Long-term careers in the US for international students

The Village, UC San Diego, May 24, 2016
4. TAKE STANDARDIZED ENGLISH TEST (years of listening to American Pop culture finally pay off!)

"a cow is a farm animal."

11. VISA GRANTED!

i am a worthy human being!

13. GET EYE SCANNED, FINGERPRINTED, SUBTLY INTERROGATED

so, what's your PhD about?

uh...

are you a terrorist??
HI, CAN I HELP YOU?

Uh, yeah, I need a job. A real one?
Internationals matter!

Graduate Students*

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*excluding Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine

Source: UCSD Graduate Division

Postdoctoral Scholars

65% (2015)

International

National
A basic offer

Websites

Newsletters

International Center

Workshops on visa/green card

ISPO = International Students & Programs Office

OPVSA = Office of Postdoctoral & Visiting Scholar Affairs

IFSO = International Faculty & Scholar Office
Can we do better?

Really, there is a workshop?

Resources are scattered!

Can I talk with someone knowledgeable about my visa application?

They discussed 1000 things in an hour!
Listening to students

- Review
- Focus Group
- Survey

Actions
Marketing
A comprehensive offer

Actions

- Workshops
- Mentoring services (postdocs)
- Unified web resource
- Training program communication skills
- “Office hours” with legal experts
- “Office hours” with peers
Workshop topics

1. Security clearance
2. Grants and fellowships limitations
3. Resume writing for internationals
4. Interview skills for internationals
5. Immigration laws (visa/green card)
6. Job opportunities for international partners
Reaching out to students

- Facebook pages
- Friday International Lunch
- GSA/PDA events
- Principal Investigators
- International students week
- Calendar on websites
- Mandatory orientation/training
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“Grove repaid his adopted nation nearly $200 billion, the increase in Intel's market capitalization from 1987 to 1998”
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