

Members of the NJIT Community

On Friday, the President of the United States signed an executive order on immigration that suspends entry by all refugees into the USA for 120 days. Other components of the executive order block entry into the U.S. by people from seven countries for 90 days. The seven countries whose citizens are blocked from entry are Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Additionally, citizens from any of those countries will be unable to get visas and other immigration benefits during this period.

It is possible that students and scholars from those countries may already be stranded and unable to return to the United States if they had traveled outside the U.S. before this ban was ordered. NJIT is monitoring this situation to determine how these actions may impact our community members. We are in touch with colleagues from other institutions to be sure that we have the latest information and will share such information with our community as it is gathered and verified.

We will work collectively with other colleagues in the higher education community to urge the President to rescind this executive order as soon as possible. The Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) and the Association of American Universities (AAU) and many other organizations and universities across the country are working to see that the executive order is ended expeditiously. This ban hinders the important work of our universities and unfairly affects our many students and scholars who are here to learn and expand global understanding and cooperation.

Based on the content of Friday's executive order and expert guidance regarding its implications, we have two specific recommendations for our international students, faculty and scholars:

1. Whenever you are traveling within the United States, please make sure that you carry with you any immigration documents that prove your legal status.
2. Because the order prevents citizens of seven countries from entering the United States for at least 90 days and because that list of affected countries could grow in number, we urge any non-U.S. citizens and their families, to the extent possible, to refrain from traveling outside the United States until we have greater clarity on these matters.

NJIT will provide updated information and specific guidance as it becomes available.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these or related issues, contact the Office of Global Initiatives in Fenster Hall room 140.

NJIT values all its community members and their contributions to our community as well as our nation, and we will do everything possible to provide assistance during this difficult time.

All the best,

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