The First Friends Program is designed to help new international, domestic, and undocumented graduate students integrate into the UC Davis campus community. The students who run the program, “the first frienders”, act as mentors and most importantly as friends to help new students excel in their transition process to UC Davis.

First Friends Mentorship Program

International Graduation Reception

International Graduation Reception is a celebratory event to acknowledge the accomplishments of UC Davis international students and of the faculty and staff that support them in achieving their goals. The reception will include dinner, an awards ceremony and a program of entertainment reflecting the diverse cultural backgrounds of UC Davis international students.

RSVP online. Limited seating available.

Employment Workshops

Would you like to gain work experience directly related to your major in the U.S? Will you be completing your academic program within the next two quarters? Consider applying for work authorization. Work authorization* is an employment benefit of your international student status. SISS holds several employment workshops specific to your student status. Attend a workshop to learn more about work authorization, timelines, and the application process.

*F-1 students may work on campus without needing work authorization. Details on siss.ucdavis.edu under F-1 Employment.

To see when the next workshops will be held, please visit siss.ucdavis.edu ➔ Students ➔ F-1 Employment or J-1 Employment

International Partners’ Association (IPA)

Join the International Partners’ Association to socialize and get to know other international partners, who help each other and exchange tips about jobs, volunteer activities, events, ways to get involved in the Davis community and more.
Connect with international and domestic students, scholars, staff, and families! Join this monthly social event to enjoy free refreshments and participate in crafts, games, or activities with a theme. Past themes have included board/card games, holiday card making, flag making, and paper crafts.

Global Engagement Mondays

Attend a weekly discussion to share and learn about common topics of interest in a relaxed, casual environment. Meet new people from around the world and hear new perspectives. American student volunteers facilitate small group conversations on topics ranging from decoding American slang to travel experiences.

International Friendship Program

Apply to be matched with a local resident or international visitor to share customs and spend time together! With your new friend, you can go for occasional meals, bike rides, walks, sports events, holiday celebrations and outings.

Apply any time online at: internationalhousedavis.org

Global Connections Programs are open to all.
Domestic/international students, scholars, partners, faculty and staff are all encouraged to attend!