

APRIL 2022

# OISS Newsletter



## Dear International Gauchos,

Spring quarter has sprung and campus is buzzing! The Freshman Class of 2026 has been admitted and transfer decisions will be made this month. Spring quarter is always filled with excitement, anticipation, and celebration.

OISS is partnering with many campus departments to host over ten programs within the next few months. From employment workshops to karaoke socials to language exchanges, there's something for everyone. See you there!

We wish you all a joyful spring quarter.

In community,

The Office of International Students and Scholars

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# Tax Day is Almost Here!

Below you will find a few relevant Sprintax videos:

- Everything you need to know about nonresident tax:  
<https://youtu.be/joPkTKGB2mA>
- Sprintax Software Walkthrough Video:  
<https://youtu.be/XWXDZzNcrNQ>
- How to E-File your US nonresident federal tax return with Sprintax:  
<https://youtu.be/B1Br4sg9yd4>

## Spring Drop-In Advising

Drop-in on our student advising sessions to get your quick questions answered. OISS is offering both in-person and virtual drop-in advising to suit everyone's preferences. Follow [this link](#) to view the Spring schedule.

## Office Closure

OISS will be closed on April 15 from 1 - 4 pm for a staff retreat. Normal operations will resume on April 18.

## OPT Application Deadline

Graduating and applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT)? Be sure to file on time so you don't miss the deadline!

There are two main steps to apply for OPT: 1) apply to OISS to get your OPT I-20 and 2) file your I-765 online with USCIS, where you upload your new OPT I-20. The second step must be completed within 60 days of your program end date. It can be completed as early as 90 days before your program end date though, so we recommend getting a head start on your application. For more information, including the OPT Tutorial, follow [this link](#).





# OISS Events



## Housing 101 – Virtual Workshops

University and Community Housing Services will host two virtual workshops to introduce students to various housing options at UCSB, and around campus and Santa Barbara.

RSVP on Shoreline [here](#) for 4/5 and [here](#) for 4/6.

The Graduate Student Resource Center is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities. For information or to request disability accommodation, please email Baron Haber directly ([baronhaber@ucsb.edu](mailto:baronhaber@ucsb.edu)).

## Housing Rental Fair

Looking for housing beyond on-campus housing? Attend this in-person event hosted by University Community Housing services and meet property managers with locations off-campus including Goleta, Isla Vista and Santa Barbara



## International Karaoke Night

Come sing your favorite songs, hang out with friends, and enjoy free snacks!

Register and request your song on [Shoreline](#)!





## OPT/CPT Workshop

Date: April 8

Time: 3 - 4 pm

Location: SRB MPR and Zoom

Register on [Shoreline](#)

Ever wondered how one can work and gain experience as a student in the US? Learn more about different options International Students can use to gain work and practical training experience, while they are students, and after.

## International Language Exchange

Date: April 13

Time: 12 - 1 pm

Location: SRB MPR

RSVP on Shoreline [here](#)

Join us to practice your language skills and enjoy some international snacks! Converse with French, Italian, Portuguese, & Spanish beginners to native speakers!



## International Postdoctoral Scholar Wine + Cheese Appreciation

Date: April 14

Time: 4 - 6 pm

Location: SRB MPR

RSVP on Shoreline [here](#)

Enjoy wine and cheese with fellow International Postdocs and Scholars and learn about some of the amazing insights your colleagues bring to our campus.



UCSB GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

## FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR INFORMATION SESSION

MONDAY, APRIL 18  
NOON-1:00 PM

IN PERSON &  
ZOOM OPTIONS

MCCUNE  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
6020, HSSB

REGISTER ON  
SHORELINE

UCSB's Global Engagement and the Office of International Students and Scholars cordially invite you to join our 2022 Fulbright Scholar Reception. This year we are honored to host an in-person presentation by Fulbright Scholar, Alexa Alice Joubin. With more than 400 unique opportunities in over 135 countries, The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers 800+ awards annually. We welcome faculty, students, scholars and staff to this event to learn more about the wide range of Fulbright programs. The competition for 2023-24 awards is now open.

The speaker *Alexa Alice Joubin* is a Fulbright Alumni Ambassador. She is Professor of English, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Theatre, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she serves as founding Co-director of the Digital Humanities Institute.

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## MCC Art Exhibit: A Showcase of Cultures

OPENING RECEPTION: Thursday, April 21st at 6 - 8 pm

EXHIBIT RUNS: April 18 to June 10 at the MCC Theater

Register on Shoreline [here](#)

This quarter's art exhibit showcases the wonderful and unique experiences of the various communities here at UCSB. With over 20 student artists, the exhibition seeks to highlight diversity, promote cultural exchange and build campus community through art!

Co-sponsors: International Student Advisory Board, Office of International Students and Scholars, and Campus Learning Assistance Services

Artwork by Meiya Sidney

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Time: 12 - 1 pm

Location: McCune Conference Room,  
HSSB Room 6020

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# BEYOND THE GPA: Career Planning for Non-STEM International Students

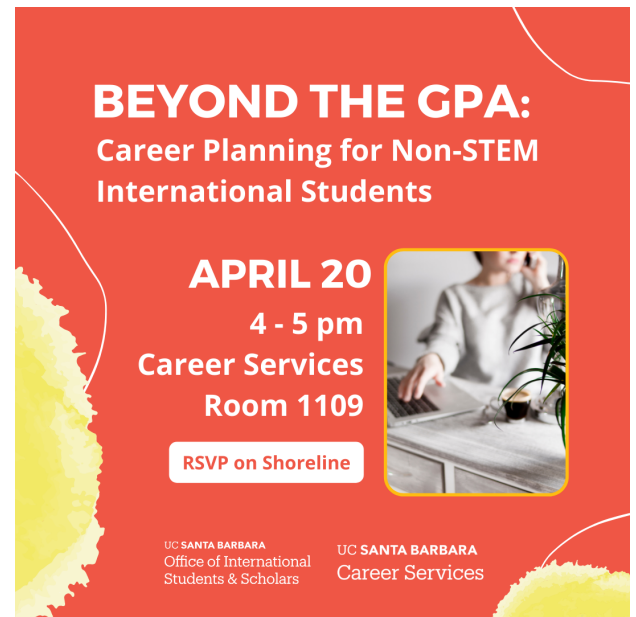
Date: April 20

Time: 4 - 5 pm

Location: Career Services Room 1109

Register on [Shoreline](#)

Are you a first or second year international student enrolled in a non-STEM major? Are you interested in increasing your chances of finding a meaningful job? If so, this is the event for you! Career planning for international students enrolled in non-STEM majors often takes longer and requires focus and planning. Attend this workshop, hosted by OISS and Career Services, and learn tips for creating a well-rounded career plan before you graduate. We will cover topics such as on-campus jobs, resume boosting through volunteering, learn the benefits of networking in the US as well as work authorization via Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT). We hope you will join us!



## Trans Week of Visibility Resource Fair



Date: April 22

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Location: Lot 22 Lawn (across from the SRB)

Join OISS at the Trans Week of Visibility Resource Fair, where we will be providing resources for our LGBTQ identifying international students. At the fair, you will also find a variety of trans-affirming resources and activities hosted by various departments from across campus. This event is hosted by the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), which serves all LGBTQ campus community members.



# OISS Recommends

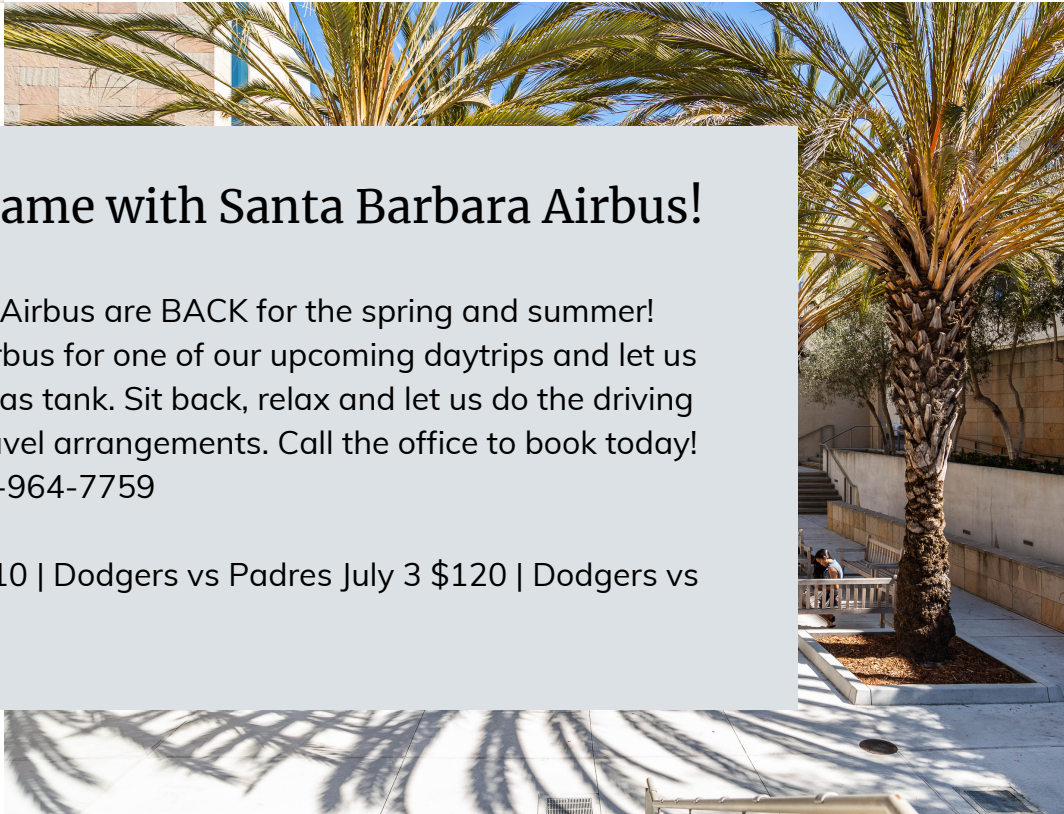


## Health Promotion Intern, International Student Support Emphasis (2022 – 23 academic year)

Application Deadline Extended to Friday, April 8 at 12pm

The Department of Health & Wellness (H&W) is hiring interns for the 2022-2023 academic year. Intern will assist professional staff in overseeing all International Student programming and resources for the department. This includes scheduling and coordination, creating / leading workshops, fulfilling targeted marketing and other various services needed to support the unique needs of the international student community. This position will address all health topics but will have strong emphasis on emotional wellbeing.

For more information and to apply visit: <https://bit.ly/intl-well>



## Get to the Dodger Game with Santa Barbara Airbus!

Daytrips with Santa Barbara Airbus are BACK for the spring and summer! Please join Santa Barbara Airbus for one of our upcoming daytrips and let us be responsible for filling the gas tank. Sit back, relax and let us do the driving and say goodbye to hectic travel arrangements. Call the office to book today! Limited tickets available. 805-964-7759

Dodgers vs. Giants May 4 \$110 | Dodgers vs Padres July 3 \$120 | Dodgers vs Cubs July 10 \$120

# Success Seminar Certificate Program

Are you approaching graduation or thinking of the next steps? Have you maximized the potential of your experience here at UCSB? Are you passionate about learning from others and strengthening your network? Do you value Inclusion, Compassion, Dedication, and Collaboration? Take part in this FREE certificate program to gain the most of your UCSB experience!

Starting Friday, April 8th, there will be a bi-weekly presentation hosted by Student Affairs professionals that will cover topics ranging from personal growth to providing support not only to yourself but others.

There are 4 exciting and distinguished UCSB professionals ready to share their knowledge and support with you: Margaret Klawunn (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs), Katya Armistead (Assistant Vice Chancellor & Dean of Student Life), Aaron Jones (Director of the Educational Opportunity Program), and Joe Sabado (Interim Deputy CIO).

Students and faculty from areas across campus are encouraged to participate. If this is an opportunity of your interest, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/UCSB-sa-certificate> by Thursday, April 7th. Any additional comments/concerns or questions can be sent to Goodspeed Intern Jennisa Casillas at [jennisacasillas@ucsb.edu](mailto:jennisacasillas@ucsb.edu), looking forward to your participation!

# GSA Executive Board Nominations Are Open!

Do you wish to serve on the GSA Executive Board in the next academic year (2022-23) or know someone who is interested? Nominate them! You can nominate your friend or yourself using the form below.

Elections timeline:

- Nominations are open March 4th - April 6th
- Nominated students submit candidacy statements by April 13th
- Elections are held during the last week of April

Perks of serving on the GSA Board\*:

- Experience in working with university administration
- Advocating for graduate students' rights
- Organizing events for grad students
- Office space in the GSA Lounge
- Quarterly stipend\*\*! Co-Presidents earn \$3,000 per quarter and \$1,000 in summer; all other VPs earn \$2,250 per quarter and \$500 in summer.

\*You can find the full list of duties in the [GSA Bylaws](#) (starting on page 12).

\*\*GSA positions are considered 0% appointments, so all international student-employees can apply.





# Staff Suggestions



## Anyone Can Craft!

Opened Memorial Day weekend of 2021, The Crafter's Library has welcomed makers and makers in training into the space for classes, parties and private events.

With the motto of the studio "anyone can craft," the space is dedicated to the idea that no matter who you are or your perceived skill level, you can make something extraordinary!

Purchase a membership, take a class, host an event there, or go to use the many machines they have on hand.



## Mujeres Makers Market

From the founders: "This project was created as a need to promote community and unity amongst women creatives. Our vision is to cultivate meaningful and beautiful markets where locals can share their passion projects. We are small business owners ourselves and understood the need for more pop-up markets and opportunities to sell in Santa Barbara. As a result, we decided to join forces in creating Mujeres Makers Market a project that we are passionate about and believe will enrich our community."





# Thanks for Reading!

We hope you enjoyed this issue of the OISS Newsletter. Past newsletters can be viewed on the OISS [website](#).

## Questions?

If you are a current international student with questions regarding immigration, advising and other requests, email [oiss@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oiss@sa.ucsb.edu).

J-1 Scholars should reach out to [j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu). For those with questions related to employment-based visas; please contact [longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu).

For any inquiries regarding upcoming OISS events, or collaboration opportunities, contact [oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:oissprograms@sa.ucsb.edu).

If you are a UCSB department or organization and would like to publicize any information or upcoming events to international Gauchos, contact [mmotomazie@ucsb.edu](mailto:mmotomazie@ucsb.edu).

## Let's stay in touch!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up-to-date with everything happening at OISS.

