Involvement Opportunities

International Center Internships
Interns work alongside professional staff to enhance their leadership and communication skills by planning programs, events and activities for the UCI international community. Internships are a commitment of one academic year.

International Center I-STEPS Leaders
I-STEPS Leaders assist I-STEPS instructors at each class meeting, help coordinate and plan social events for I-STEPS students. I-STEPS Leaders build leadership skills by interacting with and supporting new international students.

International Center Volunteers
Volunteers are active members of the International Center and assist interns and professional staff with programs, events and activities throughout the year. Volunteers develop professionally and personally while working as an essential part of the marketing and promotion team for the center.

The International Center advances and facilitates international engagement at UCI to enhance the academic and personal experience of the international community.

International Center programs and activities provide students, scholars, staff and faculty the opportunity to engage in intercultural learning while fostering skills and knowledge related to international education.

For information on programs and involvement opportunities, visit www.ic.uci.edu/programs
I-STEPS
International Students Transitioning to Educational and Personal Success
A 10-week course designed specifically for new, first-year international students. This course provides opportunities to:
- Learn more about U.S. culture in a comfortable environment
- Receive tips and suggestions on how to succeed academically and socially at UCI
- Create a network of friends, staff and faculty at UCI
- Explore on-campus resources and services
- Join Winter quarter for focus in Career Development and Preparation

Courses
- Explore Southern California Trips (Explore SoCal)
  An opportunity for international students to experience and learn about famous local attractions, points of interest and other exciting activities around Southern California. Transportation is provided to participants.
- International Coffee Hour
  Co-hosted with the Counseling Center and Center for Excellence in Writing & Communication
  A weekly event that provides an opportunity to engage in conversation, create friendships, share own culture, and connect over coffee, tea, snacks, and themed activities.
- IC Helping Hands
  A series that fosters friendships and help build teamwork skills while strengthening and supporting our greater community through service-learning projects such as beach cleanups and food drives.

Programs & Activities
- English Conversation Program (ECP)
  A 10-week course where international students have the opportunity to practice and improve their conversational English with the help of English-speaking facilitators. One-on-one conversations and group activities are designed for students to:
  - Learn about cultural perspectives
  - Gain intercultural communication skills
  - Recognize the value of our diverse campus community

Special Programs
- Scholar Programs
  Visiting Scholars at UCI, spouses and their families are welcome to attend a variety of programs and activities offered throughout the year such as social mixers, workshops, and activities to connect with each other and learn about U.S. culture. Scholar Programs provide space and networking opportunities to cultivate connections within the UCI scholar community.

Workshops
- Immigration Workshop Series
  Provides international students with helpful job search information, advice on how to be successful in the U.S. workplace and important considerations that affect their visas.
- Cultural Connections Series
  Co-hosted with the Counseling Center
  A drop-in discussion group that provides a safe and private space for students to share their cross-cultural experiences, to discuss their concerns and to support each other throughout the adjustment process.
- Life in the U.S. Series
  An interactive and educational series that help international students learn about various areas of U.S. culture, including a Halloween festival, board games, American slang words workshop, outdoor games, scavenger hunts, and more.

Across the Bridge: Diversity Dialogue Series
- Co-hosted with the Cross-Cultural Center and the Study Abroad Center
  A quarterly workshop where international and domestic students engage in open conversations about diversity in the U.S., personal identities, and cultural backgrounds and experiences.