

Requesting and Surrendering I-94 Forms

Re-Entry After Program Completion: Citizens of countries under the visa waiver program may re-enter the United States without a B-1/B-2 visa provided that your intended stay in the U.S. is less than 3 months. If you are flying back to the U.S. from your brief overseas/cross-border trip, please make sure to register for the Electronic System for Travel Authorization, or [ESTA](#), at least 3 days before your trip back to the U.S.

*If you are crossing the San Diego-Tijuana border to enter the U.S. by foot, you will be required to obtain a new paper I-94 form (and pay \$6) immediately after crossing the border at the “**El Chaparral**” border crossing, which is west of the main San Ysidro border crossing and just outside of the Las Americas Outlet mall (see map photo below). You will cross the border into the U.S. and then wait in line just outside the station (look for signs that say “I-94/Permisos”). We also recommend carrying a printout of your flight itinerary with you as you may be asked to present this to a border official (referring to your flight leaving the U.S. to go back to your home country).

For students who have an I-94 card (non-digital copy) and will be traveling home across the Mexican border by car or by foot: You will need to visit the I-94/Permisos office on the U.S. side outside of the “**El Chaparral**” border crossing and adjacent to the Las Americas Outlet mall (see map photo below). We suggest parking at Las Americas and walking there. Let the officer outside the office know that you need to hand in your paper I-94 card and say you are ending your stay as a J-1 student and wish to turn in your I-94 card to document that you are exiting the U.S. Once this is done, you can walk or drive across the border.

