

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

BERKELEY • DAVIS • IRVINE • LOS ANGELES • MERCED • RIVERSIDE • SAN DIEGO • SAN FRANCISCO



SANTA BARBARA • SANTA CRUZ

UC San Diego

International Faculty & Scholars Office
9500 Gilman Drive, #0123
La Jolla, California 92093-0123

International Faculty & Scholars Office: (858) 822-5726

U.S. Consulate Officials
U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officials

5/23/2023

RE: U.S. Dept of State Interim Final Rule on digitally signed Forms DS-2019

To whom it may concern:

I write as Responsible Officer for the University of California, San Diego's Exchange Visitor Program P-1-02849, regarding the Department of State's Interim Final Rule ("Exchange Visitor Program-General Provisions") published on 3/28/2023 allowing for the digital signing of Forms DS-2019 (see: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/28/2023-06157/exchange-visitor-program-general-provisions> as well as the USABridge website on this topic at: <https://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/about-ds-2019/detailed-description-of-the-ds-2019/>). Pursuant to this interim final rule, our institution will now be issuing DS-2019 forms with digital signatures and sending them electronically to our prospective Exchange Visitors to use to apply for J-1 visa stamps at consulates abroad, and for entry to the U.S. in J-1 status at ports of entry. We hope that issuance of visa stamps and admission to the U.S. will not be impeded by the use of these digitally signed documents.

Please contact me at rtmiller@ucsd.edu if you have any questions pertaining to our Exchange Visitors and thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roark Miller".

Roark Miller, PhD

Director

Responsible Officer, P-1-02849