

Letter to Affected Students and Scholars, March 6, 2017

Dear Friend,

The new version of the Executive Order that has been described as the “travel ban” has been released. There are some significant differences between it and the original Executive Order (EO). We will provide a link so that you can read it for yourself. You may wish to note that it does not go into effect until 16 March 2017, presumably to give a chance for travelers and law enforcement to be trained in its many rules and exceptions/waivers.

You will want to note that Iraq has been removed from the list of countries. The EO now has an exception for people who have lawful permanent residence in the US.

There also appear to be exceptions and/or waivers available, at officers’ discretion, for people who have valid student visas and went outside the US and now wish to return to resume studies.

There also appears to be a waiver or exception for people wishing to visit their families who are lawfully present inside the US.

We hesitate to do too much interpretation of the order at this time because there will be legal professionals who can best answer more detailed questions. Watch for more information as specific items are clarified. We will keep you up-to-date as best we can.

Meanwhile, click [here](#) for the full text of the Executive Order. Additionally, feel free to visit our [immigration updates webpage](#) for more information and resources.

Sincerely,

International Enrollment Management