

November 1, 2023

International Student News

Important Updates from



International Students
and Scholars

Daylight Saving Time



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!

Daylight saving time ends this Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 am. All non-automatic clocks should be manually set back one hour at 2:00 am.

CAMPUS CLOSURE

Upcoming dates for UCR Campus Closure!

- **November 10th - Veterans Day holiday**
- **November 23-24th - Holiday Academic Closure**

All offices and resources will be closed during these dates.

In case of an emergency, please contact the UC Campus Police at (951)-827-5222 or dial 911.

F & J Employment Regulations

On-Campus Employment

- F-1 and J-1 students can work no more than 20 hours per week on campus while school is in session.
- During the summer break, students may work full time on campus.
- J-1 students are required to let the ISS know if they get an on-campus job as on-campus employment approval is required and information about that on-campus job must be placed in the Student and Exchange Visitor system.
- On campus employment does not have to be related to a student's degree.
- F-2 students/dependents cannot work on or off campus.
- J-2 students must apply for an Employment Authorization Document from USCIS to obtain on-campus or off campus employment authorization.
- If you do not have an SSN number and get an on-campus job, F-1 and J-1 students will need to complete our SSN Verification form. **This form is only for on-campus employment.**

Off-Campus Employment

- Both F-1 and J-1 students must have prior approval and authorization in order to work off campus.
- Working off campus without authorization carries serious immigration consequences.
- Having a social security number does not mean that you have approval to work off campus. F-1 and J-1 students must meet the eligibility requirements and receive prior approval and written authorization for off-campus work/training.
- In the case of CPT for F-1 students and Academic Training for J-1 students, the training must be directly related to your degree and integral to your curriculum. Enrollment in an internship course is required.

To learn more about employment as an F or J student, please visit:

<https://international.ucr.edu/students/employment-and-taxes>.

INTERNATIONAL FEE UPDATE

Undergraduate Fee Update

Beginning with the Winter 2024 Term, international undergraduate students will be assessed a quarterly fee of \$150, which will be automatically charged to their student accounts. The fee enables us to offer various services to our international undergraduate students, such as helping them with student visas, advising them on international student issues, assisting them to adapt to academic life at UC Riverside, and complying with federal laws. The fee also covers the expenses of dealing with the growing and complicated government rules and reporting obligations and improves the quality of service for the international undergraduate student community by lowering the number of students per advisor.



UPCOMING ISS EVENTS

Grad Success Coffee Social Sponsored by the ISS Office!



Join the ISS Office during the GradSuccess weekly coffee social. There will be coffee, snacks, and raffle prizes for attendance. We hope to see you there!

- **Date: November 8th**
- **Time: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm**
- **Location: XCITE Commons Patio in the Rivera Library**

R'Time: For International Women

A safe space for international women. Join us for food and fun activities.

Meetings for Fall

Wednesday, November 8th, 11:00AM-12:00PM at HUB 260

Thursday, December 7th, 11:00AM-12:00PM at HUB 260

Hosted by the International [Students and Scholars](#) office and [The Well](#). For any questions, please contact [Jacqueline Hernandez](#)



International Education Week: November 13 - 17

In collaboration with the International Students and Scholars Office, ASUCR is hosting an **International Education Week** kick-off event!



ASUCR will be offering FREE BOBA for the first 50 students! There will be raffles, prizes and more!

ASUCR and the ISS Office appreciate and celebrate the international community of students at UCR!

Event Details:

Date: Monday, November 13

Location: HUB 379

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00pm

No RSVP needed. First come first serve.

Peer Network Social: Diwali

Happy Diwali Highlanders!

We are excited for you to join us for our FIRST-EVER Diwali Event hosted by ISS!

You will have a chance to paint your own clay diya, create a rangoli using glitter glue pens, and to enjoy delicious cultural appetizers. Traditional Indian attire encouraged!

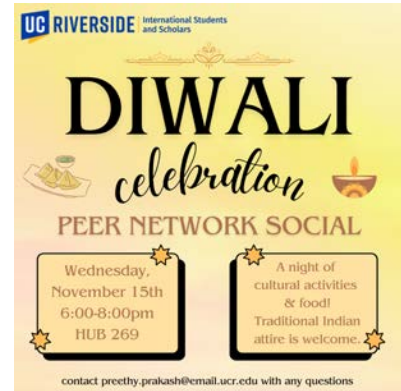
Diya and rangoli activities will be **limited to the first 40 students**.

RSVP [HERE](#) to secure your spot!

Event Date: Wednesday, November 15th

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm (PST)

Location: HUB 269



Fall 2023 Language Circles

Learn or practice a variety of languages through informal conversations led by our Language Circle Moderators. All moderators are volunteers and native speakers of the specific language.

Official Language Circle Schedule for Fall 2023:

Wednesdays in HUB 367		Thursdays in HUB 367	
11:00 -11:50 am	Spanish	1:00 - 1:50 pm	Mandarin French
12:00 - 12:50 pm	English	2:00 - 2:50 pm	Italian
1:00 - 1:45 pm	Russian		
2:10 - 3:00 pm	Japanese		

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Become a Cultural Ambassador!

The ISS Office is looking for volunteer Cultural Ambassadors to give a presentation about a country, city, state/province, or location of your choice!

- Applicants will create a presentation on Powerpoint or Google Slides that is 30 minutes or less (an art or dance activity as part of your presentation, welcome)
- All presentations must be reviewed and approved by ISS Student Staff.
- A Kahoot! Trivia game will be created for your presentation by the ISS Team.
 - Your audience will have a chance to win prizes!
- See the R'Culture Resource Guide [here](#) for more information.
- Want to see a [sample presentation?](#)



[Click HERE for the Cultural Ambassador application](#)

ISS FORMS AND GUIDES

Did you know that you can find essential forms, guides, and information about maintaining your status, travel, and employment on our website? international.ucr.edu/students

- [Need a Form?](#)
 - Learn about [F and J requirements](#)
 - [Travel and Dependents](#)
Please note that we do not recommend travel at this time since things are difficult to predict with changing governmental regulations and travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please consult with an advisor before making travel plans.
 - [Employment and Taxes](#)
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Contact Us

There are several ways you can reach our team. Our staff works Monday-Friday, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (closed from 12:00 - 1:00 PM for lunch).

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Thank you from all of us in International Affairs!

As a reminder, the International Student News is an email for international students sent monthly. You will find important information from our office, such as:

- notices from the U.S. government
- reminders to ensure that you stay in status
- UCR campus updates and cultural event information

Please read the newsletter carefully. If you have any questions, please email our office at internationalstudents@ucr.edu.