

CSUB ID:201406418 Major:Biology Concentration:Biotechnology Term: Spring 2024 November 3, 2023

Dear Anshu,

Congratulations, you have been admitted to California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) for the Spring 2024 semester! On behalf of International Students and Programs and Extended Education and Global Outreach at CSUB, we are excited that you have made the decision to enroll. It is an exciting time to be an international student and we hope that you take advantage of every growth opportunity that an international education will give you. You will have the opportunity to learn from a diversity of perspectives, cultures, and backgrounds as a student at CSUB. We are excited about what the next several years have in store for you and hope they are lifechanging for you, your family, and your community at home and here in Bakersfield.

RECEIVING YOUR ADMISSION LETTER AND I-20

Given the current circumstances surrounding the World Pandemic, your I-20 will only be sent out electronically via email.

VISA Information

To get an F-1 visa, you will need to pay your I-901 fee. To pay your I-901 fee, please click<u>here</u> [fmjfee.com]. Please follow the instructions on the website to pay the fee. You will need your SEVIS ID number to pay your

I-901 fee. Your SEVIS ID number can be found on your I-20. When asked for CSUB's SEVIS code, enter: SFR214F01407000. Please follow the instructions below to complete your visa application and set your appointment.

Identify the U.S. Embassy or Consulate [<u>usembassy.gov</u>] that is most convenient for you to visit. Visit the website of the embassy or consulate you will visit, and follow the instructions on the site to:

- Pay your visa fee
- · Complete your online DS-160 online DS-160 [ceac.state.gov] visa application
- · Get a list of all required documents/items you must bring
- · Schedule your visa interview appointment

For more information on submitting a student visa application, visit the official Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs website Travel.State.Gov. [travel.state.gov] You can also read more about preparing for your visa appointment on the Study in the State's visa resource page [studyinthestates.dhs.gov]. Please review the

short video on interviewing tips: Four Steps to Help You Apply for a Visa | Study in the States (dhs.gov) [studyinthestates.dhs.gov].

If you are considering entering the United States of America for Spring 2024 semester and/or utilizing the I-20 created for you by CSUB for the first time, please remember you must be enrolled in at least one in-person course to keep your I-20 active.

Registration for the Spring 2024 semester begins November 13th, 2023. To register for classes, you first need to meet with an academic advisor as soon as possible. CSUB majors and academic advisors are grouped into four schools. Each school has their own advising center. To find out which school your academic advisor is in, please click here: https://www.csub.edu/advising. Below is the contact information for CSUB's advising center. Please reach out to your advising center via email or virtual front desk to schedule your advising appointment. Let the advising center know you are an international student and give them your CSUB ID#. Keep in mind that your appointment will be set in Pacific Standard Time.

Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering (NSME)

Phone: (661) 654-6322

Email: sciencecenter@csub.edu

Website: https://www.csub.edu/science

International students are required to attend Mandatory Orientation. We will email you more details about the orientation as the time nears. Again, congratulations on your admission to CSUB! We look forward to meeting you soon.

I am here to help you. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me anytime.

Sincerely,

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