# Introduction to Nonresident Tax Filing in the United States (Federal Taxes)

For 2024 Tax Year

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## **Useful U.S. Tax Terms**





- IRS (Internal Revenue Service): U.S. federal tax collection agency
- Income Tax Return: Tax forms that you complete to report income and other tax information and submit to the IRS.
- Tax Residency: This determines how you file taxes. You may file as either:
  - Nonresident for tax purposes or
  - Resident for tax purposes
- **GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP):** GTP is an online income tax filing software designed for international students and scholars who are considered *nonresidents for tax filing purposes*.



## **Important Tax Dates**





#### Federal Tax Deadline for 2024 tax year for those with income:

• \*April 15, 2025

#### California State Tax Deadline for 2024 tax year:

• \*April 15, 2025





# Do I Have to File U.S. Tax Forms?



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Were you present in the U.S. in 2024 in F or J status?	If you were present in 2024, you <u>must</u> file tax forms. You must file even if you were in the U.S. for part of the year or if you did not have income. If you were NOT present in 2024, then you do not need to file tax forms for 2024.					



#### **Do I Have to File U.S. Tax Forms?**

- If you are in F or J status and were present in the U.S during the 2024 calendar year, you are required to complete **Form 8843** regardless of income or days of presence.
- If you earned income or received taxable income over \$0, you will have a federal filing requirement.

Depending on your tax situation in 2024, you may be required to file:

- 1. U.S. Federal Tax Return
- 2. State Income Tax Return





Minimum filing requirement for those in F or J status present in the U.S. in 2024

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# Determining Residency for Tax Purposes





#### Why do I need to determine my residency for tax purposes?

Your tax residency determines how you are taxed and what forms are required. Tax residency is separate from your immigration status.

#### **Determining Tax Residency**

You can determine your tax residency by answering a few questions on the **GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP) Software.** 

- Nonresident
- Resident





- Most international students/scholars in F/J status are nonresidents for tax filing purposes.
- If you are an F or J student, you will be considered a nonresident for tax purposes for the first 5 calendar years in the U.S.
- If you are a J scholar, you will be considered a nonresident for tax purposes for 2 out of the last 6 years in the U.S.
- You can use **GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)** to easily determine your tax residency status.
- As a nonresident for tax purposes, you may continue to use GTP to complete your federal tax forms.

**Nonresident Dependents** 

- Unfortunately nonresidents cannot file a joint tax return with their dependents (spouse or children) who are nonresidents for tax purposes.
- If the dependent is also a nonresident for tax purposes, they must file separately.

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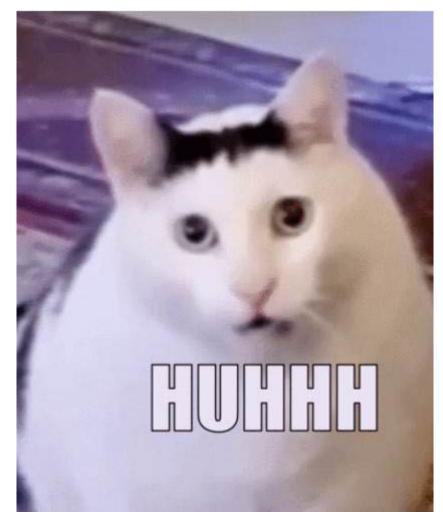
• If you have been in the U.S. for longer than the 5 year or 2 year period, you can use the <u>Substantial Presence Test</u> to determine your tax residency status.

To meet this test, you must be physically present in the United States (U.S.) on at least:

- 31 days during the current year, and
- 183 days during the 3-year period that includes the current year and the 2 years immediately before that, counting:
- $\circ~$  All the days you were present in the current year, and
- 1/3 of the days you were present in the first year before the current year, and
- 1/6 of the days you were present in the second year before the current year.







Thankfully, you can easily use **GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP) software** to get an accurate determination of your tax residency status.





- If GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP) determines that you are a resident for tax purposes, you will be taxed like a U.S. citizen and resident.
- Residents for tax purposes may use online tax services like TurboTax, H&R Block, etc.

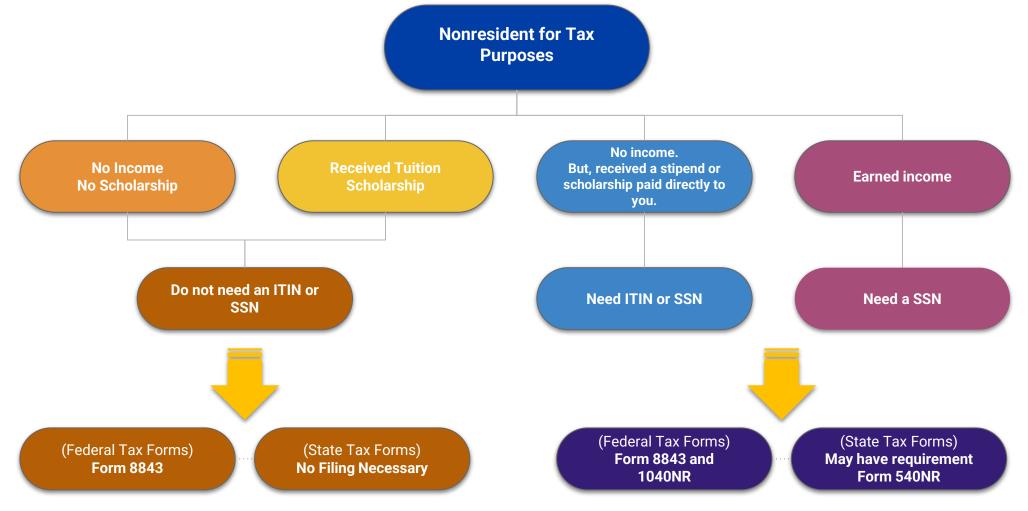




# Tax Forms to File as a Nonresident



#### **U.S. Tax Flowchart for Nonresidents for Tax Purposes**



\*NR = nonresident

Disclaimer: This flowchart is provided as a guide and does not constitute as legal tax advice. For specific tax questions, please consult with a certified nonresident tax professional.

## No U.S. Income in 2024?

Nonresident for tax purposes

No U.S. income in 2024

No Scholarship

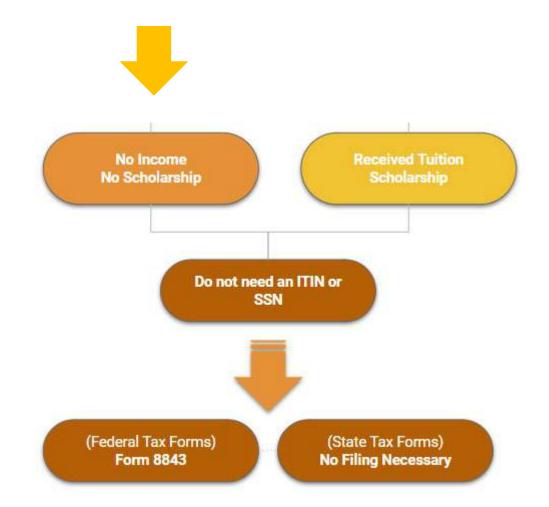
You will need to complete:

#### Federal Tax Form

• Form <u>8843</u>

#### **State Tax Form**

• No Filing Necessary



# Scholarship applied directly to tuition and fees?

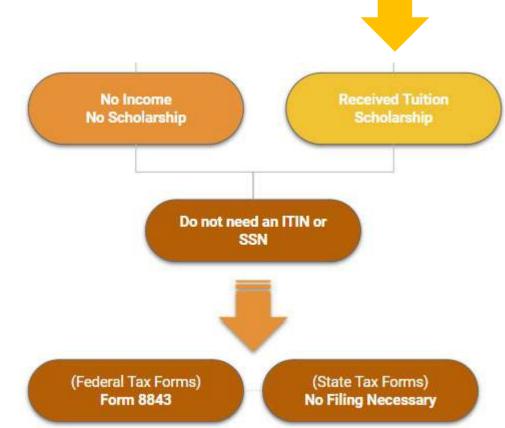
- Nonresident for tax purposes
- 🔽 No U.S. Income in 2024
- No stipend or fellowship money
- Fellowship or scholarship is applied directly to tuition/fees.

#### You will need to complete:

- **Federal Taxes**
- Form <u>8843</u>

#### **State Taxes**

• No Filing Necessary



# Scholarship or stipend paid directly to me?

- Nonresident for tax purposes
- No U.S. Income in 2024
- Fellowship, scholarship, or stipend paid directly to you

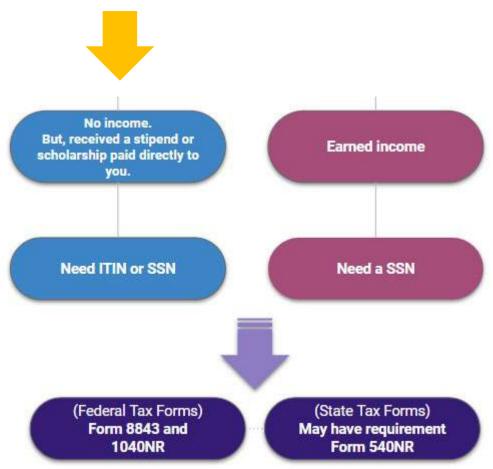
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#### **Federal Taxes**

• Form <u>8843</u> and <u>1040NR</u>

#### **State Taxes**

May have filing requirement
 File 540NR



## **U.S. income in 2024?**

Nonresident for tax purposes

Earned U.S. Income in 2024

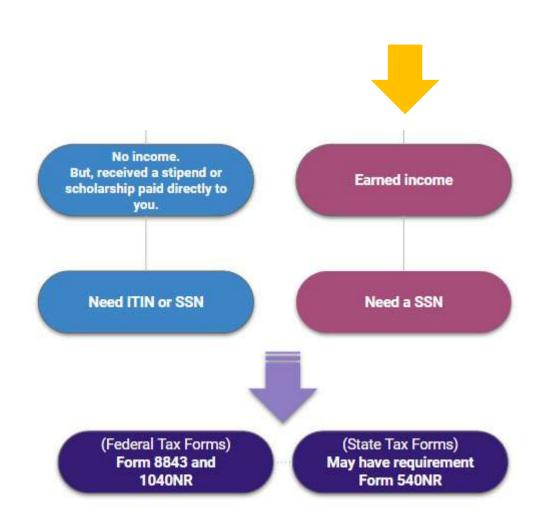
#### You will need to complete:

#### **Federal Taxes**

• Form <u>8843</u> and <u>1040NR</u>

#### **State Taxes**

- May have filing requirement
  - File <u>540NR</u>





# Before Filing Federal Tax Forms





Remember to file your taxes correctly.

- Nonresidents for tax purposes should not use online tax services like TurboTax
- Nonresidents for tax purposes can use GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP) or Sprintax to complete federal tax forms
- <u>Sprintax</u> can be used to file State taxes. You must use the link on our website to file State taxes separately via Glacier.



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#### GLACIER

#### Not everyone will have a Glacier account.

#### Who will have a GLACIER account?

- Employed with UCR
- Scholarship or Fellowship payments
- Stipend
- Athletes

#### What is GLACIER used for?

It is used to determine the following:

- Correct taxation on wages
- Tax Treaty
- Any withholdings

#### Can you use GLACIER for tax forms?

No, GLACIER cannot help prepare tax forms

#### Can I access GTP?

Yes. If you have a GLACIER account, you will have automatic access to GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP) for the tax season.

#### **GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)**

#### What is GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)?

- Online Software to help prepare tax forms for only nonresidents
- Free for all UCR-affiliated international students, scholars, and dependents
- Helps determine your tax residency status
  - Nonresident or Resident tax status

#### What taxes does it help with?

It helps complete Federal Taxes for nonresidents. It does NOT help with State taxes.

#### How do I get access?

- If you have Glacier account, then automatic access to GTP
- If no Glacier account, then must request Access Code from ISS office

#### **Getting Access to GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)**

Two ways to access GTP:

- 1) Through your GLACIER Account
- 2) Requesting a GTP Access Code

#### 1) Through your GLACIER Account

Some students and scholars may have a GLACIER account. You can access GLACIER Tax Prep automatically through your GLACIER account.



### Getting Access to GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)

2) Requesting a GTP Access Code

If you do not have a GLACIER account and need access to GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP),

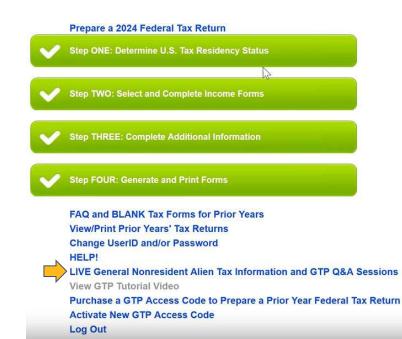
- You can request a GTP access code by emailing internationalstudents@ucr.edu
- Must request an access code each year.
  - If you used GTP last year, you will need to request for a new access code for 2024 tax year.



#### **Upcoming GTP Workshops**

Times listed are in Eastern time, 3 hours ahead of Pacific/California time

## Join through your GTP portal:



GTP and Tax Q&A - 3	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	1:05 PM	2:00 PM
GTP and Tax Q&A - 4	Monday, February 24, 2025	1:05 PM	2:00 PM
GTP and Tax Q&A - 5	Thursday, February 27, 2025	3:05 PM	4:00 PM
GTP and Tax Q&A - 6	Monday, March 3, 2025	1:05 PM	2:00 PM
GTP and Tax Q&A - 7	Thursday, March 6, 2025	8:05 PM	9:00 PM
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#### **Documents to Gather Before Filing Taxes**

- Passport
- Visa
- Immigration Documents (i.e. I-20, DS-2019)
- <u>I-94</u> or travel records (to and from the U.S.)
- Income Tax Documents
  - For example,1042-S, W-2, or other tax documents.
- (If applicable) Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)





#### **Tax Forms You May Receive**

- Form W-2: A form that you will receive from your employer if you earned U.S. income.
- Form 1098-T: This form is issued by educational institutions in the United States to document educational expenses for each tax year. Nonresidents for tax purposes can disregard this form.
- Form 1095-B: (Health Coverage) This form reports the type of health insurance coverage you have, any dependents covered, and to verify that the plan has the minimum qualifying health insurance coverage. Nonresidents for tax purposes can disregard this form.

#### **Tax Forms You May Receive**

- Form 1099-INT: (Interest Income) This form will show the interest that a student or scholar may receive on deposits in bank accounts. Nonresidents can disregard this form.
- o **Form 1099-MISC**: (Misc. Income) This form shows misc. income including "independent contractor" income, rent or royalty payments received, prizes/awards received, etc.
- Form 1042-S: This form is issued to document taxable (non-service) scholarship, stipends or grant income in excess of tuition/fees and books/supplies. The form can also be used to document exempt income due to tax treaties.

## Who will receive a Form 1042-S from UCR?

**Form 1042-S** is used to report taxable federal payments and federal tax withholding relating to the following types of income received by U.S. nonresidents:

- Wage payments made to employees who have claimed tax treaty benefits.
- Tax reportable fellowship/scholarship income.
- Service payments made to independent contractors for work performed in the U.S.
- Royalty payments issued to individuals or entities.
- Non-employee prize or award payments.



### How can you access the 1042-S?

Some students and scholars may receive emails from our Glacier administrator (<u>support@online-tax.net</u>) regarding their 1042-S and instructions to access GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP).

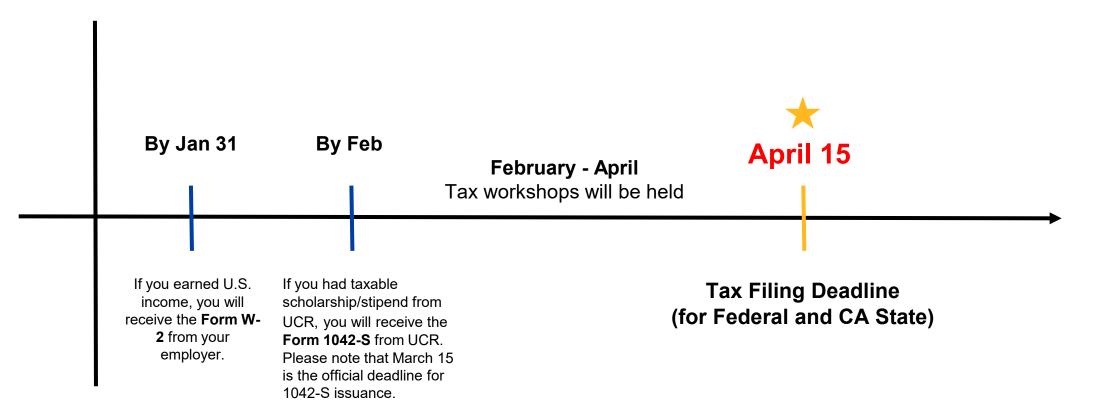
 If you need to receive a 1042-S and did not receive it by the end of February, please contact <u>NRAPaySupport@ucr.edu</u>

Form 1042-S is typically generated through your **GLACIER** account or your **UCPath**.

For more information, please visit the UCR Accounting page.



#### U.S. Tax Filing Timeline for 2024 Tax Year







## Completing Federal Tax Forms



### Federal Tax Forms You May File

- Form 8843: This form is filed to claim that an individual (including spouse or dependents) is a certain type of nonresident for tax purposes declaring exempt days. It is not a income tax return form.
- Form 1040NR: This form is filed by a nonresident that worked or engaged in business in the United States, qualify for a tax treaty, or have a more "complicated" U.S. sourced income such as self-employment, investments, sold or bought a home etc.

## **Steps to File Federal Taxes**

Open GLACIER Tax Prep Account	Determine Tax Residency	Collect Income Reporting Forms	Prepare Taxes through GTP	Sign, and Submit to IRS
If you have a GLACIER Account already, you can click on link to GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP). If you do not have a GLACIER account, request a GTP access	Once GTP is set up, it will help you determine if you are: Resident or Nonresident For federal tax purposes	Gather all your income reporting forms	GTP will help you prepare your 2024 NR Tax Return and Form 8843.	After the forms are completed through GTP, please: Follow the instructions to sign and submit by the filing deadline.
code by emailing internationalstudents@ucr.edu	only			



## **GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)**

# Glacier Tax Prep (DEMO)

Name of Designated School Official: Kelly Eldridge Hinosawa Phone: (951) 827-4113 Name of Academic Institution: University of California, Riverside Address: 900 University Ave Riverside, CA 92521



### What if I made a mistake on my tax returns?

## File an amended tax return by filing Form 1040-X

**Follow instructions in GTP** 

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 made an error on your tax forms

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13	Estimated tax payments, including amount applied from prior year's return	13				
14	Earned income credit (EIC)	14				
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## What if I can't file my tax forms by the deadline?

To request an automatic extension to file, you can file Form 4868 by the tax deadline, Once submitted, the tax filing deadline will be automatically extended for additional time.

#### **Important Note:**

An extension of time to file your return does NOT grant you any extension of time to pay your taxes. Tax payments are due by April 15





## SSN vs ITIN



**Social Security Number (SSN)** 

Social Security Number (SSN) is assigned to individuals who are authorized to work in the U.S. and have an employment offer.

#### SSN is used:

- To report your working wages to the government
- To determine eligibility for Social Security benefits

#### Apply at local Social Security Administration Office

- Complete online application form
- <u>SSN Verification form from UCR (if working on-campus)</u>
- Work Authorization documents (i.e. I-20 with CPT or OPT, EAD card, etc.)
- Passport
- I-94
- Employment letter

*After* completing the online application, you must <u>schedule an appointment</u> with your local Social Security Administration Office.

Locate your local Social Security Administration Office: <a href="https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp">https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp</a>





## Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

**The Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)** is assigned to individuals who need to report income but, are not eligible to receive an SSN.

#### ITIN is used for:

• tax purposes only

#### **Required Documents:**

- <u>Form W-7</u>
- Tax Return (if filing at the same time)
- Certified proof of Identification (passport)
- Certified foreign status documents (I-20 for F status or DS-2019 for J status, I-94, Visa)
- Non-employment Letter from ISS office

Processing Time: Typically 7 weeks (During peak season, it may take 9 to 11 weeks)

#### How to Apply:

Option 1: Visit your local <u>IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC)</u> Option 2: Use a Certifying Acceptance Agent (CAA)

<u>Acceptance Agents Outside the U.S.</u>







#### How to Make an Appointment

- By calling your <u>local H&R Block office</u> or
- Through the <u>H&R Block website</u>

**Remember:** Make sure to make an appointment with an ITIN specialist (Certifying Acceptance Agent)

#### Fees

• There will be a charge

#### **Bring Documents**

- Passport
- Visa
- I-94
- Form W-7
- Completed Federal Tax forms
- Completed State Tax forms (if applicable)
- A non-employment letter issued by a designated school official in ISS. This letter is only available to students who need an ITIN letter due to a taxable UCR scholarship or fellowship.

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## Filing CA State Taxes



## **Filing California State Taxes**

- Deadline to file CA State Taxes: April 15
- Each state has their own requirements and deadlines.
- GTP does not assist with state taxes.

### How to File CA State Taxes



- California State Franchise Board Workshop coming soon
- <u>Sprintax</u> must use UCR-specific code to file state taxes.
  - \$3 State Tax Discount Code: 3UCRS500S24



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

- If I'm a nonresident for taxes, do I have to use Glacier Tax Prep (GTP) software? My friend uses TurboTax. Can't I just use that?
- I got a GTP Access code. Can I share it with my friends?
- What if I forgot to file my taxes last year?
- GTP helps with Federal Tax forms. What about State tax forms?
- What if I can't file my tax return by the due date?



## **Resources and Tips**



### Can the ISS Office assist me with specific tax questions?

- Since we are not tax experts, the ISS office staff cannot provide you with specific tax advice.
- The resources provided here are designed to help you gather information about filing taxes in the United States and are not a substitute for legal tax advice.
- If you have complicated tax questions, we recommend that you contact the Internal Revenue Service or a certified public accountant/tax professional who is versed in nonresident taxes.





#### Keep in mind that the IRS will...

- Never contact you and demand for immediate payment
- Never threaten or bully you into making immediate payment
- Never threaten to call the police or immigration agents if payment is not made

#### Here are some warning signs:

- Say that you have been charged with a serious offense
- Know some (but, not all) personal information about you
- Ask you to share personal information (i.e. passport number, SSN, credit card information, etc.)

### IRS Scam Warning (03/30/21)

There is an <u>"IRS-impersonation scam"</u> targeting individuals at educational institutions. Phishing emails are seemingly coming from "irs.gov" with a fake IRS logo. **PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINK IN THE EMAIL.** 







#### When filing your taxes, remember to:

- Gather all the required tax documents <u>BEFORE</u> completing and sending tax forms to the IRS
- Double-check the accuracy of the information and forms
- Make and/or download copies of all tax-related documents
- If applicable, use shipping option that gives a tracking number
- Remember that ultimately, it is the applicant's responsibility







Federal Taxes	ISS Employment & Taxes page UCR Accounting - Nonresident Alien page Internal Revenue Service (IRS) GLACIER Tax Prep (GTP)
California State Taxes	<u>State of California Franchise Tax Board</u> <u>Sprintax</u>



## Helpful Contact Information

Form 1042-S	Accounting Office/Payroll Coordination and Analysis <u>NRAPaySupport@ucr.edu</u>
Issues accessing W-2s	UC Path ucpath@universityofcalifornia.edu (855)982-7284
Glacier Tax Prep (GTP)	<ul> <li>"Help" link through your <u>GTP account</u></li> <li>ALL support questions are handled by GTP Support via the HELP link from within GTP; no phone calls or other emails are accepted.</li> <li>They generally answer your questions within a few hours; however, please allow up to 24 hours before contacting them again with the same issue.</li> </ul>
General Tax Questions	ISS Office <u>internationalstudents@ucr.edu</u> <u>Website</u> (951) 827-4113





### **UCR International Students and Scholars (ISS) office**

Email <u>internationalstudents@ucr.edu</u>

**Office Phone** 951-827-4113



Advising Hours 10:00AM - 12:00PM, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

We are available through:

- Email
- Phone
- Zoom appointments
- In person appointment by request

