There is a range of campus funding support available for international graduate students, such as departmental block grants, teaching and researching assistantships, and on-campus employment. Extramural funding is available through academic fellowships, research grants, conference support, and more. When experiencing a financial crisis, students also have access to the Financial Crisis Response Team as well as the International Student Award through OISS. Students can also find information on supporting international education through the Graduate Student Resource Center’s Finding Funding workshops and through consultations with the Funding Peer Advisor.

Career & Professional Development
UCSB is deeply committed to providing excellent career and professional development support to international graduate students. Students have direct access to over 100 annual professional development events provided by the Graduate Student Resource Center and Career Services. You can also benefit from personalized career consultations, CPT/OPT workshops, the International Graduate Student Career Guide, and career exploration opportunities at the Beyond Academia conference.

Success in graduate school is more than just completing degree requirements. For international graduate students, it is vital to find resources to support your academic, professional, and social life. UCSB offers an abundance of opportunities to help you thrive both during and after your graduate program.
IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As a UCSB international student, there are several things to be mindful of in order to maintain legal visa status and good academic standing:

MAINTAINING ACADEMIC STATUS | Periodically check with your department’s Graduate Program Assistant regarding degree progress and course requirements. International graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 8 units per quarter, and some departments may require registration for more than 8 units.

I-20 TRAVEL SIGNATURES | Remember to bring your I-20 or DS-2019 to OISS for travel validation at least 2 business days before you leave the United States. Each travel signature is valid for up to 6 months.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT LIMIT | International students can work on-campus up to 50% appointment time (not above 20 hours per week) during academic quarters, and full-time (100%) during the summer.

OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY | International students must have been enrolled as an F-1 student for a minimum of one academic year (9 months) to be eligible for off-campus employment.

TAX FILING | As an international student, if you earn income from any source between January 1 and December 31 of a given calendar year, remember to file both Federal and State income tax returns on time.

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TA Development Program
Financial Crisis Response Team
Career Services
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