How does an international student get to UCI?

Step 1

Student applies for admission to UCI

Undergrad. admissions or graduate dept. reviews app. for academic admissibility, English ability and financial ability (with CIAQ form)

Admission letter, CIAQ form (completed by student) submitted to Int'l. Center (IC) By admitting dept.

Student outside U.S. →

Student inside the U.S. and in valid F-1 status →

Step 2

IC reviews forms

Enters student information into SEVIS

Prints out I-20 form and mails to student in home country.

Student submits "Transfer Release" form to current school for release of SEVIS record to UCI

After release date IC will issue I-20 and mail to student in U.S.

Step 3

Student takes I-20 with supporting documentation to U.S. Embassy or Consulate to apply for F-1 visa.

Student reports to IC to complete Check-In with copies of immigration documents

Step 4

Student obtains F-1 visa enters U.S.and reports to IC to Check-In with copies of immigration documents

Step 5

IC registers student in SEVIS

Step 6

IC reports in SEVIS on student's registration every quarter (except summer), and any other reportable events such as off-campus employment, address change, etc.

Handout