

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (VIS) AT UCSD FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

The following guidelines are based on the UCSD Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) document: *Principles Guiding International Graduate & Professional Students Visiting UCSD for Research Experience*. The abbreviation VIS stands for visiting international graduate and professional students. For more information about visiting international students, please contact the Director of Graduate Academic Affairs Mary Allen as follows: email - mallen@ucsd.edu; phone - x43552.

- UCSD faculty must be identified who will accept and mentor each VIS in the research program.
- All VIS appointments must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- VIS must enroll as visiting students through the Office of Graduate Studies. For additional information visit: <http://ogs.ucsd.edu/visitingGrad/index.htm>.
- VIS may not detract financial support/resources from registered graduate students.
- VIS receiving financial support through UCSD must be supported at a level equal to that of a registered graduate student at UCSD in a specific graduate academic department (e.g. Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Neurosciences). If the student is receiving payment from the home university, the UCSD support amount should be reduced accordingly.
- It is required that VIS have health insurance coverage in compliance with UCSD standards (see http://icenter.ucsd.edu/pdfs/Scholar_Prearrival_Health_Insurance.pdf for more information). VIS funded by their home university are responsible for obtaining health insurance. VIS employed through UCSD may be eligible for health insurance plans that are paid for by UCSD.
- Worker's compensation coverage will be extended only to VIS employed by UCSD who are injured in the course and scope of their employment, and not to those who are supported with funds from their home institution.
- VIS may audit courses with instructor consent.
- VIS seeking credit must enroll in UCSD courses via Extension or Summer Sessions and pay appropriate fees.
- VIS should be sufficiently advanced in their course of study to provide meaningful research contributions.
- VIS should have sufficient oral/written English language proficiency to participate fully in research activities and social/cultural life on campus.
- Visiting appointments are a minimum of one month; appointments over 12 months in duration must be evaluated/renewed on an annual basis.
- Upon conclusion of stay, encourage VIS to return home for at least 12 months to preserve maximum eligibility for J-1 visa status.
- VIS must sign the standard UCSD Patent Agreement; VIS-generated intellectual property remains under UCSD's control.
- VIS will be provided with access to the following campus services: recreational facilities (with payment of appropriate fees), library resources, an email account and an ID card.