The SEVIS Fee

SEVIS, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, is a U.S. government system that maintains data about exchange visitors, international students and their dependents in F or J visa categories during their stay in the U.S.

New F-1 and J-1 students are required to pay a one-time SEVIS fee and obtain the receipt of payment before making an appointment at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate for the visa interview. Instructions and forms for paying the fee, as well as frequently asked questions can be found on the website: http://www.fmjfee.com.

The SEVIS fee is required under U.S. law and is used to cover the costs of operation of the SEVIS program. UC Irvine does not receive any money from this fee.