

June 7, 2024



**CONGRATS CLASS OF 2024!**

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!

Do you have something that you are proud of that you want to let everyone know about? Do you want to let us know what your future or next steps are for after graduation or just for the summer break? Do you have any messages of thanks or appreciation to pass on to your UCR peers, faculty, or staff? Feel free to post them on our [Message Padlet](#).

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.

If you would like a name other than your lived name to appear on your diploma, you should follow instructions sent to your UCR email address during Week 8 of the term.

- Don't forget to let us know if you are finishing your program before the end date on your I-20 form.

## 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](#).

## SCAM ALERT

### Chinese Police Imposters Scam Alert

The FBI is warning the public about criminal actors impersonating Chinese police officers to defraud the US-based Chinese community, in particular Chinese students attending universities in the United States. [More information here.](#)

## CAMPUS CLOSURE

 UC RIVERSIDE International Students and Scholars

IA Office  
Closure

**Due to Juneteenth, all offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024.** The International Students and Scholars Office will reopen again on Thursday, 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.

## UPCOMING ISS EVENTS



### Grad Spotlight

Please fill out [this form](#) if you would like to be spotlighted on our Instagram (@ucr.iss)! Undergraduate and Graduate students will be highlighted throughout the end of June.

The form will close on **Sunday, June 16th, 2023 at 11:59PM (PT).**

Form Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ucrgrad24>

### Peer Network Series Feedback

Thank you all for attending the various peer networking events held throughout the year. We would like to hear your feedback, so please fill out this form with your opinions on the events we hold! This information will be used for next year's PNS events.

Form Link: <https://tinyurl.com/pnsfeedback24>



## APPLY FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

### International Orientation Volunteers

ISS is looking for volunteers for 2024-2025 International Student Orientation! Please complete [this form](#) no later than June 14th, 2024.

**\* 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.**



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## 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.\***

**Once you have completed [this form](#), please email [kelly.hinosawa@ucr.edu](mailto:kelly.hinosawa@ucr.edu) and notify us of your form completion.**

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# 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. The ISPMP is presented through Student Development Theories (SDT); it consists of one-on-one meetings, group meetings, supplemental resources, and academic and social workshops, all of which support a positive transition to UCR, and promote international students' academic success and integration to the campus and community.

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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## ISPMP Mentee

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# FIRST DESTINATION STORY

## First Destination Story

As we get closer to wrapping-up the 2023-2024 academic year, the Career Center is committed to collecting information regarding the Class of 2023 post-graduation plans. **In an effort to increase our response rate campus-wide to the First Destination**

**Survey**, we invite you to participate in The Career Center's Spring Marketing campaign between May 1 – July 1, 2024, promoting the First Destination Survey for Fall 2023 – Summer 2024 graduates. This year's survey will include a grand raffle prize for respondents - **2 free Breeze Airways tickets sponsored by San Bernardino International Airport.**



**Here are some ways you can support:**

- Feature the First Destination Survey link as an announcement on your course Canvas homepage.
- Add a First Destination Survey slide to your presentations to graduating students.
- Feature the First Destination Survey with our “Your Story Matters” messaging on your Social Media pages.
- Feature the First Destination Survey with our “Your Story Matters” slider and/or messaging on your website.
- Use one of our Zoom background images in your virtual student appointments and encourage students to scan the QR code to fill out the survey.
- Post a First Destination Survey 11x17 poster (up to 4) in your office in a highly student-trafficked area.
- Place First Destination Survey 4x6 flyers in your lobby area in a highly student-trafficked area

**If you are a student from the Class of 2024, please share with us if you have found your next step by emailing us.**

**Please access our marketing resources using the links below:**

[First](#)

[Destination Survey Marketing Toolkit](#)

[First Destination Survey](#)

[Marketing Assets](#)

[First Destination Survey](#)

[Alumni Videos](#)

[First Destination Survey direct link for students: https://careers.ucr.edu/destination](https://careers.ucr.edu/destination) \*

*\*Please note that Summer 2024 graduates will not have access to the survey until June 1. Please have any questions directed to [abhilasha.sachdeva@ucr.edu](mailto:abhilasha.sachdeva@ucr.edu) should any access issues arise.*

# 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?](#)
  - Learn about [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).

General Email: [internationalstudents@ucr.edu](mailto:internationalstudents@ucr.edu)

General Phone: (951) 827 - 4113

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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).**