

## **Request for Issuance of Student Visa Documents**

In order to obtain visa documents to study at UC Irvine, you are required to provide personal and financial information that is used to prepare an I-20 or DS-2019 that will allow you to come to campus on F-1 or J-1 visa status.

Please read the attached seven-page document, the *2021-22 I-20/DS-2019 New Graduate Student Request* packet carefully. The document is also available online at <https://ic.uci.edu/resource-pages/requesting-visa-document.php>

The first three pages provide instructions for completing the form that follows, on pages 4-7.

After you have filled in pages 4-7 completely, save a copy of all four pages and email them, along with a copy of your passport biographical information page, to the following address. (You are not required to send us a copy of your financial support letter; we have that on file here.)

**arias@uci.edu**

**PLEASE USE THIS ADDRESS ONLY. DO NOT MAIL YOUR DOCUMENTS DIRECT TO THE UCI INTERNATIONAL CENTER OR ANY OTHER CAMPUS ADDRESS.**

Send your document to us at your very earliest opportunity, any time after April 1st.

Your *I-20/DS-2019 New Graduate Student Request* packet, when we receive it, will be reviewed in the School of Social Sciences and forwarded to the UCI International Center for processing.

Visa documents – both the I-20 and the DS-2019 – are prepared in the International Center, not the School of Social Sciences, a process that takes time: in most cases, at least three weeks from the date they arrive on campus, and often longer. Please plan accordingly—we do not offer a “rush” service whereby your documents can be prepared ahead of others received earlier. International document delivery can easily add another 2-3 weeks to the time you spend waiting for your visa documents to arrive.

As the physical International Center office is currently closed due to quarantine, you must receive your new student visa documents via mail, and pay for mailing through eShipGlobal <http://study.eshipglobal.com>.

Please note that mail delivery is available only through eShipGlobal. Your documents, when ready, cannot be shipped through any other international delivery company or by any other delivery method.

Please be patient while your visa documents are being processed. Your documents, if submitted properly and in a timely manner, as explained above, will reach you in time for arrival on campus in the fall.

An I-20 for academic year 2021-22 beginning in September will allow you to arrive on campus up to one month (30 days) before the start of fall term. The Fall 2021 academic term begins on Monday, September 27. (The first-year program in the Economics Department begins on September 7; international students entering this program will be able to arrive on campus earlier than PhD students in other programs in the School.)

Please keep this in mind when scheduling a visa interview at your nearest US consulate or embassy.

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