



**Our students come from ALL OVER THE WORLD**



In 2014, we hosted **1725** new and returning international students from over **65** countries.

**Programs with POWER**

**International Peer Advisors:** This mix of international and domestic student volunteers serve as peer mentors, and help at our orientations, programs, outings and events.

**Global Connections Partner Program:** Students connect with each other for one quarter of language and cultural exchange.

**International Discussion Groups:** Students get together for open dialogue, stimulating conversation and the opportunity to share culture and perspectives.

**International Spouses & Partners Program:** Everyone is welcome to enjoy new friends and cultures at picnics, performances, craft days and more. Perfect English is not required.

**Exploring SoCal Series:** Excursions range from ARTSblock to local amusement parks, and include discounts and transportation.

**Exploring American Culture Series:** Students can participate in American traditions such as Thanksgiving and the Super Bowl.

**Friendship Families:** We pair international students with local families, including the families of UCR faculty and staff. (This is not a homestay program.)

**Did you know?**

**International students (F-1 & J-1) MUST...**

- Maintain a full course load (12 units) each quarter. Please do not advise them to drop classes, take a leave of absence or withdraw before talking with an ISRC International Student Advisor.
- Have authorization to work off-campus. Consequences for unauthorized employment are serious. Do not advise anyone to get a job before talking to an International Student Advisor.
- Obtain ISRC permission before working on-campus (if J-1).
- Limit on-campus employment to 20 hours or less per week during the academic year.
- Consult with the ISRC before traveling outside the U.S. Certain steps must be taken when leaving and re-entering.
- Report change of major, degree objective or financial sponsorship to an International Student Advisor.

**These are just a few examples. Access all international student requirements at [internationalcenter.ucr.edu](http://internationalcenter.ucr.edu).**

To reach an International Student Advisor, call **951.827.4113**.

**Visit us at University Village!**

We are located in **Suite 204 at University Village**, up the stairs and above Starbucks.



**Contact us**

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**A Guide for UCR Faculty and Staff**

**Join us in sharing the UCR experience with our international students!**

## WHAT WE DO

### We help international students succeed

At the International Student Resource Center (ISRC), international students get answers, find support and connect to community seamlessly with our key programs and services.

### We develop intercultural skills

The ISRC helps students develop the intercultural and leadership skills needed to succeed. All students interested in developing an international perspective can benefit from our programs.

### We are a campus liaison

The ISRC is the campus' main liaison to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of State (DOS). We are charged with maintaining UCR's approval to admit and enroll international students.



#### DEFINITION OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

The ISRC defines international students as all enrolled UCR students with a non-immigrant visa status – including Education Abroad Program reciprocity students and international alumni pursuing approved post-graduate training.



## SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### Personalized assistance

The ISRC offers one-on-one support with the following:

- Adjustment counseling
- Emergency and crisis help
- Intercultural expertise
- Appropriate campus and community referrals (including academic resources)

### Immigration & regulations

The ISRC helps students navigate complex UCR, state and federal procedures concerning:

- Student visa acquisition
- Maintaining nonimmigrant status and documentation (I-20s, DS-2019s, etc.)
- Communicating with Social Security, the Department of Motor Vehicles and other agencies
- Legal employment options

### Day-to-day support

We help students adjust to their new home and build confidence with the following:

- Arrival support
- Quarterly orientations to campus and the Riverside community
- Peer advice
- Trips to the grocery store, shopping malls, banks, cell phone providers, as well as local sites and attractions
- Free maps, bus schedules and Internet access

## SUPPORTING FACULTY AND STAFF

### Consider us a resource

**Best Practices:** Reach out to our staff and website for best-practice research and resources regarding international students.

**Referrals:** Refer students to the ISRC for help with navigating campus, community and governmental resources.

**Training:** Attend the free "Supporting International Student Success" course. Registration available at [ucrllearning.ucr.edu](http://ucrllearning.ucr.edu).

**Mediation:** Get assistance with cross-cultural communication and unique challenges.

**Consultations:** Find guidance and support to strategize your international students' success.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Get involved

There are many ways to welcome international students to RWorld:

- Point international students in the right direction by telling them about the ISRC.
- Refer international students to our **Global Connections Partner Program** for valuable peer support.
- Volunteer as a **Friendship Family** for international students who miss home. (Not a homestay program.)
- Lend your expertise at our orientations and workshops.
- Encourage students to lead with our peer programs.

Visit [internationalcenter.ucr.edu](http://internationalcenter.ucr.edu) to learn more!

## UCR International Students .....BY THE NUMBERS

