

IMPORTANT: Update Regarding New F-1 and J-1 Immigration Regulations

Dear International Students and Scholars,

We are writing to inform you that the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) is aware of the recently announced federal rule changes regarding the transition from "Duration of Status" (D/S) to fixed admission periods for F-1 and J-1 visa holders.

OISS has been actively monitoring these anticipated changes and is currently reviewing the final regulations and their potential impact on Lehigh's international students and scholars, including transition rules for those currently in the U.S. and new requirements for travel and program extensions.

At this time, the announced changes are not expected to take effect until 60 days following publication of the final rule, and current enrollment and employment authorization rules remain in effect.

What you should do now:

- **Visit [our website](#) regularly** for official updates, FAQs, and guidance as they become available.
- **Monitor your Lehigh email** closely for additional information regarding deadlines, action items, and updates for specific student and scholar groups.
- **Maintain your current status:** Remember that all existing enrollment and employment authorization rules remain in effect.
- **Avoid making decisions based on rumors, speculation, or incomplete information circulating online or through social media.**

We understand that updates to immigration policy can be concerning, but international students will still be able to study at Lehigh and complete their degrees. OISS is dedicated to supporting you throughout this transition.

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