From Admission to Arrival:

Helping International Students Get To UC Berkeley

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Today's Workshop Outcomes

- Advisors will learn and/or understand:
 - Glossary of terms and forms
 - Non-Immigrant Information Form (NIF) process
 - Obtaining an F-I or J-I Student Visa
 - Arrival to the U.S. process
- Q&A



Terms

- "International"
- Visa
- Status
- F-I vs J-I



Who is "International" Anyways?

- Very broad and often self-defined
- Alphabet soup of visa classifications
- Technically, any student who is not a Permanent Resident or US Citizen
- BIO is concerned with students who are on nonimmigrant F & J visas sponsored by UCB
- Campus may define differently



Student Visa Basics

- Purpose used for entry only
- Stamp in the Passport
- All foreign nationals (except Canadian nationals) must have a valid visa to enter the U.S.
- Visas can only be issued outside the U.S. at a U.S. embassy or consulate





Status

- Legal presence inside the US
- Student must maintain their status throughout their time in US
 - How do you maintain your status?
- BIO monitors and reports to SEVIS
 - SEVIS: Student Exchange Visitor Information System aka the government



F-1 & J-1 Student Visa Comparison

FVisa

- Self-funded or sponsored, I year minimum
- On campus & post-completion employment options
- PROs
 - Show less funding
 - Good work options during & after program
 - Spouse can study PT
- CONs
 - F-2 Spouse can't work

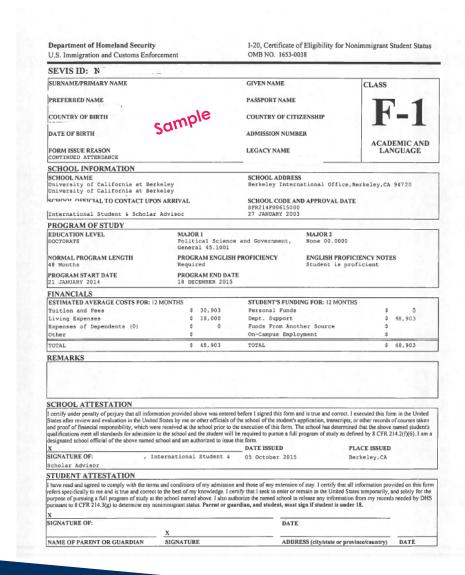
J Visa

- 51% minimum non-personal support for the duration of the program
- On campus & post-completion employment options
- PROs
 - Good work options during & after program; easier to obtain & cheaper
 - J-2 Spouse can work or study PT or FT
- CONs
 - Lots of funding needed up front
 - Higher possibility of restrictions (212e, 12 month bar)



What is an I-20?

- A document created by the admitting school via SEVIS
- Required to apply for an
 F-1 student visa*
- Required for entering the U.S. along with the visa
 - *Canadian citizens do not require a visa to enter the U.S. as an F-1 student, but do need the I-20.





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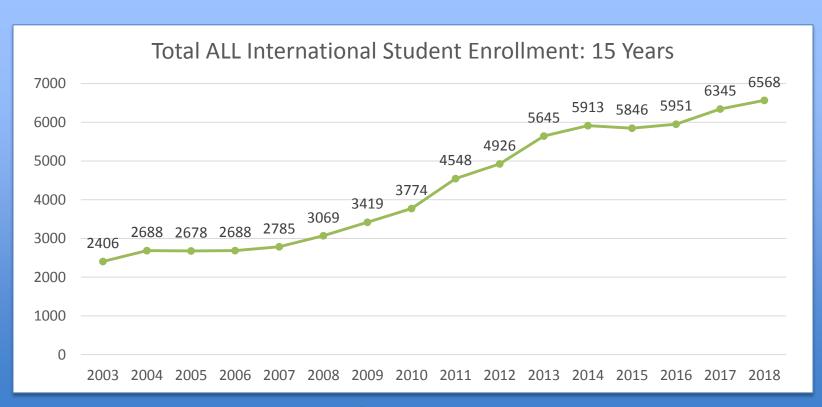
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- A document created by the admitting school or exchange program via SEVIS
- Required to apply for a
 J-1 student visa*
- Required for entering the U.S. along with the visa
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*Total ALL International Student Enrollment: 10 Years



*Includes EAP students



Total Enrollment of International Students

	Female	Male	Total	% Change from 2016
Undergraduate	1,704	1,860	3,564	2.92%
Graduate	980	1626	2606	4.95%
EAP	135	135	270	-2.17%
		Total	6,569	

Additional International Student Populations*

	Female	Male	Total	%Change from 2017
OPT & AT	945	1,280	2,241	13.76%
Masters Law (LLM) Summer Program	72	85	157	-14.67%
Summer Sessions	1,370	1,148	2,518	-17.36%
		Total	4,916	

^{*}This data is not included in the 'Total Enrollment' table shown above, but are populations served by Berkeley International Office and the University.

Top 20 Countries of Origin

Top 20 Countries of Origin						
Rank	Country	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2018 %Total	% Change from 2017	
1		2,279	2,448	37.27%	7.42%	
2		572	631	9.61%	10.31%	
3		628	592	9.01%	-5.73%	
4		355	378	5.75%	6.48%	
5		161	175	2.66%	8.70%	
6	Japan	127	148	2.25%	16.54%	
7	Indonesia	148	142	2.16%	-4.05%	
8	France	160	141	2.15%	-11.88%	
9	United Kingdom	153	133	2.02%	-13.07%	
10	Hong Kong	109	102	1.55%	-6.42%	
11	Singapore	93	95	1.45%	2.15%	
12	Brazil	74	89	1.35%	20.27%	
13	Australia	87	88	1.34%	1.15%	
14	Germany	91	88	1.34%	-3.30%	
15	Turkey	66	78	1.19%	18.18%	
16	Mexico	67	72	1.10%	7.46%	
17	Thailand	67	72	1.10%	7.46%	
18	Italy	49	62	.094%	26.53%	
19	Spain	56	62	0.94%	10.71%	
20	Malaysia	68	60	0.91%	-11.76%	



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Top 10 Undergraduate Programs

	Top 10 Undergraduate Programs	Total
1	Undeclared	1338
2		306
3		245
4		182
5	Applied Mathematics	157
6	Statistics	157
7	Environmental Economics and Policy	114
8	Business Administration	95
9	Architecture	94
10	Mechanical Engineering	88



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Top 10 Graduate Programs

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	Top 10 Master's Programs	Total		Top 10 Ph.D. Programs	Total
1		227	1		123
2	Business Administration	183	2	Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences	121
3	Civil and Environmental Engineering	125	3	Computer Science	113
4	Industrial Engineering and Operations Research	98	4	Chemistry	105
5	Mechanical Engineering	75	5	Economics	79
6	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	73	6	Physics	71
7	Architecture	72	7	Civil and Environmental Engineering	65
8	Business Administration: Financial Engineering	68	8	Materials Science & Engineering	64
9	Information Management and Systems	62	9	Mathematics	46
10	Statistics	37	10	Business Administration	37



Once you receive admission, follow these steps to NIF and obtain your visa

The Arrival Process

Approximate Review all Accept Offer of Create Access and **Processing** Tasks & Admission and pay complete the **bConnected** Notifications in Times NIF Task deposit* accounts Cal Central Access & complete the above steps at calcentral.berkeley.edu 1-5 days hours to gain access to all tasks. Congratulations! Complete the **BIO** reviews Your NIF is iStart 101 your NIF This may delay complete Course 10-15 business days If you have questions email NIF@berkelev.edu Check out BIO's Log into NIF to Pay SEVIS fee obtain SEVIS your I-20 pre-arrival using SEVIS or DS 2019 ID number ID number* resources Mailing time: 3-5 day for express mail, 1-4+ weeks for USPS airmail 1-4+ weeks Make arrival plans Make Visa Receive I-20 (no earlier than 30 obtain Visa* appointment or DS 2019 days prior to I-20 or DS 2019 start date*) 1-3 months (average) This may not apply to Canadian citizens or SEVIS transfer students Complete Be sure you are Welcome to Enter US with online arrival registered (enrolled Cal! Attend proper documents confirmation & tuition/fees paid) orientation





Non-Immigrant Information Form (NIF)

What is the NIF?

- Online application for admitted students to determine what type of U.S. immigration status will be used while at UCB
- For F/J students, NIF is used to request their I-20/DS-2019 visa docs
- It interfaces with Campus Solutions data & US immigration systems to receive and send data



Who must complete the NIF?

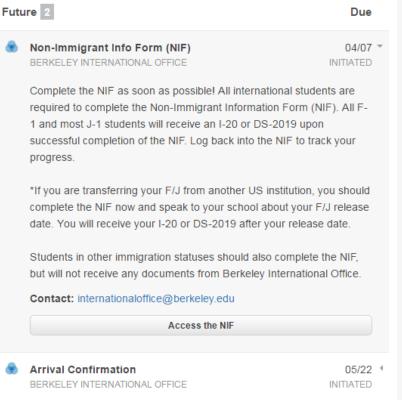
- ALL admitted or readmitted international students are asked to complete the NIF regardless of visa status.
- Those who will be in F-I or J-I status get a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019)
- US Citizens, Permanent Residents and all other visa classifications (H-IB, E-2, J-2, L-2, H-4, etc) will be able to indicate this in the NIF and will not receive anything, from BIO.

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--Select--
F—1 Student
J-1 Student
Permanent Resident or US Citizen
K-1
R-2
TD
TN
Asylee
Parolee
Pending or Conditional Permanent Resident .
--Select--
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Accessing the NIF

CalCentral NIF will appear as a Task



Our BIO Website

http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/new/nif





What is needed to complete the NIF?

ANSWER QUESTIONS

- Selection of immigration status they plan to hold while at UC Berkeley.
- biographical info
- current visa situation
- summer enrollment
- Each student's NIF questions are customized to their academic program and visa situation

UPLOADS

- Valid passport (and for dependents, if applicable)
- Sufficient Proof of Funding for the program. Funding amounts will be displayed in NIF
- Proof of summer enrollment, if applicable
- Other documents based on their situation

DELIVERY METHOD

- Express Mail (highly recommended, 3-5 days)
- Regular USPS Airmail (1-4 weeks)
- Pick Up







Funding Requirement (F vs J)

Undergraduate

T/F : \$46,170

Living: \$18,900

Total : \$65,070

Graduate

T/F : \$33,979*

Living: \$18,900

Total : \$52,879

Graduate

* Some programs have professional fees which will be calculated in addition to this amount

Spouse + \$7,650 Per Child + \$6,750

2. How will you fund your first year at UC Berkeley?

- 1. Check all funding types you will use to demonstrate funding for your first year.
- List the US Dollar amount available for each type of funding.
- Your Total Resources must match your Total Budget. Make adjustments as necessary until you reach the exact amount.
- 4. You will be required to upload proof of each type of funding as part of your NIF.

☐ My own personal funds (including loans) \$
☐ My family's (or other individual's) funds \$
UC Berkeley Awards (scholarships, GSI/GSR, grants etc) \$
☐ Employer/institutional support/award \$
Other type of funding. \$

J-1? x by length of program

Documenting Funding

- All students are required to meet or exceed specific minimum budget to qualify for visa document
- Acceptable Funding > less than 6 months old! http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/funding_documentation
 - Bank statements
 - Private sponsor support letter required if not personally funded
 - Berkeley Award Letter or Department
 Support Statement specific funding totals
 per year are appreciated
 - Official sponsor support letters (government, corporation, scholarship)

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Guarantee of Financial Support

Academic Departments

You may complete this form online at http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/students/request_forms

The purpose of this form is to facilitate the process of documenting financial support for international students requesting Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1). The University is required by law to verify that sufficient funding is available for the intended program. This form must be completed by a department administrator, adviser or faculty person.

Student's Information

Last Name	
First Name	
Cal ID Number	
Email	
Phone	
Status	□н □н
Showing Support For	☐ New I-20 or DS-2019 ☐ Extension I-20 or DS-2019 ☐ Adding a Dependent

Department Information

Department Name	
Name of Person Completing This Form	
Title of Person Completing This Form	
Email	
Phone	

Financial Support Information

Funding Sources (check all that apply)	Length of Support	\$ Amount
Scholarship or Fellowship		
Department Grant		
Resident Fees		
Non-Resident Tuition & Fees		
GSR or GSI Stipend/Salary		
Other (describe)		

Department Certification

certify that to the best of my knowledge, the student will receive the support detailed above.	
ignature of Person Completing This Form	Date



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Tracking Progress

Log back into NIF

- Processing Stage
- Summary of answers

SEVIS ID

Welcome to the NIFI

Processing Stage Descriptions

Listed below are descriptions of what your processing stage really means and what you need to complete the process.

Started

You still have work to do! You have started the process, but have not completed and submitted it yet. In this stage, you are able to access the application and edit your information. Please complete all required sections and make sure to click **Submit** when finished.

Common Name: Vanina Gran Submitted

Submitter Campus Id: S1709-2

Your NIF/VSIS application, including all required uploaded documents, has been received by our office. The Review team will soon check to make sure that all your uploaded documents are legible, accurate, and complete. If your application is not complete, you will be contacted by email and your processing status will be changed to Incomplete or Awaiting Documentation (see below). If your application is complete, your processing status will be changed to Processing (see below).

Incomplete/Awaiting Documentation

You still have work to do! You have received an email from our office describing exactly what information and/or documents are missing. We cannot proceed further until we receive this information, therefore please read the instructions in the email carefully and respond as soon as possible. This may delay the processing of your I-20 or DS-2019.

Document Not Needed

It looks like you are not requesting an I-20 or DS-2019 from UC Berkeley at this time. No further action is needed.

Your Immigration Status at UC Berkeley

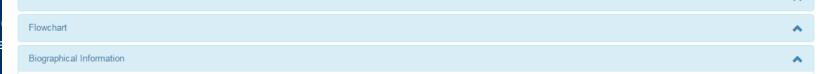
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Select the Attributes this person is coming to the NIF with.

What immigration status do you plan to hold while at UC Berkeley?

F-1 Student

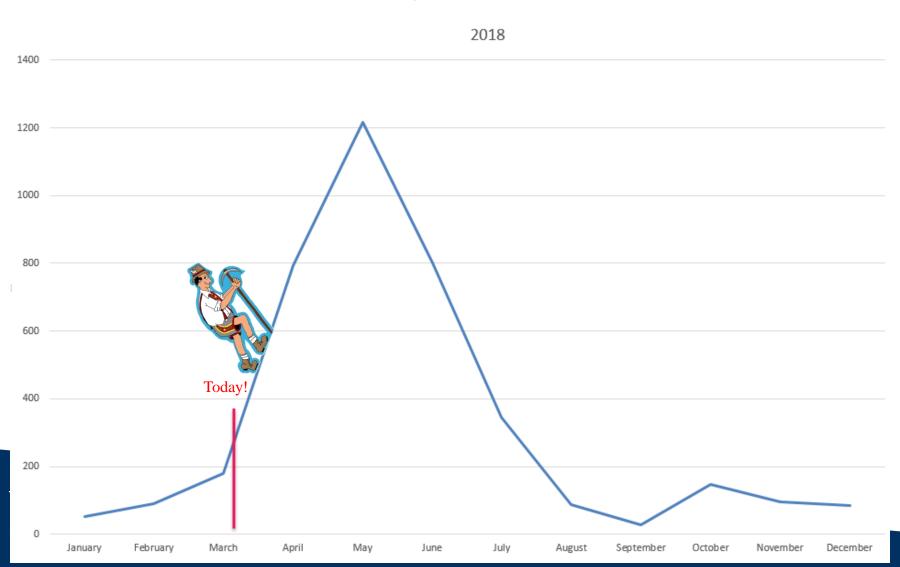
Standard Processing Time: 10-15 days from a complete submission



Received



NIFs by Month



NIF Questions?



Applying for a Visa

- Appointment Availability
 - Consulates & Embassies closed for US and local holidays
 - Summer is a busy time
- Processing Time
 - Students can apply for their visa as soon as they receive their I-20/DS-2019. However, F-1 visas cannot be issued more than 120 days before program start date. J-1 are not subjected to this 120-day limit.
 - Varies depending on country
- Administrative Processing
 - \circ 2 3+ months
 - Common amongst Iranians, Indian, Chinese, and students in hard sciences
- In Case of Visa Denial
 - Contact Berkeley International Office
 - Obtain reason in writing



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 = first day of semester
- Fall 2019 = August 21, 2019

Inspection by Customs & Border Protection (CBP) at the airport

- Determine eligibility to enter U.S.
- Stamp Passport with F-I/J-I and Duration of Status (D/S)
- All within 30-45 seconds! (Hopefully!)

Once here, complete arrival confirmation process with BIO



In order to activate a student's immigration record...

- I. Complete online arrival confirmation with BIO
- 2. Update local address & phone number in Cal Central



BIO Resources

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- iStart: 101 Course and Golden Bear Prep
- Webinars, emails & videos
 - Housing, involvement, visa, academic success, financial
- iStart: Cal Edition mobile app
- In person orientation
 - Tues, Aug 13 UGs
 - Wed, Aug 14 Grads



Visas Housing Money Enrollment Transport Health

Requirements:

- Submit your online NIF
- Apply for your visa
- Complete the iStart 101 Course
- Complete Online Arrival Confirmation
- Join Orientation Events

Pre-Arrival Online Webinars



These online webinars are presented by Advisors at Berkeley International Office and are designed to give you basic tips for making a smooth transition to Berkeley. Click the links below to view on YouTube, or visit our Tudou & page.

- Housing in the Bay Area &
- First Year Experience
- ndergrad Academic Success and Culture
- Grad Academic Success and Culture &
- International Transfer Students &
- AP: Preparing for Your Study Abroad
- Money Matters €





iStart: The Cal Edition

Not just any mobile app-it's your gateway to living, studying, and thriving at UC Berkeley.

iSTART: Cal Edition was developed by an nternational student and Berkeley Internatio



Arrival Questions?



Response Questions



Berkeley International office

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