

Dear International Students and Scholars,

I am writing today to provide you with information and offer support and guidance as a new government administration makes changes to the rules governing visas and entry to the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump has used his executive authority to make changes to U.S. immigration policy regarding entry into the United States, indefinitely blocking entry for refugees from Syria and refugees from the rest of the world for 120 days. The only exceptions would be for religious reasons.

The executive order also places a moratorium on issuing any visas to citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen or to those who were born in one of these countries for the next 90 days. During this 90-day period, we advise current international students or scholars from these countries not to travel outside the United States unless absolutely necessary. Even after the 90-day period is complete, we are not sure how the visa or port of entry requirements may change.

If you have a specific issue or question related to this executive order, please consult an OISS international student/scholar advisor. Contact our office at 517-353-1720 or use the following link to make an appointment: msu.campus.eab.com. You may also come to OISS from 1-3 p.m. for a walk-in appointment.

OISS will continue to monitor developments and keep you informed. Please be sure to read communications from OISS.

If these changes are negatively affecting you or your ability to be a successful student or scholar, campus resources are available to assist you, including the [counseling center](#), staff within the [Division of Student Affairs and Services](#), academic advisors, and professors or colleagues in your department or college.

Sincerely,

James Dorsett
OISS Director