

International Student Visa Administration Fee

UC San Diego

Rationale for Change

To sponsor international students at UC San Diego, the campus is required to comply with federal regulations governing F-1 and J-1 students and respond to all Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) reporting requirements in a timely manner. In addition, there is a need to respond to increasingly complex government regulations and reporting requirements as well as maintain adequate advisor-to-international student ratios and to better serve the international student community with their admission, enrollment, engagement, adjustment, and employment needs.

Solution

Effective Fall 2018, all first-time enrolled international freshmen, transfer, and graduate students will be assessed a one-time visa administration fee of \$100 during their admitted term. The fee does not apply to UC Education Abroad and Global Exchange students, students with I-20 and DS-2019 forms not prepared by the International Students & Programs Office (such as Fulbright), and non-matriculated students attending only Summer Session. The fee will help support a variety of services provided to our international students, including student visa assistance, international student advising, programs to help integrate international students into academic and student life at UC San Diego, and funding to comply with federally mandated regulations.

Visa Administration Fee-Covered Services

This fee helps support a range of services that the International Students & Programs Office (ISPO), a unit of Global Education, provides to more than 10,000 students from more than 100 countries.

- Visa and entry into the United States
- Pre-arrival guidance and on-going advising
- Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) reporting and compliance
- Mandatory orientations
- Retention and engagement programs to help international students understand, acclimate and adapt to their new surroundings, prepare for success, and become an active member of the campus community.

NOTE: Services not covered by the visa administration fee are still subject to transaction fees and are the responsibility of the student. These include, but are not limited to FedEx charges, USPS international mailing charges, or expedited mailing. The unit also provides services for 1-3 years after degree completion so students and alumni applying for post-completion employment such as Optional Practical Training, STEM Optional Practical Training, and Academic Training are subject to a processing fee.

More Information

Contact the International Students & Programs Office (ISPO) at 858-534-3730 or istudents@ucsd.edu