

New J-1 International Scholar & Undergraduate Researcher Orientation

Welcome to the University of California, Davis from Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS)!



This slideshow presentation is also found on our website at http://siss.ucdavis.edu/scholars_depts/j_visa/j_new.html



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Please visit our SISS website for:



- Information/resources for international students & scholars
- Information on immigration regulations, travel, embassies, government agencies, programs etc.
- SISS listserv sign-up information



International Center





Orientation Objective

The U.S. Department of State requires Jprogram sponsors (UC Davis) to provide Jscholars with information about immigration regulations for exchange visitors. In addition we offer useful information on a variety of topics during your temporary stay. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions!



J-1 Exchange Visitor Program

- For educational & cultural exchange
- "...to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges..." The Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hayes Act of 1961)



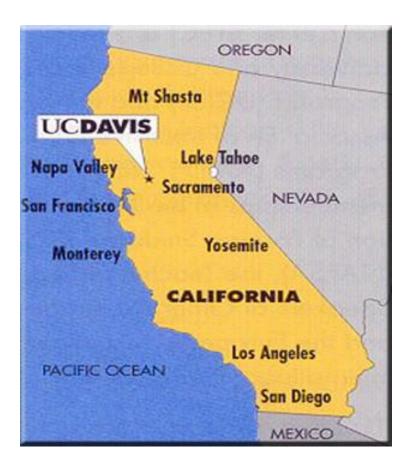
University of California The US #1 Public University

- One of 10 campuses of the University of California "
- **UC Davis' sister campuses:**

UC Santa Cruz UC Berkeley UC San Diego
UC Los Angeles
UC Riverside
UC Irvine
UC Merced

UC San Francisco

- **Located 1.5 hours east of San Francisco** Bay Area, and 20 minutes west of Sacramento, capital of the state of **California**
- UC Davis hosts about 2,200 J-1 scholars and their families throughout the year.





Davis Highlights

- Davis is the most comprehensive UC: more than 34,000 students in over 102 academic majors and 90 graduate programs. Davis is a leader in interdisciplinary collaboration in teaching and research.
- A Tier One research university.
- UCD ranks top 10 in hosting international scholars nationwide.
- In US News and World Report, UCD ranks top 10 among public universities in the US.

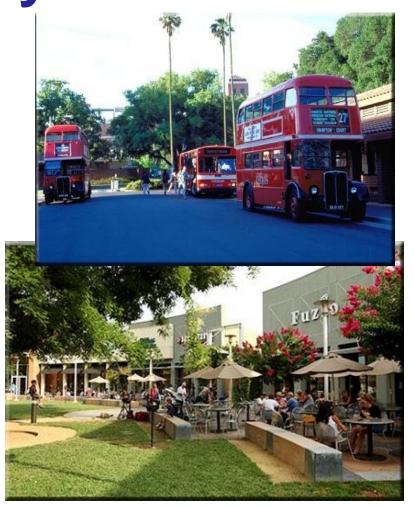


Here, students are in the ARC gymnasium attempting to break the record for attendance at a basketball game.



Life in the City of Davis

- A small city of about 64,000 residents
- "Bicycle Capital of the U.S.A."
- Wonderful year-round climate (over 300 days of sunshine per year)
- Peaceful, friendly community
- Internationally oriented
- Safe -- extremely low crime level
- Less traffic or pollution
- Sports oriented population
- Great location -- just one hour from San Francisco; 90 minutes from Lake Tahoe and ski resorts; 45 minutes from the famous Napa Valley





Campus Scenes



In front of Mrak Hall



Memorial Union



Mondavi Center





Recreation

- 10 museums and galleries from insects to design.
- Robert and Magrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts.
- Outdoor Adventures to learn to camp, kayak and climb.
- English classes on campus and around town (see handout in orientation folder).









International House, Davis

Location:

10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616

Telephone:

(530)-753-5007

Website:

http://www.internationalhousedavis.org

English classes
International film series
Campus book project
Club International
Children's storytelling
Connections group
Art exhibits
Annual International Festival- every
October



International Festival: in October



Transportation

<u>TAPS</u> (Transportation & Parking Services):

http://taps.ucdavis.edu/

→on-campus parking permits

→bike registration sticker

Berkeley Bus:

http://berkbus.ucdavis.edu

<u>Unitrans (Local Transit Bus Service):</u>

http://unitrans.ucdavis.edu/fares

Bikes:

Bike Barn (close to Silo), downtown bike stores or sign up for our bulletin listserv (see Orientation folder) to check for sale ads







Social Security Number (SSN)

- Apply in person at the West Sacramento social security office (refer to our handout for additional information)
- Wait 10 business days after arrival in the U.S. to apply (although in some cases, it takes longer)
- Application should include: complete application form, copies of the passport, J-1 visa stamp, I-94 print-out from www.cbp.gov/I94, DS-2019 and department invitation letter
- CAUTION: memorize your social security number and keep the card in a safe place, be careful when you provide your SSN information



How to get a California Driver's License

 You may apply for the license at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

http://www.dmv.ca.gov 1-(800)-777-0133

Davis office: 505 Pole Line Rd.

Woodland office: 825 East Street, # 306

J-1 scholars need a <u>social security number</u> first. The international driver's license is NOT accepted in California.



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 Applicants must provide 2 different forms of acceptable residency documents

Examples:

- ✓ signed rental/lease agreement
- home utility bill
- medical document
- employment document
- ✓ insurance document
- CA car title or registration
- Postal Service change of address confirmation...



Tax Information

Glacier:

- is the Nonresident Tax Compliance System at UCD: if you are paid by UCD, you will be asked to complete your Glacier record after arrival here
- for Glacier questions, contact UCD Accounting & Financial Services

Tax returns (forms) have to be filed by April 15 every year for the income during the previous calendar year. No UCD payments: complete only Form 8843.

General tax information is found on our website under "resources." Every spring, we'll make tax filing software available. SISS is not authorized to provide tax advice.



UC Davis AggieCard



- The Aggie ID card is required for various things, including UCD library privileges and bus ticket discounts.
- If paid by UC Davis, you need your employee ID number from your host department.
- If not paid by UC Davis, your department administrative staff person has to complete the Visitor Aggie Card Request Form.
- Make an appointment and take your employee or non-paid ID number and passport to the Transportation Services Building (TAPS)
 Monday–Friday 12:30 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Visit http://employeeid.ucdavis.edu/ for more information







- Must meet the minimum coverage requirements by Department of State
 →See SISS web site for more information regarding health coverage and the new minimum requirements. The Postdoc insurance meets all requirements.
- Scholars employed by UC Davis with UC Davis health insurance who are not Postdocs must buy an insurance supplement to cover Medical Evacuation and Repatriation of remains.

We recommend Betins International Health and Travel Insurance, Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Supplement:

http://www.betins.com/products/evacuation/evacuation.aspx

 For scholars not employed by UC Davis, we recommend Barney & Barney (see SISS website)



Health Insurance Tips

- You and your spouse should always carry information with you about your insurance company and their contact information.
- Find out what doctors you can use in the area before you get sick.
- In general, hospitals want to confirm with your insurance company prior to offering medical help; it is not the custom to expect the individual to pay and be reimbursed for the expense, especially if it is an expensive procedure.
- Most insurance companies will not cover a visit to an "Emergency Room" unless the doctors there determine that it was a medical "emergency;" therefore, make an appointment with a doctor whenever possible.
- Most medical insurance does not cover pre-existing conditions or dental needs.
 Check your insurance carefully for exceptions.
- A list of area hospitals is on the SISS website under: J-1 Visa for Scholars Health Insurance.



J Immigration Regulations

It is your responsibility to maintain legal immigration status while in the U.S.!

- You must have a valid DS-2019 and passport at all times while in the program.
- During the US entry inspection an electronic I-94 record (arrival & departure record) was created for you, which shows your legal entry and confirms your status information. Another document that shows legal entry as a J-1 is the admission stamp in your passport.



Visa and Immigration Status

The term "visa" only refers to the passport visa stamp.

- It is a document needed to apply for admission to enter the U.S.
- The J visa may expire while you are here and you would remain legal.

Immigration status refers to your temporary stay in the U.S. in the J visa classification.

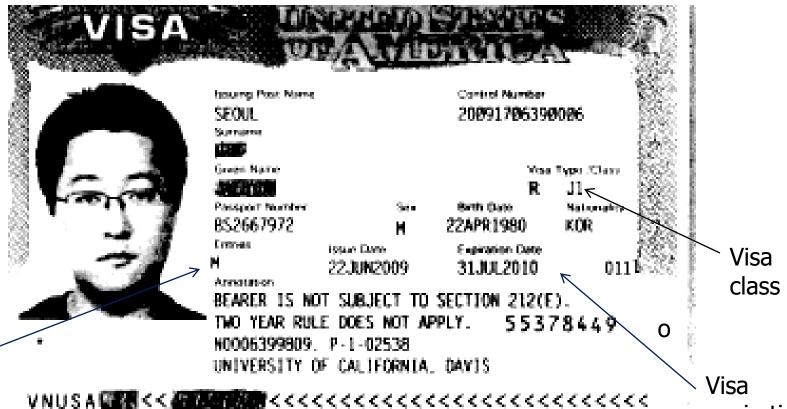


QUESTION: What happens if my visa expires during my stay?

- Answer: NOTHING! The visa is just an entry document.
- If you leave the US and return, you may need to have your visa renewed at a US embassy if it has expired.



J-1 Visa Sample



Multiple entries

Visa expiration date

BS26679726KOR8004222M1007316J1SE01DW3K862106



I-94, Passport Stamp and DS-2019

The electronic I-94 and the admission stamp in your passport should show "J-1" and "D/S" (duration of status). Please confirm this by checking your I-94 record at www.cbp.gov/I94



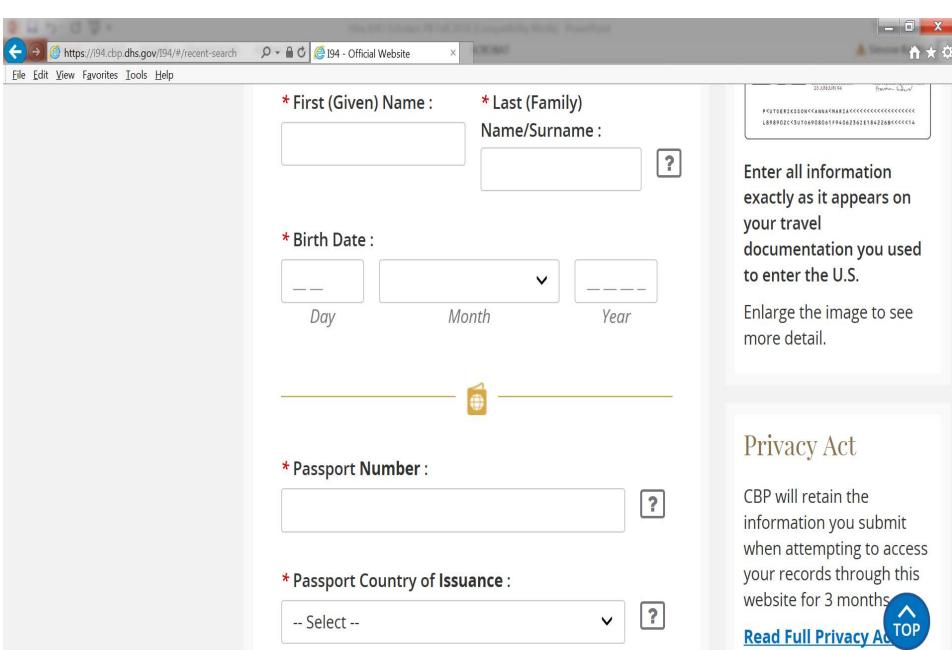
- You have to print your I-94 record, if you need to apply for a <u>social security number</u> or a driver's license.
- Form DS-2019 has to be valid at all times during the J-1 program.



The following slides will show the I-94 access page and images of the I-94, passport admission stamp and DS-2019.









Electronic I-94

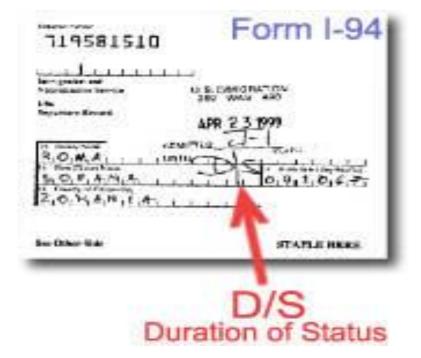
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Class of Admission: J1	
Admit Until Date: D/S	
Details provided on the I-94 Information form:	
Last/Surname:	
First (Given) Name:	
Birth Date:	
Passport Number: Massaure	
Country of Issuance: Italy	
Get Travel History	
Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the	
required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).	
If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.	
Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-84 number.	
Epr inquiries or questions regarding your I-94, please click here,	
Accessibility Privacy Policy	
https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html	7/22/2014
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Paper I-94 Card

 A paper I-94 is issued only when J scholars enter the US at the Canadian or Mexican land

border.





Passport Admission Stamp

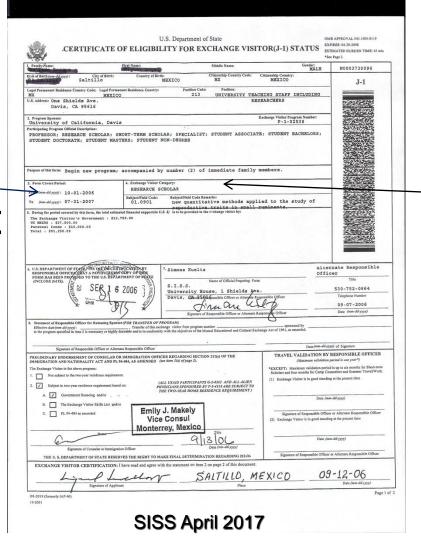






DS-2019

Dates of _____Appointment

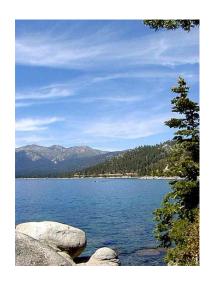


J-1 Category



30-day grace period

- You have 30 days after your J-1 program completion date to stay in the US – this is a "grace period."
- During your grace period you:
 - cannot work or travel internationally, except to depart the U.S.
 - may travel in the U.S. or take a holiday (we suggest Lake Tahoe!)
 - You should NOT overstay your grace period





J-1 Categories and their Maximum Program Durations

Check box 4 of the DS-2019 for your J-1 category:

Scholar categories

<u>Short-Term Scholar</u> (no more than six months duration)

<u>Specialist</u> (no more than one year)

Research Scholar (no more than five years) — Note: 12-month and 24-month bar may apply to future return as J research scholar



Student category

Non-Degree Student (no more than 24 months duration)



J Non-Degree Students

- This category provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to do research at UCD.
- No student fees have to be paid and therefore students are not eligible for student services such as student health insurance, free access to the ARC or free transportation on Unitrans buses.
- On campus employment is possible with "J-1 On Campus Employment Application Form" and approval from SISS advisor.
- A social security number is necessary if working.





SEVIS

- SEVIS= <u>Student Exchange Visitor</u>
 <u>Information System</u>
- Necessary to issue DS-2019 and to report all program changes to SISS (funding, date & name changes etc.)
- Contact SISS within 10 days about: changes of residential address, J-1 and J-2 e-mail address and phone number



DS-2019 extension and transfer

- For your program extensions please have your department submit the DS-2019 extension request to SISS two months in advance
- Transfers to other J sponsors possible if:
 - -same type of research
 - -no gaps in employment
 - -there is still time left in current status and J category





iGlobal

New and extension DS-2019 requests will be submitted to SISS electronically.

This will reduce errors and streamline the document issuance process.

You will be asked to complete eForms in iGlobal and submit to SISS.





International Travel?

DS-2019 travel signature required!

- Drop off your DS-2019 at SISS, with complete travel signature request form attached (found at siss.ucdavis.edu)
- Is your J visa valid? If not, please check US embassy website about visa extension requirements and processing times:
 http://www.usembassy.gov/
 - Travel to Canada or Mexico: automatic visa revalidation

 A DUI (driving under the influence) will affect your visa application.

 Marijuana use is banned under US Federal Law.
- Do you have a layover (stop) in another country prior to reaching your destination? You may need a transit visa. Check with the embassy of the country where you stop, or the airline, to get more information.
- If you have applied for a waiver of 212e, travel can be risky.
 Please consult with an international scholar advisor.



J-1/J-2 DS-2019 Travel Signature Form

- SISS has one business day processing time
- Travel signature is valid for 6 months from date of signature
- Link to form on our website, under "Forms and Handouts" and "International Scholars": http://siss.ucdavis.edu/forms/scholar_forms.html
- Form is included in your orientation materials.











- What three documents are required for your international travel?
 - Valid J Visa, except Canadian citizen
 - Signed DS-2019
 - Passport valid for next six months



Home Residency Requirement: "Two Year Rule" or "212 (e)"

- Based on the home country skills list or government funding
- Has to be waived or fulfilled to change status to H-1B, L-1, K
 or apply for permanent residency (green card)
- To obtain a waiver, review information on the Department of State website, under the J-1 category: http://travel.state.gov
- The DS-2019 cannot be extended after waiver recommendation from the Department of State Keep SISS informed of your plans!
- Don't confuse with the 24-month bar!



Incidental Employment

- Research Scholars/Professors may apply
- For lectures, consultations, etc.
- Incidental means "not essential" or "minor" employment
- Scholar must receive <u>written approval</u>
 <u>from an advisor at SISS prior to receiving</u>
 <u>payment from non-UCD source</u>



UCD Resources



- General Resources:
 - http://mediation.ucdavis.edu/additional/campus.html
- Academic & Staff Assistance Program (ASAP): (530)752-2727 http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness/ASAP
- Ombuds Office on Davis & Sacramento campus, (530)219-6750
- UCD Work/Life: http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/worklife-wellness
- Emergency Services/Campus Safety (UCD website): to report an emergency call 911, from a cell phone call (530) 752-1230



City of Davis Resources

- www.daviswiki.org: banks, libraries, shops restaurants, parks etc.
- Off-campus housing issues: Yolo Conflict Resolution Center http://yolocrc.org/
- City of Davis website: schools, events http://cityofdavis.org/







Departure

Please complete the departure form (found on SISS website) before you leave:

http://siss.ucdavis.edu/forms/scholar forms.html

- New! J-2 departure form completion: if J-2 leaves <u>before</u> the J-1 ends program at UCD
- **24-month bar** applies to J-1 research scholar/professors (& their J-2 dependents) who want to return as research scholars/professors in the future. If this is a concern, contact your advisor.
- If you are a J-1 short-term scholar, you may return at any time.



Orientation Online and Orientation Survey

You may review this orientation any time at the SISS website:

http://siss.ucdavis.edu/scholars_depts/j_visa/j_new.html

Look for "New J-1 International Scholar Orientation Slideshow" at the bottom of the "J-1 Check in and Orientation" Scholar webpage above.



International Partner Association (IPA)

IPA is a network of international spouses and partners: who help each other, exchange information about jobs, volunteer activities, events, ways to get involved in the Davis community, and more!

igspassociation@gmail.com



ISI Volunteers (International Students, Inc.)

- Non-profit community organization made up of volunteers from churches in the area
- Volunteers can assist international scholars with things like moving and settling in Davis
- ISI hosts dinners at home with Americans each month. Sign up today!
- For more information, contact:
 Simon Zeigler at simonzeigler@gmail.com



Scholars and their Families at a Friends of Community Dinner











Again, welcome to UC Davis! We wish you a productive and enjoyable stay!

Please give your presenter copies of your J-1 visa stamp, your DS-2019, your I-94 print-out *or* your passport admission stamp and your completed Scholar Personal Data Sheet. Thanks for coming today!





