Dear UCEAP Reciprocity Student:
*(This message has been sent to students as a blind copy to preserve their privacy.)*

Here is important information that will assist you in planning your arrival at **UC Santa Barbara Fall 2018!**

If you have not yet received your **UCSB student ID number (Perm)**, it will be emailed to you as soon as it becomes available.

**GETTING STARTED**
Picture yourself at UCSB.  This guide provides an overview of your housing options and tips for success.

**HOUSING**
● **University-owned apartments** – Add your name to the housing waitlist after you receive the UCSB Perm and PIN numbers.  University housing is not guaranteed and space is limited.

● **Tropicana student living communities** are conveniently located in Isla Vista (adjacent to the campus).

**Tropicana Gardens** (UC-affiliated residence halls) is recommended for students who will only be attending UCSB for **one (Fall only)** or **two (Fall and Winter) quarters.**
**Academic-year students:** Submit your Tropicana Gardens application before **May 31, 2018** to benefit from a $1000 discounted rate and free upgrade to 17-meal plan (normally 10-meal plan).

**Tropicana Villas** (UC-affiliated apartments) are furnished apartments with a fully equipped kitchen (**no** meal plan).
**Academic-year students:** Select the Tropicana Villas for shared-apartment living.

 ● **Cooperatives (Coop)** (non-UC housing): Coops emphasize community, cooperation, and responsibility. Residents are expected to make a contribution to the care of their surroundings through monthly work hours, and weekly participation in meal preparation and house chores.

● Students who would prefer an **independent living situation**, e.g., a non UC-shared apartment in the community, may find it more challenging to finalize housing arrangements before arrival. Consult with the community housing office (Off-Campus Housing) before committing to a housing choice.

● The off-campus rental Listing Service is free to currently-enrolled UCSB students. Students can search and/or submit listings for off-campus housing. Check your email for Community Housing Office (CHO)-recommended providers for UCEAP students.

● The Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) will be completed on your behalf.  Do not submit the SIR or SLR. Do NOT pay the $250 SIR fee.  (Exception: Graduate-level students must complete the SIR.)

For resources, links to housing options, and important dates, see the Housing section of the pre-arrival instructions.

## COURSE ENROLLMENT

Students must have a student **Perm number** and a **PIN** to enroll in courses. Enrollment instructions will be sent to you before the start of your course enrollment. View your appointment times in GOLD in the coming weeks**.**

For enrollment dates, resources, and guidance from your host department, see Course Enrollment**.**

## VISA DOCUMENTS (DS-2019)

UCSB can issue a DS-2019 (J-1) visa document to you only after you have completed a request through the **International Student Portal** and uploaded required documents.  You can designate a preferred mailing address, use express shipping and track delivery of your DS-2019.

For information and visa application resources, see Travel and Your Visa Status: Frequently Asked Questions and Visa Resources.

## IMPORTANT DATES

See Arrival Information and Orientation for UCSB Pre-Arrival Instructions**.**

Remember that **visa check-in and orientation sessions are mandatory** and you must schedule your travel accordingly. The orientation sessions will provide information that will make your time at UC easier and more productive.

**Your visa status will allow you to arrive in the U.S. no more than 30 days before the start of your academic program.**

See also the UC Academic Calendar.

**Before purchasing tickets**, check the calendar to note the "earliest and latest possible arrival dates", and make travel reservations that allow adequate time for processing of your visa application before departure. Schedule any leisure travel during holiday breaks and after your UC studies, not during the time before your arrival.

## EMAIL ADDRESS

UC will communicate with you by email. Important information about your visa, housing, and enrollment will be sent to the account you listed on your UC online application and to your UC assigned email account. It is critical that you check your email often and respond promptly to messages that you receive.  Inform this office of any changes in your email or mailing address.

Add the uc-reciprocity@eap.ucop.edu email address to your email account's *approved sender list* to avoid missing important information.

We look forward to seeing you at UC!

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