



Dear International Students,

As President Holloway shared in [his April 6, 2025 message](#), and Chancellor Conway [wrote yesterday](#), we want to reaffirm that our international students, scholars, and faculty are essential and deeply valued members of the Rutgers community. Rutgers remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting and standing with you during this time of uncertainty.

In recent weeks, international students at institutions across the U.S. — including Rutgers — have experienced the unexpected termination of their immigration status. These actions, reportedly tied to criminal background checks or visa revocations, have occurred without prior notification to students or universities. We recognize the stress and confusion this has caused and want to ensure that you are aware of the support systems in place.

Rutgers Global – International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is actively monitoring SEVIS records multiple times each day. When a termination is identified, our team contacts the student immediately to provide individualized guidance and support. We are also working in close coordination with academic units, student affairs offices, and legal resources to ensure a coordinated university-wide response.

In addition, Rutgers has activated a **Rapid Legal Response Team** to students who may be detained or contacted by immigration enforcement. This team is available 24/7 and is part of our broader effort to provide timely, informed, and compassionate assistance.

#### **What should you do?**

- [Contact Rutgers Global – ISSS](#) or your campus international office immediately if you suspect your immigration record has been terminated, or you receive unusual communication about your visa status. You can also contact us by emailing [immigration@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:immigration@global.rutgers.edu).

- Respond promptly if contacted by our office to schedule a meeting.
- Review your immigration status, understand the implications of any change, and discuss options.
- Contact **RICAP** (Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project) at [RICAP-info@law.rutgers.edu](mailto:RICAP-info@law.rutgers.edu) or **856-225-6568** for legal guidance.
- In the case of detention or urgent immigration enforcement action, call the **24/7 RU Rapid Response Hotline: 973-803-8008**.

#### **Key Campus Contacts:**

- **Rutgers Global – ISSS:** 848-932-7015
- **Dean of Students:** [deanofstudents@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@echo.rutgers.edu) | 848-932-2300
- **Student Legal Services:** 848-932-4529
- **Scarlet Well:** Wellness resources and programs
- **Counseling Services** or call 848-932-7884

#### **Legal Assistance**

- **Email:** [RICAP-info@law.rutgers.edu](mailto:RICAP-info@law.rutgers.edu) | **Phone:** 856-225-6568
- **Emergency Hotline:** 973-803-8008

#### **External Resources**

- [U.S. Department of State -- Rights and Protections for Temporary Workers](#)
- [American Immigration Lawyers Association \(AILA\)](#)

We remain committed to your safety, well-being, and academic success. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns — we are here for you.

Sincerely,

#### **Eric Garfunkel**

Vice President for Global Affairs

#### **Mohini Mukherjee**

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Rutgers Global

This update from Rutgers Global – International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides important information on your legal status, upcoming programs, and resources. Previous updates are available on the [Email Notices page](#).

This is NOT a subscription email list. These notices are automatically sent to all nonimmigrant students enrolled at Rutgers–New Brunswick and Rutgers Health, though most apply only to F-1 and J-1 students. All F-1 and J-1 students on Rutgers visa sponsorships should understand the information provided in these notices and follow reminders and instructions that apply to their own situations. If you are a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S and should not be receiving these notices, please contact ISSS:

**New Brunswick**

(848) 932-7015

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**Rutgers Health**

(973) 972-6138

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