



About SISS

SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

OUR MISSION

The purpose of Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS) is to help build a campus community that fully includes the international students and scholars who study and work at UC Davis.

Toward this goal, SISS staff assist students and scholars in obtaining visas, work authorizations and maintaining their legal immigration status. We provide orientations, workshops and other programs, usually in collaboration with other campus units, that support international students and scholars in their professional and personal lives. SISS is also an important source of information for campus faculty, staff and administrators.

DISTINCTIONS

- Serves **more than 10,000** international students, scholars and their families from **over 140 countries**
- **Ranked 11th** of all U.S. institutions hosting international scholars in 2016-2017 (2,261)
- Works with **over 100** academic departments
- Promotes campus **internationalization**

CORE SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS

Immigration and Visa Issues

SISS assists UC Davis international students and scholars to obtain the appropriate non-immigrant visa or permanent resident status to facilitate their studies or work in the United States.

- SISS is responsible for the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for all F-1 and J-1 students and scholars
- SISS is the campus resource for departments hiring faculty, staff or students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents

- SISS provides information and advice for students wishing to engage in on or off-campus employment, and for scholars and researchers working at UC Davis

Programs and Information

We provide:

- Orientations for international undergraduate students, international graduate students, J-1 visiting scholars/postdocs and spouses/partners of international students and scholars
- Programs for the international community including mentorship, intercultural communication training, social events and activities connecting the international community with the broader campus community (email sisconnect@ucdavis.edu for more information)
- An International Student and Scholar Handbook
- Additional information regarding:
 - Health insurance for visiting scholars
 - Applications for Social Security Cards and California Driver Licenses
 - Housing options in Davis and Sacramento
 - Other information for and about the international community



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