



From the Office of the President

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Members of the New Mexico Tech Community,

President Trump signed an executive order on Friday that, among other impacts, suspended entry of all refugees to the United States for 120 days, and blocked entry to the U.S. for at least 90 days for citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The order also suspends the issuance of visas and other immigration benefits to nationals of these countries.

We are monitoring developments closely to ensure that we fully understand how this executive order and any future orders may affect New Mexico Tech, including the implications for our many students, researchers and faculty who are citizens of other countries.

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

- Whenever you are traveling within the United States, please make sure that you carry with you any immigration documents that prove your legal status.
- 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 greater clarity is apparent. Do not travel near border areas for the next several months. Also, avoid the border control area south of Truth or Consequences, NM.
- Please be diligent: contact the State Department or appropriate office before electing to travel outside of the United States.
- New Mexico Tech will provide updated information and specific guidance as it becomes available. If you have questions or concerns regarding these or related issues, contact New Mexico Tech's Office of International Programs (undergraduate students), the Center for Graduate Studies (graduate), or Human Resources (staff, faculty and visiting scholars).

Please know the University fully supports all members of our academic community. We are grateful to count among our international community hundreds of students, faculty, staff and visiting scholars from around the world. We remain committed to respecting and honoring the dignity of each individual, embracing civil discourse, and fostering a diverse and inclusive community. We recognize and believe strongly that the diversity of faculty, staff and students enriches all of us and enables our mission of research, teaching, service and economic development.

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