International Admissions and Arrivals: HELPING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GET TO UC BERKELEY
Today’s Workshop

- Overview of Current International Students at Berkeley
- Non-Immigrant Information Form (NIF)
- Obtaining an F-1 or J-1 Student Visa
- Resources for Students Before/After Arrival
- Student Panel
- Q&A
Today’s Outcomes

- Understand the international student admission and arrival experience
- Learn about BIO’s use of technology to deliver mandated services
- Learn about BIO’s services and programs for acculturation to US and campus
- Learn about the visa process through a student perspective
Undergraduate & Graduate International Student Growth

Grads

Undergrads

2009 2010 2011 2012

1870 1878 1843 1970

928 1270 1654 1970

2284

Grads

Undergrads
Top 5 Home Countries of International Students at UC Berkeley

Undergraduate & Graduate Enrollment

- China: 1228
- Korea: 817
- India: 419
- Canada: 313
- Taiwan: 179
## Fall 2012 Freshman & Transfers
### Countries of Origin

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Looking ahead....

- There was a 23.3% increase in international freshman applications received for Fall 2013
- 1638 international freshman were offered admission for Fall 2012, compared to 1137 in Fall 2013
- There was a 12.4% increase in international transfer applications received for Fall 2014
- Admissions will announce transfer offers on April 26
Admission to UC Berkeley

Statement of Intent to Register

Statement of Legal Residence

Non-Immigrant Information Form
The NIF

- NIF Access
- Interfaces with DB2 and BIO Database
- Report Intended Visa Status
- Request Initial Visa Certificate of Eligibility
Student Visa Options

F-1 Status (I-20) or J-1 Status (DS-2019)

Some visa statuses allow incidental study

F-2 & B-1/B-2 may *NOT* study full-time
F-1 vs. J-1 Student Visas

Funding for F-1 Student I-20

- Required to show at least one year of funding
- Personal or UC Berkeley funding
- Must provide financial statements
  - Usually bank statements
  - Parent support letter required if not personally funded
  - Department Funding Letter

Funding for J-1 Student DS-2019

- Required to show funding for entire length of program
- 51% or more of funding must come from external source (not personal or family funding)
  - Example: Fulbright, Home government scholarship, Berkeley
- Must provide official sponsor support letters

All students are required to meet or exceed specific minimum budget to qualify for visa document (budgets set by UCB Financial Aid Office)
## F-1 vs J-1 Student Visa Comparison

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<td>On campus employment only with start date</td>
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<td>Need on campus employment form from BIO to work on campus</td>
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<td>Employment Authorization for internships available, CPT</td>
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<td>12 months of OPT from USCIS to work after graduation</td>
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<td>18 months or length of program AT from BIO to work after graduation (PhD get additional 18 months for total of 36 mos)</td>
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<td>Spouse cannot work</td>
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<td>Spouse can work with J-2 work permission</td>
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<td>May be subject to 212(e) two year home rule or 12 month bar to research scholar status</td>
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## Dependent Visas

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<td>- Married spouse and children only</td>
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<td>- Recreational/avocational study</td>
<td>- FT or PT study is ok</td>
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<td>- No work</td>
<td>- Can work full time but must apply for work permission from USCIS</td>
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<td>- Not eligible for SSN</td>
<td>- Can be eligible for SSN once work permission is issued</td>
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Available at nif.berkeley.edu

Log On to the NonImmigrant Information Form

You are entering a site for international students starting at UC Berkeley for the Fall 2012 term.

If you have not already done so, you must complete your Statement of Intent to Register (described in your admission letter) before proceeding.

Undergraduate students should use the S.I.R. link in MyBerkeleyApp to begin their Statement of Intent to Register.

For EAP Reciprocity students and Law School students, the Statement of Intent to Register is done for you automatically.

Your student ID normally becomes available to this page within 1 to 2 days (Mon-Fri) of completing your Statement of Intent to Register.

You must also Create your CalNet ID before proceeding.

Once your Calnet ID is created, you can log on to the NIF by using Calnet to:

Authenticate

If you encounter problems with your CalNet ID or password, contact Cal 1 Card Office at cainetid@berkeley.edu.

For other problems, contact the Berkeley International Office at nif@berkeley.edu.
NIF Processing Stages

Stage 1: Waiting for Cover Page

Stage 2: Cover Page Received

Stage 3: Waiting for Additional Documents

Stage 4: SEVIS Processing Queue

Stage 5: Document Shipped

2-5 days

2-5 days
NIF’s Submitted by Month

- February: 13
- March: 194
- April: 811
- May: 622
- June: 277
- July: 50
- August: 25
I-20 for F-1 Students

Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status • For Academic and Language Students (OMB No. 1115-0051)

Type of Certificate of Eligibility

Degree / Start & End Dates

[Image of I-20 form with highlighted sections for Degree, Start & End Dates, and Certificate of Eligibility]
### DS-2019 for J-1 Students

#### Type of Certificate of Eligibility

**Rebecca Sable**

#### Degree / Start & End Dates

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Post-Admission Timeline

**SIR/CalNet ID**
- Freshman: May 1
- Transfers: June 1

**Student Completes NIF**
- April 15
- April 18
- April 22

**Completed NIF Rec’d at BIO**
- May 6
- May 9

**Visa Application Process**
- June 9

**I-20 Created and Sent Out**

**Visa Appointment**

**Enters US 30 Days Before Classes**
- July 30
Visa Application Timeline & Process

Student receives I-20/DS-2019 from BIO

Understand & gather required documents for interview
- Review embassy or consulate website for requirements

Pay SEVIS fee
- DHS fee (not a BIO or UCB fee)
- Must be paid prior to visa interview

Next...

Make visa appointment & pay fees
- I-20/DS-2019
- SEVIS fee receipt
- Proof of funding
- Admissions & award letters
- Evidence of ties to home country

Receive visa
Things to Consider

- Appointment Availability
- Security Clearances
- In Case of Visa Denial
Purpose – used for entry only

All foreign nationals (except Canadian nationals) must have a valid entry visa to enter the U.S.

F-1 & J-1 entry visas can only be obtained outside the U.S. at a U.S. embassy or consulate
Arriving to the U.S. - Port of Entry

- New students can enter the U.S. no more than **30 days** before program start date listed on the I-20 / DS-2019
  - Program start date = 1st day of instruction
- Inspection by Customs & Border Protection (CBP)
SEVIS Registration

- Physical Address in Bearfacts
- Fees Paid or Deferred Payment Plan
- Full time Enrollment
- No Registration Blocks
- Deadline: 30 days from start of class
BIO Website:
internationaloffice.berkeley.edu
Orientation: Sunday, August 18-Friday, August 23

Freshmen & Transfer Students' Orientation
Sunday, August 18: Welcome & Social Events
Monday, August 19: Orientation Program
Tuesday, August 20: Student Workshops
Wednesday, August 21: Student Workshops

Graduate Students' Orientation
Tuesday, August 20: Orientation Program
Wednesday, August 21: Student Workshops

Education Abroad Program (EAP) Students' Orientation
Friday, August 23: Orientation Program
Resource Fair: August 21

- Want to join? Email akgriggs@berkeley.edu
BIO on Facebook
Coming Soon…

- New Student Tutorial & Webinars
- Welcome Tours & Volunteer Led Social Activities
- International Peer Mentorship Program
- Extended Orientation Workshops & Events
- BIO/Student Group Collaborations on workshops for new students
- For-Credit International Student Experience Class
STUDENT PANELISTS
THANK YOU!

Please Complete our Workshop Evaluation.