

Message Sent to Affected Scholars on January 29, 2017, and to Affected Students on January 30, 2017

Dear Student,

On January 27, 2017, President Donald Trump signed executive order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States” which, among other actions, “suspend[s] entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of such persons for 90 days from the date of this order (excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas)” to citizens, as of this writing, of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

On January 28, 2017, a federal judge temporarily stopped certain parts of the executive order from being implemented, specifically providing relief to individuals who have already secured legal authorization to enter the United States.

This executive order does not affect the status of citizens of those countries who are already present and maintaining legal immigrant or nonimmigrant status in the United States. However, given these and other recent developments affecting foreign born nationals in the United States, Temple University recommends that all international students and scholars from the listed countries already present and maintaining legal immigrant or nonimmigrant status in the United States:

- 1) Remember always to carry documentation of their valid status,
- 2) Be especially mindful of abiding by all laws of the United States, criminal and civil, regardless of how minor, and
- 3) Be cautious about travel outside the United States as it is not clear how re-entry will be affected by the new regulations.

In addition, Temple University recommends that individuals from those countries who have not yet entered the United States remain in close contact with their Temple contacts. Temple will maintain an open line of communication with those individuals and remains committed to assisting them in any way possible to fulfill their academic and professional goals at Temple University.

Temple’s International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will very closely monitor the situation and continue to work with our campus colleagues and immigration attorneys to ensure that we distribute as soon as we can information based on official actions by federal offices and agencies.

In closing, the Office of International Affairs wants to reassure you of Temple’s commitment to all our international students and scholars and to offer to you our assistance and support. Please feel free to contact me at international@temple.edu with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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