

June 6, 2025



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025!

Dear students,

We wish you the best of luck on your final papers, research, teaching and exams. For those of you who are graduating or ending your exchange program, congratulations!!! You did it. We are so proud of you!! Thank you for being a valued member of our international community. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and encourage you to keep in touch with us. For those of you who are continuing with us this summer or this Fall, we are glad you are still with us and look forward to supporting you in the upcoming year!

Reminders for graduating students:

- Don't forget to order a copy of your [transcripts](#) after your final grades are posted.
- Review the information on [receiving your diploma](#). If you are using a lived name, please remember that the default name on your diploma will be your lived name.
- Don't forget to let us know if you are finishing your program before the end date on your I-20 form/DS-2019 form.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL UPDATES

Travel Bans

On Jun 4, 2025, the government issued full and partial travel bans for individuals from certain countries.

The countries impacted are:

- Full ban: Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.
- Partial Ban: Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela.
- If you are impacted by these bans, you may wish to reconsider travel outside the United States at this time.
- If you are impacted and currently outside of the United States with a valid visa, you may want to consider returning before the travel ban takes effect at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 9, 2025. While some immigration attorneys believe it may be possible to reenter the U.S after the ban takes effect – provided you have an entry visa that was issued prior to 9 June 2025 – other immigration attorneys are not certain whether that will be allowed. In addition, it is unclear at this time how the ban will be implemented by the airlines and CBP for students with a valid visa who attempt to enter the U.S. after the ban goes into effect. It is also important to be aware that additional countries could be added to either the "Full Ban" or "Partial Ban" categories in the future without advance notice.
- Impacted students with additional questions should contact internationalstudents@ucr.edu to schedule an appointment to speak with an international student advisor.

More information can be found at the following links:

- [U.S. Presidential Proclamation on Travel Bans to the U.S.](#)
- [U.S. Presidential Fact Sheet on Reentry to the U.S.](#)
- [NAFSA Overview on Presidential Issued Travel Bans to the U.S.](#)

New Visa Appointment Pause

The U.S. State Department has instructed U.S. consulates to temporarily pause scheduling new visa appointments for F-1 and J-1 students and scholars. New

appointments will not become available until permitted by the U.S. Department of State. Appointments that have already been scheduled should not be impacted.

ISS continues to issue I-20 and DS-2019 forms for students and scholars.

If you are currently an F-1 or J-1 visa holder who needs a new visa to return to the U.S. after summer travel outside the U.S., you may want to reconsider travelling until more information is available from the Department of State regarding visa appointments. It is unclear at this time how long the pause on visa appointment scheduling will continue.

In general, all F-1 and J-1 students should carefully evaluate travel risks before deciding to travel. Changes to U.S government policies and regulations are unpredictable and could impact return travel to the United States.

If you do decide to travel, please ensure that you have all your travel documents in order; including a recent travel signature on your DS-2019/I-20 Form.

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](#).

If you have any questions, please email internationalstudents@ucr.edu to speak with an advisor.

UPDATE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

U.S. Address | Have You Moved?

The U.S. government requires that F-1 & J-1 students report any residential address change within 10 days of moving. If you've changed your residence address, it is time to update your [ISS Portal](#) with your U.S. Local Address. Please take a moment to log in

- Click on 'Personal Information'

- Click on 'U.S. Address (Update within 10 Days of Any Changes)'
 - Make any updates to your Local Address

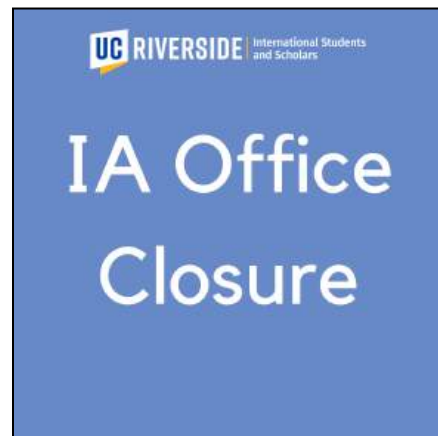
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CAMPUS CLOSURE

Due to Juneteenth, all offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025. The International Students and Scholars Office will reopen again on Friday, June 20th.

All offices and resources will be closed during this date.

In case of an emergency, please contact the UC Campus Police at (951)-827-5222 or dial 911.



EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Finals week stress relief events:

The UCR Library's Finals Week Stress Relief is back. This quarter, they have craft events, food giveaways, contests, and more! Make sure you visit these events to de-stress and take a break.

Date: June 2nd - June 12th, 2025

Venue: Rivera and Orbach library. Check out specific information regarding the events [here!](#)



EVENTS IN RIVERSIDE

Downtown Riverside Farmers Market:

The farmers market provides a unique opportunity to shop for fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, hummus, aged gouda cheese by Winchester Cheese Co., fresh baked bread from Old Town Baking Co. and other specialty food items.

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Venue: On Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets



Thrift market:

SoCal's most talented artists and creatives present the thrift store. These events happen often and contain a lot of different goodies, bags, clothes and even dorm supplies. Please check out [pocket change pop-ups](#) for more details.

Date: June 8th, 2025

Venue: 1393 University Ave Riverside.



PEER MENTOR/MENTEE APPLICATIONS

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.

- ISPMP supports new international students at UCR through peer mentoring and guided resources.
- Run by ISS and student mentors, it includes one-on-one meetings, group sessions, and workshops.
- Mentors assist with outreach, communication, and connecting mentees to campus resources to ease their transition and promote success.

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

**** Please complete [this application](#) by Sunday, August 2nd at 11:59PM (PT)****

ISPMP Mentee

Are you a first-year undergraduate, graduate or Phd student feeling overwhelmed, nervous, or excited about starting college? We're here to help you start strong at UCR and make every moment count. That's the goal of the ISMP (International Student Mentor Program).

What can ISMP offer you?

- A friendly face and instant connection as you arrive at UCR
- One-on-one support to talk through any challenges or questions
- Guidance with communication, campus resources, and getting involved

Let us help you feel at home from day one!

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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

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

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.