

November 1, 2024

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 3rd 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 11th - Veterans Day holiday**
- **November 28 - 29th - 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>.

TRAVEL REMINDERS



Thanksgiving and Winter Travel Update:

Traveling? If you are traveling during winter vacation or thanksgiving, please remember you need an updated travel signature on your I-20! Travel signatures are good for 12 months, but we recommend getting an updated one if yours is more than six months old. You can find more information on travel on [our website](#), and access the travel signature request form [here](#).

UPCOMING ISS EVENTS

Make your own Charm Bracelet: Peer Network Social 🧡



Join us to unwind from the mid-term stress and make your own charm bracelets with your friends. We hope to see you there!

[RSVP here!](#)

- **Date: November 6th, 2024**
- **Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM**
- **Location: HUB 268**

Hosted by the International [Students and Scholars](#) office.

For any questions please contact cmitt001@ucr.edu.

Plant 'N Unwind: Peer Network Social



Paint your succulent pot with your friends and take one home! You will also have access to a care guide for your succulents.

[RSVP here!](#)

- **Date: November 14th, 2024**
- **Time: 3:00 - 5:00 PM**
- **Location: HUB 269**

Hosted by the International [Students and Scholars](#) office. For any questions please contact lbracamo@ucr.edu.

Fall 2024 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.

Please note that our location has changed to the Student Services Building 2nd Floor.

[RSVP Here!](#)

Official Language Circle Schedule for Fall 2024:

Wednesdays in Student
Services Building 2nd Floor

11:30AM - 12:30 PM

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UPCOMING OPT/CPT WORKSHOPS

OPT Workshops

In this workshop, an International Student Advisor will go over the process to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), a form of work authorization for F-1 international students that will be graduating soon or have recently graduated. We will discuss the eligibility requirements, application procedures, and FAQs that encompass the OPT process.



Date: November 13th, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM PST

Duration: Lasts approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Includes Q and A

Zoom Link:

<https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwscOyqrjwvGN2jCOMPRbewdPxfqic6GSoi>

STEM OPT Workshop

Certain F-1 students who receive science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees may apply for a 24-month extension of their post-completion optional practical training (OPT).



Date: November 18, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM PST

Duration: Lasts approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Includes Q and A

Check out the [UCR ISS](#) website for more details.

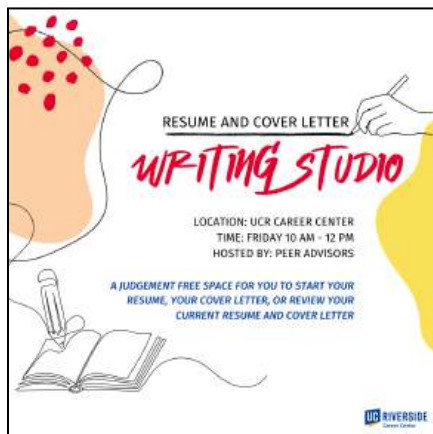
Zoom link:

<https://ucr.zoom.us/j/95396790272?pwd=y71NKD057jbJ4uoC4pmogVQhxPHv9i.1>

UPCOMING UCR EVENTS

Resume Writing Studio: Career Center

Hosted by the peer advisors of the career center, you will be able to start or review your own resume and cover letter.



Date: Every Friday.
Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
Location: UCR Career Center.

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](#)
- [Employment and Taxes](#)

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.