

July 2024



## INFORMATION ABOUT SCAMS AND FRAUD

### **Important information about scams and fraud**

Unfortunately, there are many fraudulent actors who use fear to try to scam or trick students into providing personal information, such as bank accounts, credit card numbers and SSN numbers.

These bad actors will disguise an email address, phone number, website URL, or text message to convince someone that they are interacting with a trusted source.

Unfortunately, one of our students was recently scammed when they were emailed by someone claiming to be a UCR professor who asked the student to transfer money.

Please remember that:

- No legitimate source is going to call and demand immediate payment over the phone for anything. They are also not going to legitimately call you and threaten to deport you.
- No legitimate source is going to hire you immediately through email and ask you to transfer money as part of the job.
- If you receive a phone call, email message, or text message like this, do not provide any personal information. Please do not respond to the message and report the incident to our office and the UCR police department at 951-827-5222 or [crimeprevention@ucr.edu](mailto:crimeprevention@ucr.edu).

- Students can choose to make their UCR public profile “private” if they choose. To do this, you can log-in to your R’Web and in the top left access the privacy settings to change your profile from being public in the UCR directory to private.

Information about common scams and fraud is below.

- [Job Scams Resources from the Career Center](#)
- [International Students and Scams](#)
- [Scams Targeting International Students](#)
- [Common Fraud Schemes from the FBI](#)
- [USCIS -Avoid Scams-Common Scams](#)
- [Email Phishing Resources from ITS](#)

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# TRAVEL REMINDERS

## Traveling Outside the U.S. Over Summer Break?

If you’re traveling internationally this summer, please review your I-20 or DS-2019 to determine whether you need an updated travel signature. Generally, we recommend that travel signatures be valid for at least 6 months at the time of reentry to the U.S. An updated travel signature can be requested by submitting a [Document Request Form](#). For more information on traveling internationally and a list of documents required for reentry (in addition to the I-20 or DS-2019), please visit [Traveling for International Students](#).

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# PROGRAM COORDINATOR INTRODUCTION

## Introducing Lauren Bracamontes

My name is Lauren Bracamontes and I am the new Program Coordinator for UCR's ISS team. I graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with my degree in sociology and I was previously working as a program coordinator for the City of Claremont. I am excited to be a part of the UCR team and look forward to meeting everyone.



# APPLY FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

## International Orientation Volunteers

ISS is looking for volunteers for 2024-2025 International Student Orientation! Please complete [this form](#).

**\* This is a non-paid volunteer position.\***

**Fall International Student Orientation is scheduled to be held on September 18th, 19th & 20th.** Availability for these dates are required.

**Deadline: July 31, 2024**



## Language Circle Moderator

Language Circles is an International Affairs Program that helps UCR Students and scholars practice their conversation skills in many languages including but not limited to English, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, and Portuguese (Brazilian). ALL/new languages welcomed!

We are always recruiting new moderators! Moderators serve as guides during the sessions by facilitating and encouraging conversation with the participants. Moderator positions are held on a volunteer basis. Moderator Training varies.

**\*Language circles are held once per week for one hour, beginning on week two through week nine of each academic quarter.\***

Please complete [this form](#).



## ISPMP Mentor

Through the combined efforts of the International Students and Scholars Office and continuing UCR international students, the International Peer Mentor Program (ISPMP) provides transitional support to incoming international students.

Under the supervision of the ISS Program Coordinator and the ISPMP Leadership Team, mentors will perform a variety of tasks related to the first year experience and transition of international graduate/undergraduate students by providing positive communication, outreach, collecting resources for mentees, and directing students to appropriate resources on-campus.

**\*This is a non-paid volunteer position**

**\*\* Please complete [this application](#) by Tuesday, September 10th at 11:59PM (PT)\*\***

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# ISS FORMS AND GUIDES

Did you know that you can find essential forms, guides, and information about maintaining your status, travel, and employment on our website? [international.ucr.edu/students](https://international.ucr.edu/students)

- [Need a Form?](#)
  - [F and J requirements](#)
  - [Travel and Dependents](#)
  - [Employment and Taxes](#)
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## Contact Us

There are several ways you can reach our team. Our staff works Monday-Friday, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (closed from 12:00 - 1:00 PM for lunch).

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## Thank you from all of us in International Affairs!

As a reminder, the International Student News is an email for international students sent monthly. You will find important information from our office, such as:

- notices from the U.S. government
- reminders to ensure that you stay in status
- UCR campus updates and cultural event information

**Please read the newsletter carefully. If you have any questions, please email our office at [internationalstudents@ucr.edu](mailto:internationalstudents@ucr.edu).**