

NEWSLETTER

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International Student Award

The Office of International Students and Scholars is pleased to announce that applications are now available at the front desk of our office (and in the attachment) for the International Student Award. The award assists international students who are experiencing economic hardship during the course of their studies at UCSB.

Candidates must be a full-time graduate or undergraduate student pursuing a UCSB degree (EAP reciprocity students are, therefore, not eligible). The award will be made to a student who demonstrates economic need, which may include, but is not limited to the following factors:

1. A documented medical or dental emergency that is not covered by insurance;
2. A demonstrated pattern of deferred payment of university tuition bills;
3. Documented, unexpected expenses that are non-medical in nature.

The application form is attached and available at the OISS Front Desk.

Completed applications are due at OISS by Friday, February 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

OISS has a job opening for an international student to work as the Front Desk receptionist Monday through Friday for three hours a day primarily in the afternoons. The basic job duties include welcoming all visitors to the office, answering phones, scheduling appointments for staff who advise students, photocopying, filing and answering basic questions about travel signatures. Special assignments related to supporting office programs. To apply, submit a resume and statement of interest in the position to the OISS Front Desk by Monday, January 12.

Job Opening: Resident Assistant (RA) Staff

The Office of Residential Life is currently seeking applicants for the 2009-2010 Resident Assistant (RA) staff! RAs are student leaders employed on a live-in basis. They promote community development and provide support services to about 50-70 residents in each of the University-owned residence halls. Students interested in applying to be an RA **must** attend one of the mandatory informational sessions:

- -Tues. Jan 6th : Santa Rosa Formal Lounge @ 7 pm
- -Thurs. Jan 8th : Santa Catalina Linda Vista room @ 6 pm
- -Fri. Jan 9th : MCC @ noon
- -Mon. Jan 12th : Santa Ynez (Jameson room) @ 7 pm
- -Tues. Jan 13th : San Rafael Formal Lounge @ 4 pm

Questions should be directed to the RA Selection Committee in the Office of Residential Life:
raselection@housing.ucsb.edu

Winter Quarter Course on Finding a Job and Career Development: ED 164

Enroll in ED 164 in winter quarter and earn 4 units while learning about yourself, careers and how to conduct a job search.

Special discussion section for international students will be offered in winter.

ED 164 is a 4-unit course which will be offered in the winter quarter for undergraduate students interested in developing a career plan and finding employment after graduation. This course will assist you in understanding yourself, identifying your career goals and designing a plan of how to achieve them. A special discussion section has been developed which will address particular issues that international students face in finding a job and career development. It will look at the particular cultural and strategic practices in job search processes in American society and compare them to other countries – i.e., your home country. Whether you have been thinking of a career in your home country, in the U.S. or globally, the objective of this course is to help you make those decisions and develop a plan of action. The course lectures and special discussion section for international students and will cover topics such as:

- Conducting self assessment to understand yourself
- Researching and developing career options
- Making the connection between your education and career
- Understanding the job search process in the U.S.
- Learning about U.S. immigration and visa regulations on employment
- Resumes and interviews: How to present yourself to a potential employer, including explaining your immigration status.
- Work culture in the U.S.
- Researching the job search process in your home country, or another country
- Applying what you have learned to make career decisions

As an international student in the U.S., you are in a unique situation in terms of developing and beginning your career. You have numerous options and opportunities available to you. Additionally, you have many important decisions and plans to make, ideally well in advance of completing your study program. The goal of the ED 164 course is to help you sort through the options and prepare for the decisions and plans before you graduate.

ED 164: Career and Job Search Planning (4.0 units, Opt)

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12.30 – 1.50pm

Lectures: Tuesdays / Thursdays, 12:30-1:50, Girvetz 1116

International Student Discussion Section: Thursdays, 12:30-1:50, Career Counseling 1109

Instructor: Lily Maestas

Teaching Assistants: Lin Young (Career Services) and Ambi Harsha (OISS)

In order to enroll in this course you will need to get an add code. Enrollment in the course and the special discussion section for international students will be limited to 12 students. If you are interested in enrolling please contact Ambi Harsha in OISS by email at harsha-a@sa.ucsb.edu or by phone at 893-2211 as soon as possible.