PRIOR TO UCLA: TIME SPENT IN LA, THE U.S., AND U.S. ACADEMIC SETTINGS

**KEY OBSERVATIONS: STUDENTS**

- About half of all international students spend less than 6 months in the U.S. prior to starting at UCLA. This is significant because acculturative stress is typically most active during the first 6 months in a new environment.
- For over 40% of international students, L.A. becomes their new home for the first time when they start UCLA.
- Most international students spend time in a U.S.-style academic setting before starting their program at UCLA.

**KEY OBSERVATIONS: SCHOLARS**

- Over 70% of international scholars spend less than 6 months in the U.S. prior to starting at UCLA.
- For nearly 60% of international scholars, L.A. becomes their new home for the first time when they start UCLA.
- Nearly 40% of international scholars have never been the U.S. before starting their program at UCLA.

Source: Dashew Center Biennial Survey of International Students, 2016-17 & Dashew Center Survey of Scholars, 2016