



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Important Update on Potential Travel Restrictions

In the last few weeks, there have been several [news reports](#) about possible country-specific travel restrictions. These restrictions, if implemented, could impact the ability of certain foreign national students, scholars, and faculty to obtain U.S. visas or re-enter the country after international travel.

While a [Jan. 20, 2025, presidential executive order](#) stated federal agencies were required to submit a report to the White House with recommendations on travel restrictions by March 21, 2025, as of today there has been no official U.S. government communication regarding when travel restrictions may take effect, what countries might be included, or which visa types might be affected.

As we continue to monitor government actions that may affect you, we will provide information and guidance to support our students, scholars, and faculty. Here are some important updates and resources regarding international travel.

Travel and Immigration Policies

- If any travel restrictions or immigration policy changes are announced, Rutgers Global will provide timely guidance to all affected students, faculty, scholars, and staff.
- If you have upcoming travel plans, please be aware that U.S. travel policies can change without notice. Carefully consider your travel decisions, particularly if you may be subject to future restrictions.
- If you are a Rutgers student or scholar abroad and encounter difficulties with U.S. entry or re-entry, contact [Rutgers Global](#) and your school/department immediately. While we will do our best to support you, please note that Rutgers does not have the authority to override government policies or influence U.S. entry decisions.

Members of the Rutgers community from countries that may be impacted by the new policies who have permanent residency in the U.S. (green cards) may also wish to reconsider international travel until the new immigration and travel policies have been clarified.

Stay Informed and Seek Guidance

- Check our [Global Alerts webpage](#) for real-time updates
- Reach out with any concerns at immigration@global.rutgers.edu

- Consult with Rutgers Global staff before making international travel plans

We understand that this uncertainty can be challenging, and we are here to support you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

General Reminders for Travel

Rutgers Global encourages all travelers to review the following travel guidance, and to remember to bring hard and electronic copies of all necessary documents for their specific visa type when travelling:

- F-1 and J-1 Students: <https://global.rutgers.edu/travel-and-visa-information>
- J-1 Scholars: <https://global.rutgers.edu/j-1-exchange-visitor-program>
- H-1B Employees: <https://global.rutgers.edu/h-1b-visa>

Select External Resources

- Association of International Educators (NAFSA): [Executive and Regulatory Actions Under the Second Trump Administration](#)
- [Whitehouse.gov list of Presidential Actions](#)
- [Visa Appointment Wait Times](#)
- [Department of State Travel Advisories](#)

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:

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