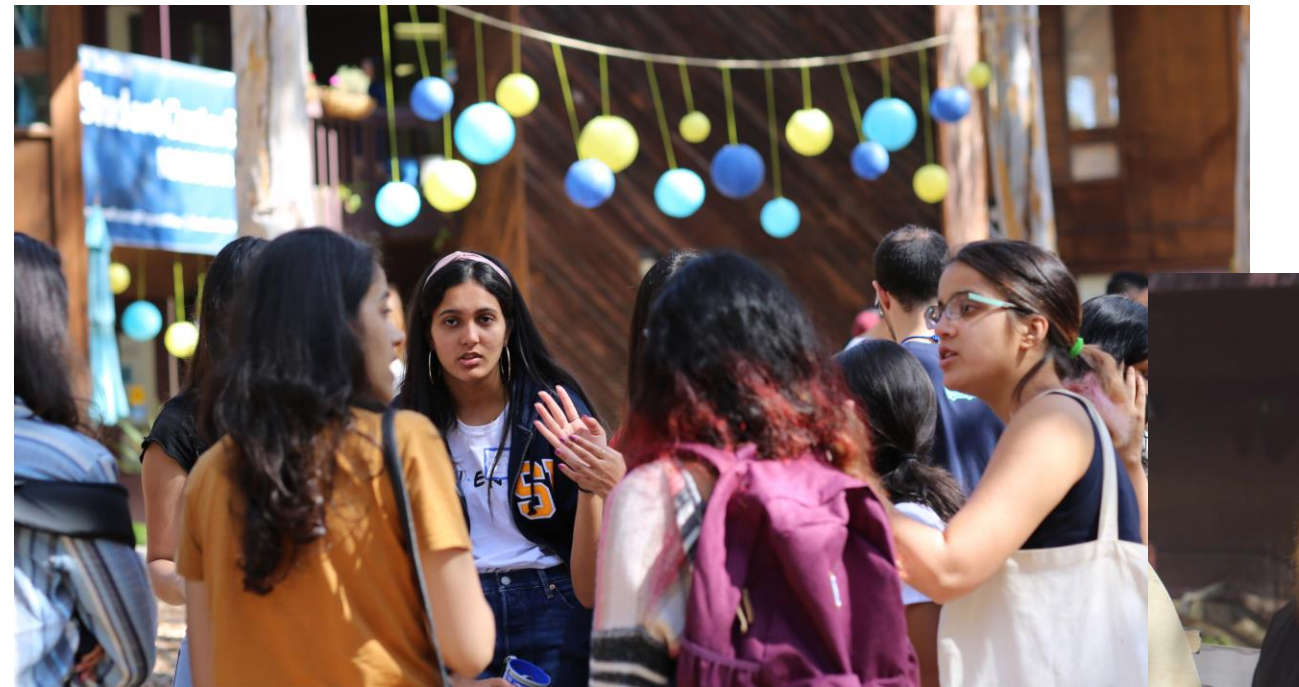
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- Social Sciences (SS)
- Physical Sciences (PS)
- Biological Sciences (BS)
- Rady School of Management (RSM)
- Computing, Information and Data Sciences (SCDIDS)
- Global Policy and Strategy (GPS)
- Arts and Humanities (AH)
- Scripps Institution of 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



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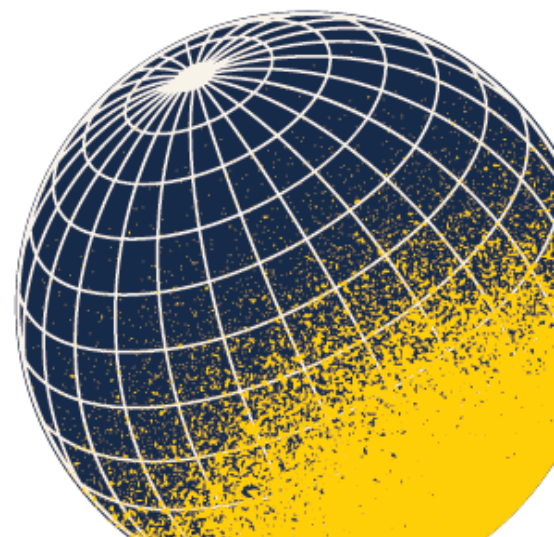


First Steps Checklist

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Accept Your Offer of Admission



- Log into your [applicant portal](#) and complete your Enrollment Checklist, including:
 - Accepting your offer of admission
 - Completing the [California Residency for Tuition Purposes Questionnaire](#) (if required)



Starting a New Program at UC San Diego

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



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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



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

[Expand All](#)

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



Degree Students:
Bachelors

Degree Students:
Masters and PhD

Exchange Students

Summer Session
Visiting Students

Sponsored
Students

Prospective
International
Students

Maintaining Status

Understanding What It Means to “Maintain Your Status”

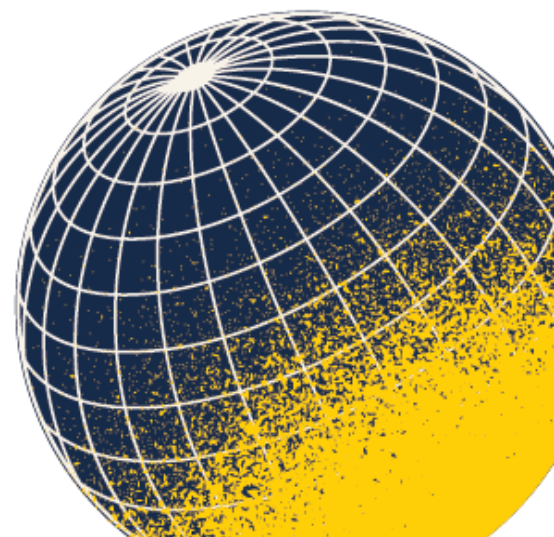
- Your immigration status is **your responsibility**
- We’re here to guide and support you — but this is your life!
- “Maintaining status” = staying **legally eligible** to study in the U.S.
- Note: Immigration requirements may be **different** from academic requirements
- Visit: iseo.ucsd.edu → [Maintaining Visa Status Checklist](#)

Applying for your U.S. Visa: Getting Started

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Accepted Students

New Degree Students

New Exchange Students

Frequently Asked Questions

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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 Form I-20 or DS-2019 from UC San Diego!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us Thursday, May 8 for a *SEVIS Transfers Pre-Arrival Webinar*. Visit iNewStudentWebinars.ucsd.edu to register.

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*Confirm if you will be requesting:
an I-20 (for F visas) or
a DS-2019 (for J visas)*

*If you're not sure, check
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The screenshot displays the iNewStudent.ucsd.edu website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Contact Us, Student Services, Scholar Services, Campus Partners, Resources, and Programs and Events. Below this, a sidebar menu lists various student services: Starting a New Program (with sub-links for Summer Session Students, Accepted Students, F-1/J-1 Visa Eligibility, and Prospective Students), Maintaining F/J Status, Changes to Enrollment, Working in the U.S., Travel and Visa Application, Returning to UC San Diego, Preparing for Graduation, Changing Visa Status, Sponsored Students, iPortal Instructions, and iServices Instructions for Students. The main content area features a banner with the text 'Congratulations on your admission to UC San Diego! Your Journey Starts Here' and a link to 'Starting a New Program at UC San Diego'. Below the banner, there are six dark blue buttons with white text: 'Degree Students: Bachelors', 'Degree Students: Masters and PhD', 'Exchange Students: UC EAP', 'Summer Session Visiting Students', 'Sponsored Students', and 'Prospective International Students'. A yellow banner below these buttons reads 'F-1 AND J-1 VISA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS'. At the bottom, there are two more buttons: 'Returning to UC San Diego' and 'Changing Visa Status'.

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You must have:

A Form I-20 to apply for your F-1 visa stamp

OR

A Form DS-2019 to apply for the J-1 visa stamp



Request your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 from ISEO via iServices



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

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Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

iServices.ucsd.edu is open for newly admitted students

Access iServices by following instructions at

iNewStudent.ucsd.edu -> Drawer "Submitting a Request for an Immigration Document: Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1)"

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

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

Note: Due to the new Triton Student System (TSS) being launched by the university in March 2026, the process for setting up required accounts and requesting visa documents may differ from your peers. Graduate students starting their program before Fall 2026 (Winter 2026, Spring 2026, or Summer 2026) may need to follow a different process than graduate students starting their program in Fall 2026. For all scenarios, you will receive email communication from our office regarding what steps you need to take for your particular situation.

For students starting their program before Fall 2026 (Winter 2026, Spring 2026, Summer 2026):

Log into [iServices](#) with your **Active Directory** credentials (NOT Student SSO) and submit only **ONE** of the following NEW ADMIT requests according to visa type:

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

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

For students starting their program in Fall 2026:

Once you accept your offer of admission, you will receive an email from ISEO within 5-7 business days inviting you to apply for your Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1). While you wait for this email, you can still gather your supporting documentation in preparation for your application:

- **Required Funding Documents:** To receive the Form I-20 or DS-2019, you must prove that you meet the minimum funding requirements for the F or J visa category. Review our [Funding Requirements](#) webpage to learn:
 - What **minimum amount** of funding you are required to show based on your program and level.
 - Which financial **documents** you can use to prove that you meet the funding requirements.
- **Supporting Documents:** All documents must be in English. If additional documents are needed, you will be directed to upload them with the iServices request or by an ISEO Student Advisor upon review of your NEW ADMIT request.

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Prepare to submit your NEW ADMIT request by reviewing iNewDegreeStudent.ucsd.edu "Step 1" instructions:

- Gain access to iServices
- Meet the I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements
- Prepare other documents you will be required to upload
- Know your iServices deadline

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



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IMPORTANT – MONEY MATTERS

One of the most common reasons students experience delays receiving their Form I-20 or DS-2019 is due to issues with their financial documentation or funding requirements.

Regardless of the funding source, ALL financial documents must:

- Be dated within 3 months at their time of submission to ISEO
- Be in English, or accompanied by an official certified English translation
- Show funds that are immediately available. Funding cannot be frozen or in locked accounts, unless the document clearly shows a maturity date before your term start at UC San Diego

The screenshot shows the website for the International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO) at UC San Diego. The page title is "I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements for 2026". The navigation bar includes "Contact Us", "Student Services", "Scholar Services", "Campus Partners", "Resources", and "Programs and Events". The breadcrumb trail is "ISEO / Student Services / iServices Instructions for Students / I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements". The main content area has a heading "I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements for 2026" and a sub-heading "How Much Funding Do I Need to Show?". Below this, there are three expandable sections: "Newly Admitted Students", "Continuing J-1 Students (Program Extensions)", and "Returning Students". A section titled "Acceptable Sources of Funding" explains that funding must be immediately available/withdrawable. A final section, "Regardless of the funding source, ALL financial documents must:", lists the same three requirements as the main text: being dated within 3 months, in English, and showing immediately available funds.

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Starting a New Program at UC San Diego

Home Services Home Page

Online Services for International Students, Scholars, and Staff: Update your institutional information, request signatures, work authorization, certificate of enrollments, sign-up for sessions, and more.

Notifications

There are no current notifications.

Requests

You have no requests at this time

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Submitting a Request

Students must submit the relevant **NEW ADMIT** Service request in iServices:

- **New Admit I-20 Request:** You will begin a degree program with UC San Diego in F-1 visa status.
- **New Admit DS-2019 Request:** You will begin a degree program with UC San Diego in J-1 visa status.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Tasks' menu on the iServices.ucsd.edu website. The menu is titled 'Tasks' and contains several options, each with an icon and a description. The options are:

- New Admit I-20 Request** (Icon: Globe)
- New Admit Updated I-20 Request** (Icon: Pencil)
- New Admit DS-2019 Request** (Icon: Globe)
- New Admit Updated DS-2019 Request** (Icon: Pencil)
- New Admit Letter Request** (Icon: Document)
- Summer Session Visiting Student** (Icon: Sun)
- New Admit: Change of Status to F-1 or J-1** (Icon: Refresh)
- New Admit Dependent Request** (Icon: Plus person)

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Submitting a Request

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

Students must submit a complete request in iServices:

- **Complete** all required E-Forms.
- **Be sure** you have submitted the Submission Confirmation to complete your New Admit request.

The screenshot shows the 'E-Forms' section of the iServices portal. A yellow bracket highlights a list of six required forms, each with an unchecked checkbox:

- REQUIRED Biographical Information
- REQUIRED Dependent Information
- REQUIRED Sponsored Student Information
- REQUIRED Financial Document Upload
- REQUIRED Financial Information
- REQUIRED SEVIS Transfer Eligibility

Below this list is a form titled 'NEW ADMIT: I-20 Submission Confirmation' which is locked, indicated by a padlock icon and the text 'NOT YET AVAILABLE'. This form title is highlighted with a yellow brush.

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iServices

iServices is an online portal which serves as ISEO's document request system for F-1 and J-1 international students and scholars. Through iServices, students are able to request immigration documents, such as the F-1 Form I-20 or J-1 Form DS-2019 from ISEO, in addition to reporting certain changes to their visa status or obtaining other support documents. [ISEO's iServices Instructions for Students page](#) contains helpful information and troubleshooting guides for users accessing and submitting requests through iServices.

Preparing to submit your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 Request:

All newly admitted students to a UC San Diego degree program are **REQUIRED** to request and obtain a Form I-20 (F-1) or Form DS-2019 (J-1) reflecting their intentions to enroll in a program of study with UC San Diego. This is true for all students who wish to study in the U.S. under the F-1 or J-1 visa status, even if they already hold a valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamp. To prepare to submit this form, you must clearly understand what you are requesting from ISEO:

- Which Visa Classification, F-1 or J-1?:** Review our [F-1 or J-1: Selection of Visa Classification](#) page to help determine which visa status is the appropriate status for you.
- SEVIS Transfer Eligibility:** Understand if you are eligible to [transfer your current SEVIS Record to UC San Diego!](#)
 - NOTE:** A SEVIS transfer is the transfer of the SEVIS ID listed on forms I-20 and DS-2019; it **IS NOT** an academic transfer. If you currently have a SEVIS ID, ensure that you have reviewed the link above to determine if you are eligible for a SEVIS transfer.
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E-Forms

- REQUIRED [Biographical Information](#)
- REQUIRED [Dependent Information](#)
- REQUIRED [Sponsored Student Information](#)
- REQUIRED [Financial Document Upload](#)
- REQUIRED [Financial Information](#)
- REQUIRED [SEVIS Transfer Eligibility](#)
- NOT YET AVAILABLE [NEW ADMIT: I-20 Submission Confirmation](#)



Acceptable Sources of Funding

The Form I-20/DS-2019 and F/J visa application processes require all funding used to be immediately available/withdrawable to the student. Because of this, not all sources of funding may be used toward the Form I-20/DS-2019 Funding Requirements. Review the "What Financial Documentation is Accepted" section below to learn what sources of funding and supporting documentation are acceptable.

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What Financial Documentation is Accepted? (+)

Funding from Financial Sponsors (+)

Funding from Academic Departments (for Graduate Students) (+)

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Amount Required (Form I-20/DS-2019 Financial Estimates)

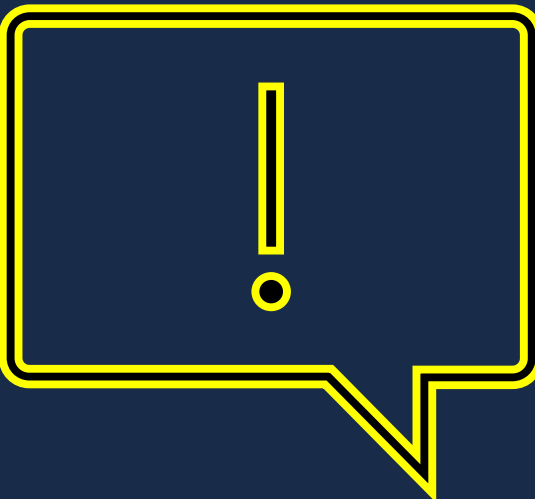
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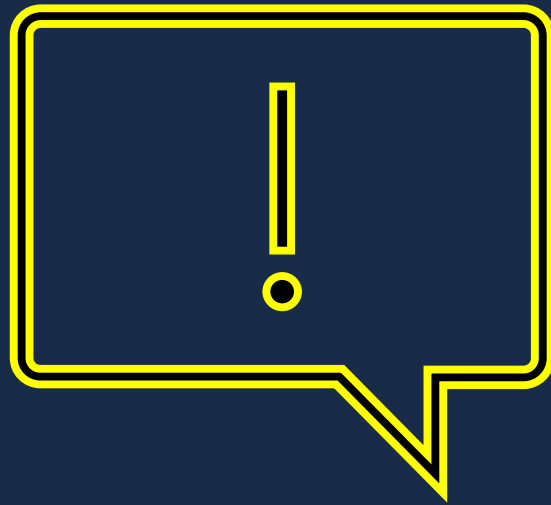
Rady School of Management Programs (+)



Pro Tip:
Funding Requirements

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Pro Tip: Funding Requirements

Amount Required (Form I-20/DS-2019 Financial Estimates)

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Undergraduate (Bachelor's) Programs (Including EAP/Global Exchange)

Undergraduate (Bachelor's) Programs	NEW ADMITS: 1 Academic Year/3 Quarters (9 Months)	2-Quarter (6 Months) Extension for Current & Returning Students	1-Quarter (3 Months) Extension for Current & Returning Students
	Current Students: 1-Academic-Year (9 Months) Extension		
Tuition & Fees	\$58,257	\$38,628	\$19,314
Living Expenses	\$23,040	\$15,360	\$7,680
Other: Books & Supplies	\$1,365	\$910	\$455
Total:	\$82,662	\$54,898	\$27,449

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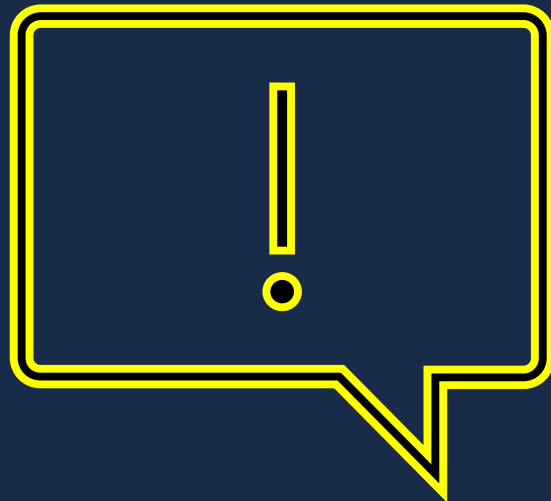
What Financial Documentation is Accepted?

Use the following guide to help you understand what documents are accepted as proof of sufficient financial support (all documents **cannot be older than 3 months** at the time of your request submission):

Document	Yes	No	Criteria
Personal funds: checking or savings account statements	Yes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be available in English. • Should be a concise 1-2 page document. DO NOT submit long statements that include transaction history. • Statements from multiple accounts are acceptable and must be combined into a single PDF document. • Online banking statements are acceptable. • Indicate the financial institution's name. • Indicate the account holder's name. • Clearly show the account balance. • Be dated within the past 3 months. • Clearly show the type of currency. • Be from statements that show liquid assets that can be converted into cash.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be available in English. • Be dated within the past 3 months.

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Pro Tip: SEVIS Transfer Eligibility

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E-Forms

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Preparing for Submission

iServices

iServices is an online portal which serves as ISEO's document request system for F-1 and J-1 international students and scholars. Through iServices, students are able to request immigration documents, such as the F-1 Form I-20 or J-1 Form DS-2019 from ISEO, in addition to reporting certain changes to their visa status or obtaining other support documents. [ISEO's iServices Instructions for Students page](#) contains helpful information and troubleshooting guides for users accessing and submitting requests through iServices.

Preparing to submit your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 Request:

All newly admitted students to a UC San Diego degree program are **REQUIRED** to request and obtain a Form I-20 (F-1) or Form DS-2019 (J-1) reflecting their intentions to enroll in a program of study with UC San Diego. This is true for all students who wish to study in the U.S. under the F-1 or J-1 visa status, even if they already hold a valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamp. To prepare to submit this form, you must clearly understand what you are requesting from ISEO:

1. **Which Visa Classification, F-1 or J-1?:** Review our [F-1 or J-1: Selection of Visa Classification](#) page to help determine which visa status is the appropriate status for you.
2. **SEVIS Transfer Eligibility:** Understand if you are eligible to [transfer your current SEVIS Record to UC San Diego!](#)
 - NOTE: A SEVIS transfer is the transfer of the SEVIS ID listed on forms I-20 and DS-2019; it **IS NOT** an academic transfer. If you currently have a SEVIS ID, ensure that you have reviewed the link above to determine if you are eligible for a SEVIS transfer.

How do I transfer my Form I-20 (SEVIS Record) from my current school to UC San Diego?

Note that if your last date of enrollment or last date of authorized Optional Practical Training (OPT) at another U.S. institution is within 5 months (152 days) of the quarter start date at UC San Diego, you may be eligible to request to transfer your SEVIS Record to UC San Diego. Please note the information below is **ONLY** applicable for F-1 students. *J-1 Students seeking a SEVIS Transfer should first [contact ISEO](#).*

What does it mean to transfer my SEVIS record?

Many students think the term 'Transfer' only applies to the transferring of academic credits or units from one school to another. For example, transferring 60 units/credits from a Community College to UC San Diego. However, for international students, the terms '**SEVIS Transfer**', '**Transferring my SEVIS Record**', or '**Releasing my SEVIS Record**' can actually mean something different!

If you are currently enrolled at another U.S. institution and hold an active SEVIS record and SEVIS ID Number, you may be eligible for a SEVIS Transfer.

- A SEVIS Transfer occurs when a Designated School Official (DSO) at your current institution electronically sends your SEVIS record (Form I-20) to UC San Diego.
- Once they electronically release your SEVIS record, UC San Diego can then issue you a Form I-20 with the SAME SEVIS ID Number. The I-20 you receive from UC San Diego will reflect your new program dates and details.
- A DSO can electronically release your SEVIS record on the same day or schedule a transfer for a future date. The date that the record is released from your current school to UC San Diego is known as your **SEVIS Record Release Date**.
- UC San Diego does **not** use a transfer-in form for students transferring into our school. If your current school needs verification of your SEVIS transfer, please contact ISEO via [icontact.ucsd.edu](#)

How do I know if I am eligible for a SEVIS transfer?

If your last date of enrollment or last date of employment on post-completion OPT is within 5 months (152 days) of your program start date at UC San Diego, you may be eligible to request a SEVIS Transfer.

- Eligibility to transfer is decided by your current school that holds your SEVIS Record and Form I-20.
- Note that SEVIS Transfers are **NOT** automatic upon Accepting your Offer of Admission from UC San Diego. *You must contact your current school to request a timely SEVIS Transfer.*
- The deadline for F-1 students to request a SEVIS transfer from their previous school is 60 days after the program completion date or OPT end date, whichever is later.

What's the process of transferring my SEVIS record?

SEVIS Transfers require coordination between you, the DSO at your current school, and UC San Diego.

1. **Schedule a SEVIS Release Date:** You'll need to contact your DSO at your current school and let them know that you wish to transfer your SEVIS record to UC San Diego. Our SEVIS school code is SND214F00088000. Ensure that you obtain written confirmation from your school that your SEVIS record was released successfully in active status. Ensure that your release date is within 5 months of when you wish to begin your full-time program at UC San Diego.

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Processing time for NEW ADMIT documents is **generally** 15 business days from the date you successfully submit a complete (no further updates/edits needed) NEW ADMIT request in iServices.

Review instructions at iNewStudent.ucsd.edu before you get started!

Incomplete Requests: NEW ADMIT requests will be set to incomplete when additional information, updated information, or clarification is needed. For this reason, please thoroughly review all eForm instructions and your responses prior to submitting. Please note that the days that your iServices NEW ADMIT request remain in an incomplete status will not count towards the 15 business day processing time and may cause a delay in processing. If your application is incomplete or invalid, you will be contacted by an ISEO Advisor with instructions to resubmit or add clarifying information to your request in iServices.

Completed Requests: Once your Form I-20 or DS-2019 is ready, it will be uploaded to iServices for you to access. You will receive an email confirmation of your completed request with instructions on how to access your immigration document. You will need to download it, print it, and sign it.

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Request Form I-20 or DS-2019

FORM I-20

FORM DS-2019

Once your Form I-20 or DS-2019 is ready, it will be emailed to your UCSD email for you to access. You will need to download it, print it, and sign it.

You **MUST** download, print, and sign it **by hand**.

You **MUST** review it for accuracy!

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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: [REDACTED]

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME	GIVEN NAME	CLASS F-1
PREFERRED NAME	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH SOUTH KOREA	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP SOUTH KOREA	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
DATE OF BIRTH	ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE	LEGACY NAME	

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 Lisa Swid International Student Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE SND14F00088000 14 JANUARY 2021

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELOR'S	MAJOR 1 Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other 30.9999	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 60 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 14 SEPTEMBER 2016	PROGRAM END DATE 30 JUNE 2021	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 12 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 12 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 40,286	Personal Funds	\$ 0
Living Expenses	\$ 19,200	Funds From This School	\$ 0
Expenses of Dependents (0)	\$ 0	family funding	\$ 60,986
books, supplies	\$ 1,500	On-Campus Employment	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 60,986	TOTAL	\$ 60,986

REMARKS

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.

X	DATE ISSUED 17 June 2016	PLACE ISSUED La Jolla, CA
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SIGNATURE OF: Lisa Swid, International Student Advisor

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.

X	DATE
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SIGNATURE OF: [REDACTED]

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE
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U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0119
09/02/017
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min
*See Page 2

1. Surname/Primary Name: [REDACTED] Given Name: [REDACTED] Gender: MALE

Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): 04- [REDACTED] City of Birth: Sapporo Country of Birth: JAPAN Citizenship Country Code: JA Citizenship Country: JAPAN

Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: JA Legal Permanent Residence Country: JAPAN Position Code: 214 Position: UNIVERSITY GRADUATE 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 (1) of immediate family members.

3. Form Covers Period:
From (mm-dd-yyyy): 09-06-2016 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-30-2018

4. Exchange Visitor Category:
STUDENT MASTERS
Subject/Field Code: 44.0501 Subject/Field Code Remarks: Grad student pursuing a master's degree in Public Policy

5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by:
The Exchange Visitor's Government: \$141,220.00
Total: \$141,220.00

6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE / DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE).

7. Gabriella HOFFMANN Alternate Responsible Officer
Name of Official Preparing Form: Gabriella HOFFMANN Title: Alternate Responsible Officer
Address: 9500 Gilman Drive, Mail Code 0018, La Jolla, CA 92093 Telephone Number: 858-246-0227
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: [REDACTED] Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-21-2016

8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Release Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM)
Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): [REDACTED] Transfer of the exchange visitor from program number [REDACTED] sponsored by [REDACTED] 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.

Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: [REDACTED] Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature: [REDACTED]

PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(c) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (see item 10 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.

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

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

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]

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Newly admitted students should not request an Updated I-20 or DS-2019 for a major change until *after arrival* to the United States and your SEVIS record has been registered.

- Submit Form I-20 or DS-2019 after you have made major changes (if applicable).
- If you change your major after your Form I-20 or DS-2019 is issued but before you arrive to the U.S., please refer to ISEO's Support Letter to show a Consular Officer or at the U.S. Port of Entry (if requested).

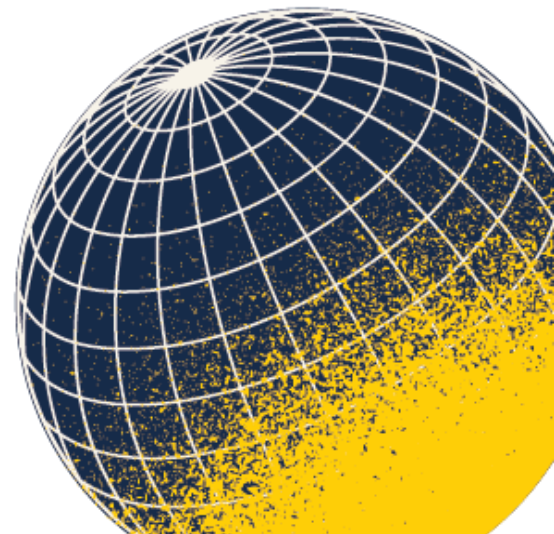
The screenshot shows the website for the International Services and Engagement Office (ISEO) at UC San Diego. The page is titled "Academic Major Change" and provides information for F-1 and J-1 students. A navigation menu at the top includes "Contact Us", "Student Services", "Scholar Services", "Campus Partners", "Resources", and "Programs and Events". A breadcrumb trail reads "ISEO / Student Services / Changes to Enrollment / Academic Major Change". On the left, a "Changes to Enrollment" sidebar lists "Academic Major Change" (highlighted), "Reduced Course Loads (RCLs)", "Program Extension", "Degree Level Change", and "Enrollment Outside UC San Diego". The main content area features a heading "Academic Major Change" and a sub-heading "Update your Academic Major". The text explains that ISEO will automatically receive a notification and update the student's SEVIS record when a major change is approved through TritonLink.

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International Services and Engagement Office



iNewStudents Newsletter

- Critical information
- Email iprograms@ucsd.edu if you are not receiving these newsletters



ISEO | Winter 2026 | New Undergraduate & Graduate Students

Dear Incoming International Student,
Welcome to UC San Diego! The [International Services and Engagement Office \(ISEO\)](#) is here to support you as you begin your student journey at UC San Diego.

Group Advising for Newly Admitted Students

ISEO provides advising for newly admitted international students through our [Pre-Arrival Webinars](#). These sessions cover essential topics, including:

- **How to Request Your Form I-20/DS-2019 (Graduate Students)**
 - Thursday, March 5 at 8:30am PT
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Applying for your U.S. Student Visa (Graduate Students)**
 - Tuesday, March 10 at 8:30am PT
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Graduate Student Housing**
 - Thursday, March 12 at 8:30am PT
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Student Health: Insurance and Immunization Requirements (Graduate Students)**
 - Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30am PT
 - [Register Here](#)
- **Graduate Student Funding**
 - Thursday, March 19 at 8:30am PT
 - [Register Here](#)
- **English Language Requirements for Instructional Assistants (Graduate Students)**
 - Tuesday, March 24 at 8:30am PT

Welcome Guide

LET THE

JOURNEY

BEGIN

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International Services and Engagement Office

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

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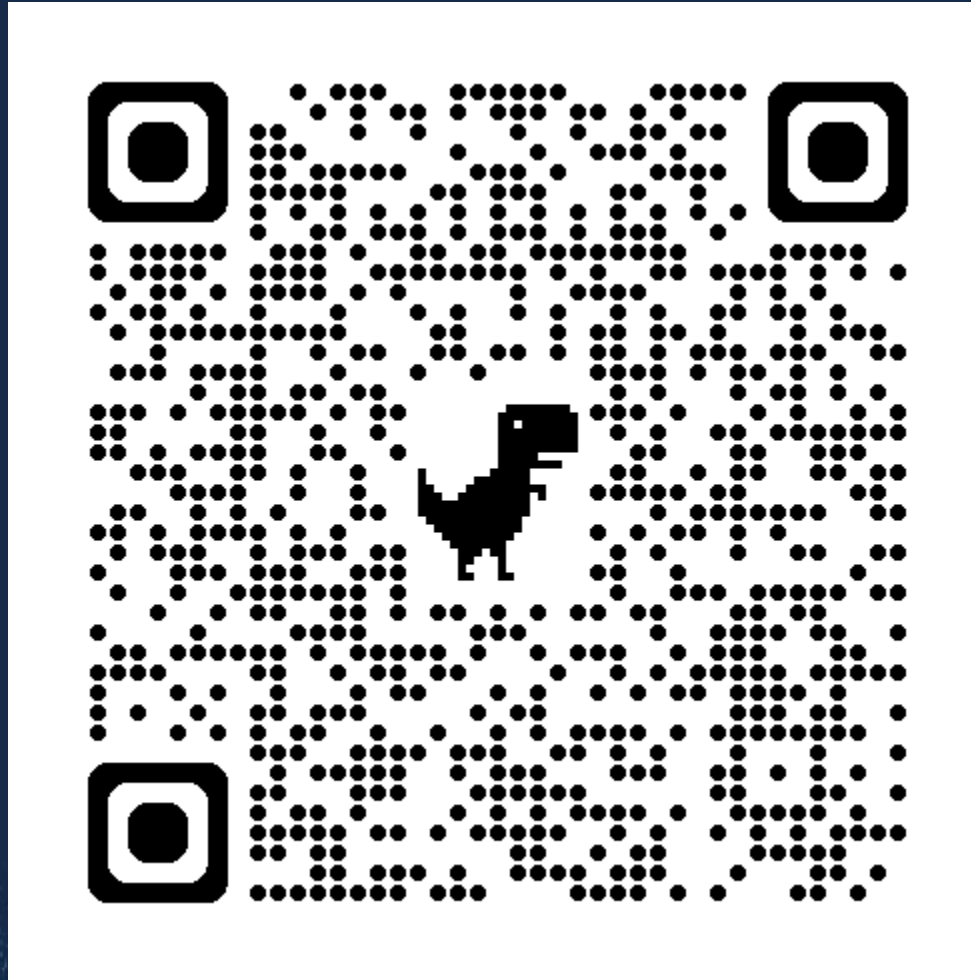


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A summer-long peer mentorship program,
connecting undergraduate International
students with student mentors

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iEvents Calendar

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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



Tue Feb 27th - Sun Mar 17th

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Employment Students Professional-Development

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FRIDAY CHAT
FRIDAY ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Every Friday
10:00AM - 12:00PM

LA JOLLA COMMUNITY ROOM AT LA JOLLA VILLAGE SQUARE



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

THE OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS INVITES STUDENTS TO A 1-HOUR FOCUS GROUP TO SEEK FEEDBACK ON THE DIVISION'S STRATEGIC PLAN! WE ARE CALLING ALL STUDENTS WHO WANT TO CREATE AN IMPACT AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT UC SAN DIEGO! FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED AT EACH SESSION. THERE ARE TWO DAYS FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2024
1:00PM TO 4:00PM PST (1-HOUR SESSIONS)
EPSTEIN FAMILY AMPHITHEATRE GREEN ROOM

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2024
8:00AM TO 3:00PM PST (1-HOUR SESSIONS)
RED SHOE ROOM - PRICE CENTER

RSVP AT [TINYURL.COM/UCSDSAFOCUS24](https://tinyurl.com/UCSDSAFOCUS24)

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

UCSD Student Affairs Strategic Plan: Student Focus Groups

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

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

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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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TRITON TREKKERS
UC SAN DIEGO

Rock Climb Mission Gorge

MARCH 9
10AM - 1PM

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



iWORKSHOP



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

Federal Tax Workshop

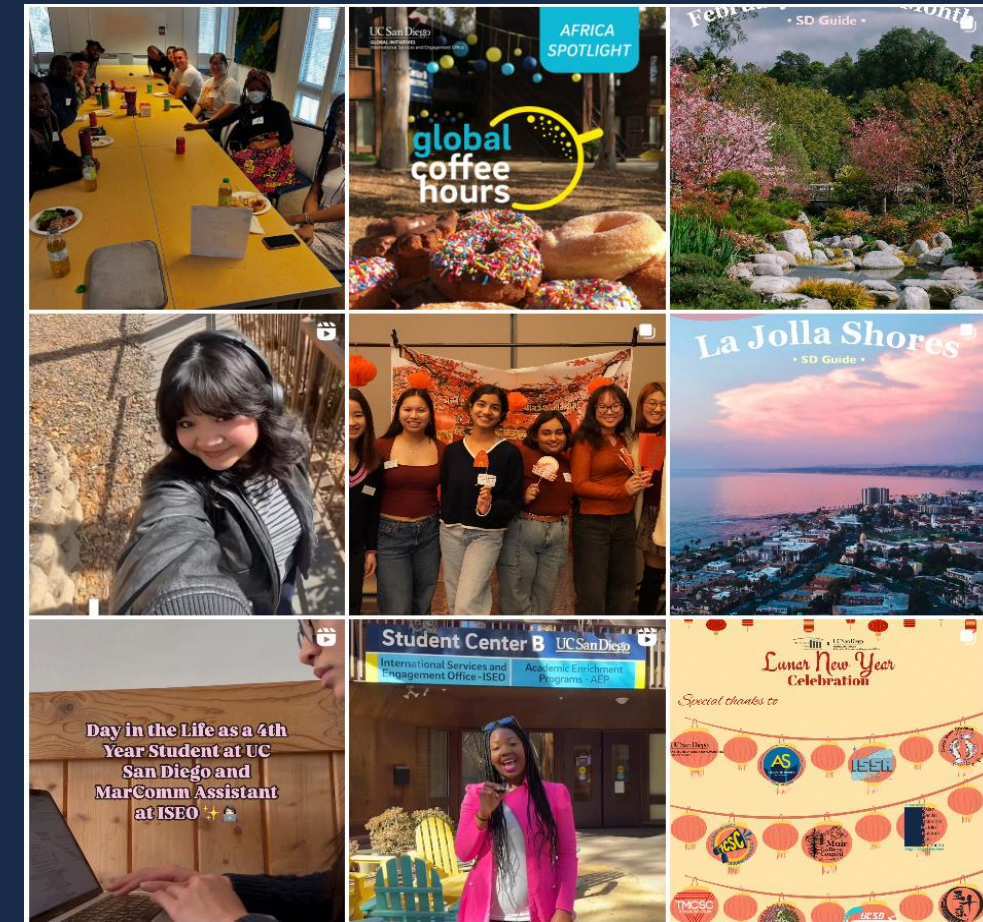
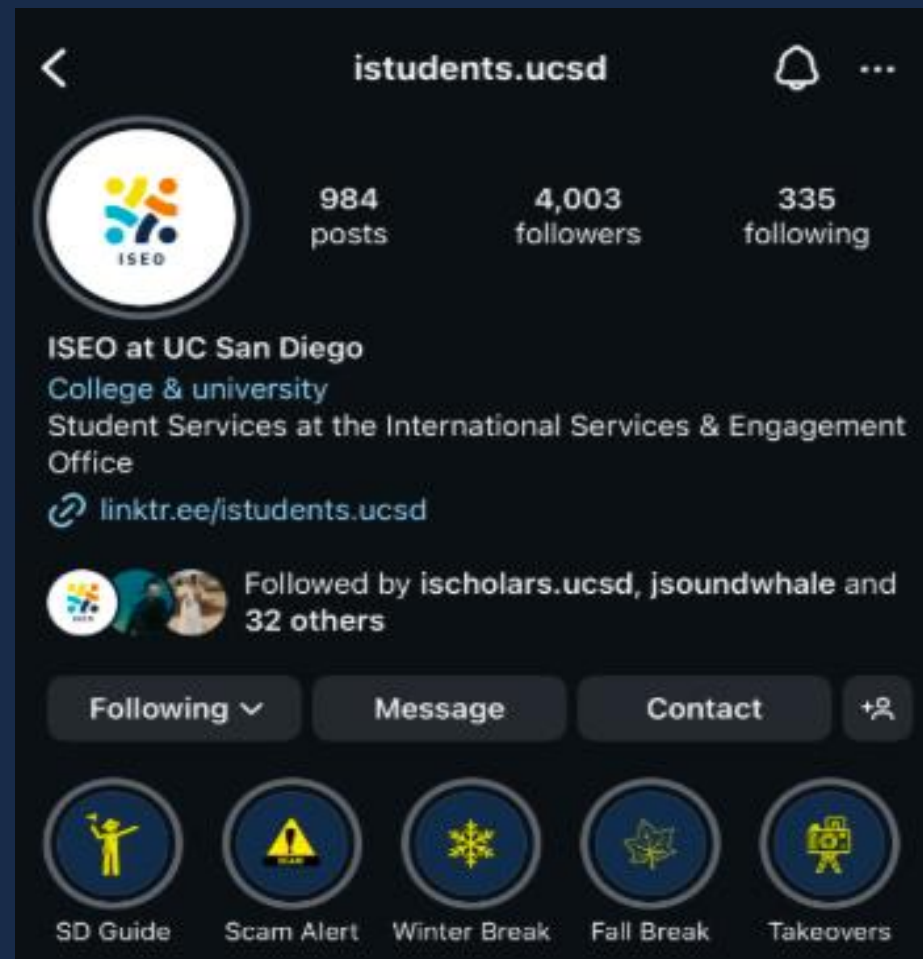
Register Here

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

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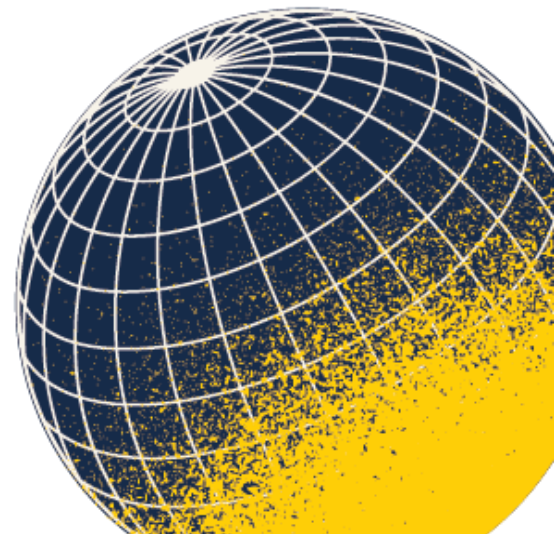


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IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REMINDERS

April

Begin requesting your
visa documents via
iServices

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

Mid-
April

Apply for on-campus
housing

Visit: hdh.ucsd.edu

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

Visit:
studenthealth.ucsd.edu

Sept

Tuition due

Move-In

Check-In

New International
Student Orientation

Visit:
iOrientation.ucsd.edu

Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars



- **April 7:** Applying for your U.S. Visa
- **April 9:** Undergraduate Student Housing
- **April 14:** Student Health: Insurance & Immunization Requirements
- **April 16:** Finances & Student Accounts
- **April 21:** Student Life and Getting Involved
- **April 23:** Campus Safety
- **April 28:** Getting Set Up in the U.S. (Surf Check Live)
- **May 5:** SEVIS Transfer Process F-1 Students

All webinars will be recorded and posted at

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