



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNSELOR

PERMANENT TENURE TRACK PROPOSAL – DECEMBER 2020

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HISTORY AND CURRENT SITUATION

- **AY 2016/17** Part-Time Adjunct International Counselor hired
- **AY 2017/18** 2nd Part-Time Adjunct International Counselor hired to meet demand

Both adjuncts left in Spring 2018 for full-time positions at CSM, including the new CSM International Student Counselor position.

- **AY 2018/19** Full-time, Short-term (non tenure track) International Counselor hired
- **AY 2019/20** Full-time, Short-term (non tenure track) International Counselor rehired; teaching CRER 137 section for international students
- **AY 2020/21** Full-time, Short-term (non tenure track) International Counselor rehired.

Position funding is from International Program Budget and does not require additional expense. Retention and permanency in this position is critical.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM AT A GLANCE – FALL 2020

- 106 F-1 and 13 GOL from 40+ countries; **total 119**.
Fall Semester headcount is generally **130-140**.
- Students pay \$336 per unit or **\$8,064+** per academic year
- F-1 Student Visa holders follow strict academic regulations to maintain legal F-1 status
- Age range from 16 years old
- Cañada International Program known for very friendly, personal, and knowledgeable support



CRITICAL NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR

1. The International Counselor provides specialized expertise to navigate complex F-1 Visa regulations in a changing political climate.

Misinformation and incorrect visa advice can result in termination of status and leaving the USA.

2. Support from the Intl Counselor is crucial to strong transfer applications and retention.

Cañada International students have an outstanding academic and transfer success record.

3. The Intl Counselor is critical in acceptance of late applicants and students who struggled at other colleges.

Typically 40% of Fall students are accepted after the overseas admissions deadline of July 1st and many require significant registration help.

4. Competition for international students in the Bay Area is high. Position is required to remain competitive and meet district needs.

Skyline College established the international counselor position in 2016 and College of San Mateo in 2017. Nearby colleges have had the position for years.

IMPACT OF **COVID-19** ON THE COUNSELING POSITION

1. F-I regulations have become even more complicated and challenging.

SEVIS issues updated FAQs every few months, most of which require case research and district-wide interpretation.

2. Academic support more is critical than ever before.

Students are struggling with online learning, isolation, financial issues, mental health.

3. Widespread international population; time zone concerns

From one category of students, to three categories of students – each with its own individual counseling needs.

From one time zone to at least ten time zones. Counseling hours have to be adjusted.

4. Global Online Learning Program (GOL) launch in 2020 – Counselor responsible for a new type of students

International Counselor serves GOL students as well. GOL program will continue after COVID too.

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CANADA INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- **Ranked #3 in California for UC Berkeley transfer acceptance.**
- **UC Berkeley acceptance rate in Spring 2020 was 88%**
- **Average International Spring GPA was 3.14. Domestic average was 2.52. Success rate 80%.**
- **90% of 2019 International scholarship applicants received an SMCCCD scholarship**

UC Berkeley International Student Transfer Admission Rate

(Among all 120 California community colleges 2017-2018)

Top 20		Admission
Ranking	Name of Colleges	Rate
1	SKYLINE COLLEGE	50%
2	SADDLEBACK COLLEGE	43%
3	Cañada COLLEGE	42%
4	PALOMAR COLLEGE	38%
5	DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE	38%
6	CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE	33%
7	PASADENA CITY COLLEGE	33%
8	OHLONE COLLEGE	32%
9	SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE	32%
10	CITY COLLEGE SAN FRANCISCO	30%
11	EL CAMINO COLLEGE	29%
12	MIRACOSTA COLLEGE	27%
13	DE ANZA COLLEGE	27%
14	SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE	27%
15	COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO (CSM)	24%
16	MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE	24%
17	BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE	23%
18	EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE	23%
19	SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE	22%
20	LANEY COLLEGE	21%
	Statewide Average	25%

Source: UC Office of the President official data:

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/admissions-source-school>

San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley include Canada College, CSM and Skyline College

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH A PERMANENT POSITION?

- Better address the **unique needs of intl students**, including aggressive graduation and transfer goals, study timeframe, cultural adjustments and visa requirements
- Maintain the **outstanding GPA and transfer acceptance rate** of Cañada international students
- **Increase our international student population** while remaining flexible, accurate, and efficient with personalized services
- Be competitive in a **challenging, declining Bay Area international market**

Thank you!

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