Volunteer Opportunities at the International Center

English in Action Tutor Program
Help an international student, scholar, or family member improve his/her conversational English.

International Café
Fund and help serve a luncheon for UC San Diego’s international community or join the weekly event to meet new people. Text ICAFE to 53137.

Cooking in America Class
Teach international spouses how to cook using local ingredients in the International Center's kitchen.

Wednesday Morning Coffee
Help host a weekly gathering of international spouses and children and share crafts and traditions.

Contact the International Center for even more volunteer opportunities.

Visit the International Center
Located on South Library Walk off Gilman and Mandeville on the UC San Diego main campus (building 990 on campus maps)
Open Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm

Call the International Center
Main Number (858)-534-3730
Friends of the Int'l Center (858)-534-0731
Facilities Reservations (858)-822-0464

Visit the International Center Website
http://icenter.ucsd.edu

Programs Abroad Office
http://pao.ucsd.edu

International Students & Programs Office
http://isso.ucsd.edu

International Scholar Office
http://isso.ucsd.edu

E-Mail the International Center
icenter@ucsd.edu

Facility Rental at the International Center

Whether you are planning a wedding, birthday celebration, graduation party, lecture, workshop, conference, or cooking class, the International Center offers three rental facilities and a commercial kitchen that can accommodate your needs for any occasion.

Our rental facilities provide ample indoor and outdoor areas for celebrations, picnics, social gatherings, weddings, and so much more! Users may bring their own food, prepare meals on site, or cater, and alcohol is permitted.

For more information, visit our website at http://icenter.ucsd.edu/facility.html or call (858)-822-0464.

Make a Donation
If you were ever a study abroad participant or an international student, you know first hand the personal and professional value of an experience abroad. However, not all students can afford to pay for a program abroad, especially when visa restrictions prevent them from working while overseas. Please consider making a difference by contributing to international scholarships.

Visit our website at http://icenter.ucsd.edu/donation.html to find out how you can donate.
The International Center’s mission is to facilitate and promote UC San Diego’s participation in global scholarship, international educational exchange, and scholarly investigation. Our work is integral to the University’s larger goals of global collaboration and innovation. International Center staff and volunteers are dedicated to making sure students and faculty are supported in the pursuit of their academic, personal, and professional goals. We invite all members of the UC San Diego community to participate in our events, activities, and volunteer opportunities. You are also welcome to join the Friends of the International Center. Our goal is to ensure that all students have the knowledge, skills, and sensitivities they need to meaningfully engage in our local, national, and international communities.

UC San Diego International Center Fast Facts

UC San Diego ranks seventh in the nation in the number of students studying abroad for a full year.

UC San Diego ranks seventh in the nation in the number of international scholars on campus.

UC San Diego ranks among the top 5% of schools nationally in the number of international students on campus.

In 2008, 21.5% of UC San Diego’s undergraduates had studied abroad by graduation. Our goal is to increase this number to 50%.

The International Center has the only commercial kitchen available at UC San Diego for rent to departments, student organizations, and private parties.

The International Students & Programs Office (ISPO) provides a wide array of services and programs for 2,200 international students and their dependents at UC San Diego in an effort to help them achieve their academic, personal, and professional goals and to support their legal stay in the USA.

ISPO provides comprehensive one-on-one advising and workshop sessions that support international students’ academic and social lives, and helps them become thriving members of the UCSD and local community.

ISPO also offers a variety of programs and activities such as I-Club, English in Action Tutor Program, Peer Leader Program, and Students Beyond Borders.

The Programs Abroad Office (PAO) provides high-quality services and resources to enable UC San Diego students to study, work, intern, research, and volunteer abroad. Students may choose from thousands of options that fall under three major programs:

UC’s Education Abroad Program (EAP)

Students have opportunities to study abroad at approximately 150 institutions in 34 countries. All options administered by the University of California.

UC San Diego’s Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP)

Students may participate on programs that are administered by organizations or institutions beyond the University of California. Thousands of options exist.

UC San Diego’s Global Seminars (GS)

UC San Diego faculty teach summer session courses abroad with small groups of 15-30 students. On average, 6-12 programs are offered each summer.

In addition to advising students about their many program options, we actively assist students with financial aid and study abroad scholarship applications and with pre-departure logistics and orientations.

PAO also coordinates several events for returned study abroad participants to foster their reintegration into the UC San Diego community and to reflect critically on their experiences abroad.