

Success in graduate school is more than just completing degree requirements. For international graduate students, it is vital to **find resources to support** your academic, professional, and social life. UCSB offers an **abundance of opportunities to help you thrive** both during and after your graduate program.



## Transitioning to UCSB

UCSB strives to ensure a **smooth transition** for our international graduate students. The Graduate Division and the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) work together to **promote student success and intercultural engagement**. We offer social events, informational workshops, and consultations with the International Graduate Student Peer Advisor. We also encourage students to utilize the international student support groups at UCSB's Counseling & Psychological Services, as well as 24/7 online support through the International Student Support Program.



## Career & Professional Development

UCSB is deeply committed to providing excellent **career and professional development support** to international graduate students. Students have **direct access to over 100 annual professional development events** provided by the Graduate Student Resource Center and Career Services. You can also benefit from personalized career consultations, CPT/OPT workshops, the International Graduate Student Career Guide, and career exploration opportunities at the Beyond Academia conference.



## Academic, Writing & Teaching Services

UCSB offers a world-class education with specialized services to **enrich the academic experiences** of international students. Take advantage of our Graduate Academic Counselor and Writing Peer Advisor who offer one-on-one appointments, drop-in hours, workshops, and referrals to on-campus resources. The English for Multilingual Students program also provides courses in writing and oral skills for English language learners, and Instructional Development provides training to international teaching assistants on pedagogy and academic norms in the United States.



## Funding & Financial Support

There is a range of **campus funding support** available for international graduate students, such as departmental block grants, teaching and researching assistantships, and on-campus employment. Extramural funding is available through academic fellowships, research grants, conference support, and more. When experiencing a financial crisis, students also have access to the **Financial Crisis Response Team** as well as the International Student Award through OISS. Students can also find information on supporting international education through the Graduate Student Resource Center's Finding Funding workshops and through consultations with the Funding Peer Advisor.



## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As a UCSB international student, there are several things to be mindful of in order to maintain legal visa status and good academic standing:

**MAINTAINING ACADEMIC STATUS** | Periodically check with your department's Graduate Program Assistant regarding degree progress and course requirements. International graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 8 units per quarter, and some departments may require registration for more than 8 units.

**I-20 TRAVEL SIGNATURES** | Remember to bring your I-20 or DS-2019 to OISS for travel validation at least 2 business days before you leave the United States.

**ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT LIMIT** | International students can work on-campus up to 50% appointment time (not above 20 hours per week) during academic quarters, and full-time (100%) during the summer.

**OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY** | International students must have been enrolled as an F-1 student for a minimum of one academic year (9 months) to be eligible for off-campus employment.

**TAX FILING** | As an international student, if you earn income from any source between January 1 and December 31 of a given calendar year, remember to file both Federal and State income tax returns on time.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

International Peer Advisor  
Funding Peer Advisor  
Career Peer Advisor

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OISS Staff

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## IMPORTANT LINKS

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OISS  
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[www.caps.sa.ucsb.edu](http://www.caps.sa.ucsb.edu)  
[www.us.myissp.com/Home/UniversitySearch](http://www.us.myissp.com/Home/UniversitySearch)  
[www.ems.ucsb.edu](http://www.ems.ucsb.edu)  
[www.oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-development-program](http://www.oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-development-program)  
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