Welcome to UCR!

Here are important information to help you prepare for your first quarter as a Highlander!

1. Before Arrival to the U.S.

☐ Pay the SEVIS Fee
The SEVIS fee payment validates your SEVIS record and I-20 Form. You will need UCR’s school code (LOS214F00177000) and your SEVIS number, located on the top of your I-20. Bring the printed payment confirmation to the visa interview. More info at https://www.fmjfee.com/ij901fee/index.htm

☐ Submit the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) to the Registrar’s Office
The SLR will determine your tuition residency status. More info https://registrar.ucr.edu/tuition-fees/residency-for-tuition

☐ Research Housing Options
Campus housing is limited and is first-come, first-serve. More information at https://housing.ucr.edu/ucr-housing-options

☐ Schedule Your Visa Interview
Schedule your Visa appointment with your local consulate or embassy. All locations have individual reopening plans and different appointment availability. Student visas can be issued 120 days before your program start date.

☐ Check Your Program Start Date & Plan for Travel
Arrive no more than 30 days prior to the program start date. The earliest arrival date is on your I-20 (if applicable to you).

☐ Complete Health Screenings and Immunizations
Obtain required screenings and immunizations. Submit proof to Student Health Services. More info at https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/immunization-requirements

☐ Complete Your SEVIS Check-In
All F-1 students must provide their U.S. contact information to the International Students and Scholars (ISS) office after arrival to be registered as an active student. More info at https://international.ucr.edu/students/get-started-ucr#new_student_checkin

☐ Print Your I-94 Travel Record
Verify your personal information and visa type and print a copy for your records. More info at https://international.ucr.edu/students/get-prepared-ucr#i94

☐ Connect with ISS & embrace the UCR Experience
Get involved with ISS events to meet other UCR students! More info at https://international.ucr.edu/students/programs-and-activities

2. Getting to UCR

☐ Keep Your Documents with You
Store immigration documents in your carry-on luggage to present at the U.S. Port of Entry.

☐ Arrange for Transportation
Reserve train, bus, or car services from nearby airports to UCR. More info at https://international.ucr.edu/students/get-started-ucr#getting_to_ucr

3. After Arriving at UCR

☐ Attend Fall 2023 International Student Orientation (September 21, 22, 25)
Make new friends, tour the campus, and meet helpful staff. More info at https://international.ucr.edu/students/orientation

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We are here to help!

UCR International Students and Scholars Office

Contact us with questions or emergencies regarding immigration, visa, and U.S. entry matters. Our office is operating on a hybrid model, with some meetings held remotely on Zoom.

Our Working Hours:
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
closed for lunch from
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
(Pacific Time)

Website: international.ucr.edu
Phone: +1 (951) 827-4113 (office)
Email: internationalstudents@ucr.edu

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@UCRInternationalAffairs

Contact Information for Other Questions
You May Have About UCR:

Questions about on-campus housing: Email housing@ucr.edu

Questions about transcripts, test scores, admission status, or transfer credits:
  • Undergraduate Admissions:
    ○ Phone: +1 (951) 827-3411
    ○ Email: admissions@ucr.edu or internationalinfo@ucr.edu
  • Graduate Admissions:
    ○ Phone: +1 (951) 827-4302
    ○ Email: grad.div@ucr.edu

Questions about the Statement of Legal Residence: Email reghelpdesk@ucr.edu

Questions about your degree plan and course registration: Contact your academic department

Questions about immunizations: Email immunization@ucr.edu

Questions about health insurance: Email health@ucr.edu

Questions about NetID, SSO, or other technology concerns: Email bearhelp@ucr.edu

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