

GRADUATE TO-DO LIST FOR RESIDENCY – FALL 2025

HOW TO APPLY FOR RESIDENCY:

- Between March 1st and July 1st, you will need to fill out the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) through Cal Central.
 - For **continuing students**, the SLR can be found on My Academics>Status and Holds>California Residency. Student will need to activate SLR.
 - For **new students**, the SLR can be found on My Dashboard>Tasks>Residency Tasks.
 - We recommend that both **new and continuing** students file the SLR in March or April (even if residency requirements have not yet been met).
- Within 3-5 weeks of submitting the SLR, our office will either render a classification or generate a list of tasks on Cal Central that can be found on My Dashboard>Tasks>Residency Tasks and will be due on July 15th (unless stated otherwise).
 - Submit documents via Cal Central, as soon as they are available so that our office can process them.
 - If a document is insufficient, our office will mark it as Incomplete and email student to explain why it was not accepted.
 - If a document is sufficient, the document will be marked as Completed without any communication from our office.

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS:

- Arrival document: Proof of arrival to California on or before 8/26/24.
 - Flight confirmation or plane ticket.
 - Bank account or credit card statement showing a **physical transaction made in California**. We do not accept statements from joint accounts unless we can differentiate which person is making each transaction.
 - Receipt (with name, date, and location).
- California driver's license or state ID: Needs to be obtained by December 2024.
 - Only applicable if you previously held a driver's license or state ID in another state.
- California voter's registration: Needs to be obtained by December 2024.
 - Only applicable if you were previously registered to vote in another state.
- California vehicle registration: Needs to be obtained by December 2024.
 - Only applicable if you own and operate a vehicle in California.
- All W-2s, federal income tax returns, state income tax returns (including out-of-state) for 2024.
 - If you earn income out-of-state in 2024, you need to file as either a nonresident or part-year resident of that state.
 - If you earn income in California in 2024, you need to file as either a resident or part-year resident of California.
- Physical Presence documents: You are required to be physically present in California for at least 366 days (typically, this is from 8/26/24 – 8/27/25) with absences not exceeding a **cumulative total** of 6 weeks. **If you were enrolled at UCB for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semester, our office would only need to review your summer whereabouts (typically, 5/17/25 – 8/27/25).**
 - Summer school registration.

- Signed California job offer.
- Letter on letterhead from supervisor indicating duration and location of employment.
- Letter on letterhead from department or advisor indicating duration and location of academic studies or research for the summer.
- Pay stubs indicating pay periods, hours worked (must be more than half time work/20 hours or more a week), must show California taxes being deducted, and letter from employer confirming your work is being performed in-person.
- Bank account or credit card statements **showing weekly physical transactions made in California**. We do not accept statements from joint accounts unless we can differentiate which person is making each transaction.
- ***For graduate students, if you are required to conduct research, intern, or be employed outside of California, this will not count toward the 6 weeks of absence.*
 - ❖ Your department or advisor will need to provide a letter on letterhead verifying your summer whereabouts in this instance.
 - ❖ However, if you return back to your previous place of residence, this will be highly scrutinized.

***This list is likely to meet the needs of the majority of students who are petitioning but additional documentation may be necessary in some cases.*