



International Faculty and Scholars Office (IFSO)

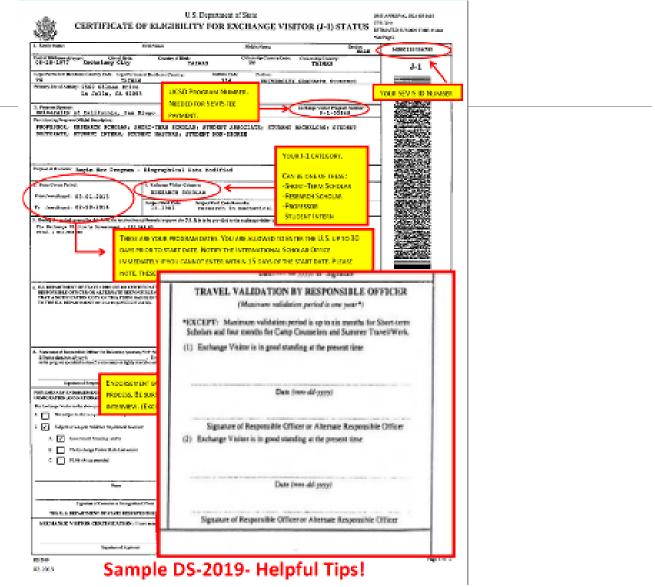
How To Contact Us:

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The International Faculty & Scholars Office is YOUR resource center and provides a wide range of services for spouses and partners, including:

- Immigration Counseling
- Work Permit Counseling for eligible J-2 dependents
- Travel Advice
- > Employment
- General Assistance

Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (DS-2019) (J-2) Status



UCSD Identification Card (ID)

http://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/services/new/cards/affiliate.html

A UCSD (University of California at San Diego) identification card is available for family members of University paid employees (not affiliates).

Note: following departmental authorization, the card is available for \$15.00 cash and can be obtained at the Student Services Center.

A few of the benefits of the University ID card:

Free shuttle access. Route map can be found at: <u>https://transportation.ucsd.edu/_files/shuttles/ShuttleRouteMap.pdf</u>

Check out books at the University libraries <u>http://libraries.ucsd.edu</u>

Discounts on attractions and events <u>https://ucsdboxoffice.com/Online/</u>



California Driver's License

http://dmv.ca.gov

• Who needs a California driver's license?

• Your valid driver's license from your home country is recognized, but is only recommended for visits of less than 2 months.

• How do you get a California driver's license?

- You can obtain a driver's handbook for free online. Visit <u>http://dmv.ca.gov</u>. You will want to STUDY this handbook.
- You will take BOTH a written test and a driving test at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). You take these tests separately. You must have a car for the driving test.



Employment Authorization (EAD)

https://ifso.ucsd.edu/j1/j2/j2-employment/index.html

- J-2 dependent family members may apply
- Must apply through immigration services (USCIS)
- Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- Costs \$410
- Can take from 45-90 days for approval
- Review <u>J-2 Employment Information</u>



- <u>After</u> you get EAD, you may apply for Social Security Number
- J-2 without EAD cannot work

Other Employment Notes

H-4 and F-2 cannot work

- Bona fide volunteer positions are permitted even without a work permit! Consider your interests and volunteer:
 - With the Friends of the International Center
 - At IC Friday Café
 - With non-profit organizations
 - https://www.volunteermatch.org
 - At museums
 - At churches



Unfortunately, you cannot volunteer in labs

Social Security

http://ifso.ucsd.edu/living-in-sd/id-docs/index.html

- A United States federal program of social insurance and benefits that uses taxes from both employers and employees to provide government benefits.
- Recommended timing of application for Social Security Card
- Documents needed for Social Security Card
 - Passport
 - Form I-94
 - EAD & DS-2019
 - If you don't have an EAD, then please refer to <u>https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/ss5doc.htm#o-a-n-work</u> and please make an appointment with IFSO.



Travel and Re-entry

Documents required for re-entry:

- Passport- valid for at least 6 months
- DS-2019 with valid travel signature from the past year
- Valid visa stamp (except Canadian citizens)

Recommendations:

- Do NOT use other visa stamps or status, i.e. WT/WB, B-1/B-2.
- Check your new entry stamp, passport, visa stamp, etc.



Visa

- Can only be used for U.S. entry
- NOT authorization to stay in the U.S.
- Does not need to be valid during stay
- Must renew outside of the U.S.
- To find consulate website, please visit: <u>http://usembassy.state.gov/</u>



Travel to Canada & Mexico & contiguous islands

Special rules MAY apply for using expired J-2 visa to re-enter the U.S.

Please consult us before travelling outside the US and if your current J-2 visa is expired!



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Trip to Disneyland

Snorkeling at La Jolla Cove

Trip to Universal Studios



UCSD Information & Resources

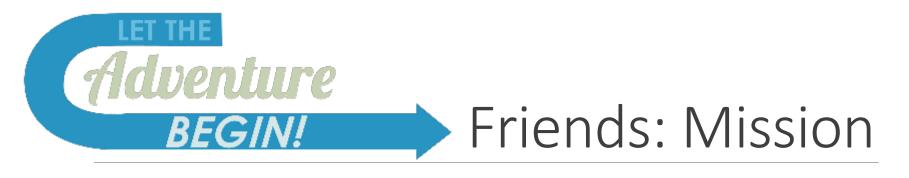
- Events: <u>http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/this-week</u>
- Recreation: <u>http://recreation.ucsd.edu</u>
- Box Office: <u>https://ucsdboxoffice.com/Online/default.asp</u>
- Zipcar: <u>http://www.zipcar.com/ucsd</u>





FRIENDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER





Support International Education

Foster Friendship, Understanding & Cooperation within the International Community

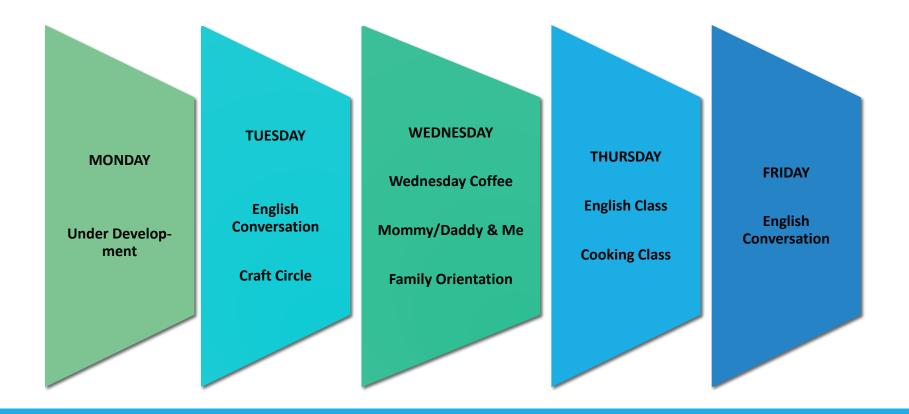
Create Meeting Place at UCSD





Friends: Day-Time Programs

You are attending Family Orientation



Family Orientation 1st and 3rd Wednesday 9:15 am

Learn about Programs and Resources Supporting International Visitors



Welcome to our family!

WELCOME! NFORMATION FOR NEW UCSD INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS

We are so glad <mark>YOU</mark> are here!

English Conversation Tuesday 10 am – Noon Friday 10 am – Noon

Make Friends Practice English Share cultures during interesting discussions



Jaughter.



Craft Circle You are my most favorite work of art Tuesday 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Make Friends Practice English Work on your own projects: instruction provided for sewing, knitting, crocheting and more





You do not have to make anything: You can just come and socialize!



Wednesday Coffee Wednesday 10 am - Noon

Make Friends Learn Have Fun!





Mommy/Daddy & Me: Wednesdays: 1:45 – 2:45

Mommy / Daddy & Me Class

Meet other parents Sing, play and have fun with your children

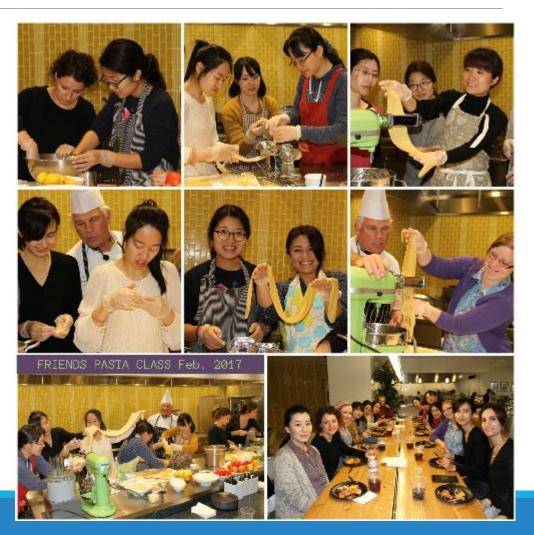
English Class Thursday 10 am – 11:30 am (Emphasis on ESL/English Skills)

Make Friends Practice English Have fun while learning!



Cooking Class 2nd Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Make Friends Practice English Hands on themed cooking class with lunch





Friends Boutique: Resale Shop Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 3:30 pm*

Shop for Bargains! Volunteer! Have Fun!





Additional Activities

Hikes; Photography; Tennis; Field Trips

Holiday Parties: Easter, July 4th, Thanksgiving, Christmas

Picnics; Parties; Baby Showers





HAVE FUN

Friends Dinner Socials Three Times a Year

- ✓ Family-Friendly Dinner & Program
- ✓Casual
- ✓Make new Friends
- ✓Volunteer







Ethnic Dinners/Fundraisers Twice a Year



- Dinner and Program
- ➢Meet New People!
- Adults Only

Money Raised Supports International Scholarships

Special Evening

Superbowl Watch Party February 5, 2017; February 4, 2018







Explanation of American Football

Visit an American Home

Opportunity to visit an American home and meet members of the local community





Friends Scholarships

We support 2014-15 awarded \$76,000 international 2015-16 awarded \$100,000 2016-17 awarded \$103,000 education brilliant

Friendships Through Volunteering

Make New Friends

Develop New Skills

Share Your Skills





Friends Become Family

IC Spouses Facebook:

A closed group for our international community members

- > Any of you can join you do not have to be a spouse!
- Find out about local events & activities



- Ask questions and get help from group members. Examples: where to eat, where to shop, where to go on vacation; what to expect when you
- Members post items for sale (home furnishings, cars)
- > Make social connections & share your experiences about your life in San Diego

http://www.facebook.com/groups/ICspouses

Send a request to join by clicking "join group" in the top-right corner of the page!



