

Resources Related to Immigration Regulation

Immigration Working Group

A College-wide working group has been formed to monitor developments concerning immigration regulation and serve as a two-way vehicle for communication. This group addresses developments affecting both undocumented students – including those enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program – and restrictions on travel by non-U.S. persons. The working group meets as often as necessary. More information and the current membership of the working group is available on the [Provost's office](#) website.

Please send any information or concerns that you would like to bring to the attention of the working group to Aileen Lem in the Provost's Office at: Aileen.K.Lem@dartmouth.edu.

Communication from Immigration Working Group

During the week of February 20, the Office of Visa and Immigration Services (OVIS) held several “town hall” meetings around campus to provide information and answer questions. Further town hall meetings will be held as the need arises.

DHS Memoranda on Deportation of Undocumented Persons

On February 20, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued memos implementing the executive orders signed on January 25, 2017 on border security and interior enforcement. These orders expand detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants. Previously, DHS had focused its efforts on deporting immigrants convicted of serious criminal offenses. The new orders, at least on their face, broaden the categories of deportable persons designated for deportation. However, the extent or timing of DHS's implementation of these orders is unclear. Whether legal challenges to these rules will be filed is also unknown.

Two important caveats:

- Persons enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program are exempt from the orders.
- Persons in the U.S. with valid non-immigrant visas (such as F-1, J, or H1B) are not “removable” and therefore are not affected by the new orders.

Questions should be addressed to [OVIS](#).

Resources Concerning Entry Restrictions, Undocumented Persons, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) Program

As information becomes available, it will be posted on the OVIS website. Two pages on the OVIS site have been specially designated for this purpose:

The [OVIS FAQ](#) on entry restrictions provides information on the January 27, 2017 Executive Order restricting entry to the U.S. which, as of the date of this update, has been enjoined by a federal court in Seattle. This webpage will also contain information on any modifications to the Executive Order or further government actions affecting entry to the U.S. on the basis of nationality or similar classifications.

The [OVIS Resources for DACA and Undocumented Students](#) provides information for those persons.

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Both of these sites include information on attorneys who are available to provide advice and representation on a retained or *pro bono* (i.e., free) basis.

In addition, the Office of Student Affairs Resources at Dartmouth for [Undocumented Students and DACA Recipients](#) is largely geared towards undergraduates.

OVIS and the Provost's Office have worked with campus partners to identify and contact individuals affected by the January 27 Executive Order to advise them not to travel outside the U.S. Individuals who are considering foreign travel are urged to consult the [Global Dartmouth](#) website and to register their travel plans on the [Dartmouth Travel Registry](#).

Other Local Community Support

Dartmouth students and local area citizens wishing to offer support for persons affected by the immigration regulatory actions have formed the Upper Valley Coalition for Immigrants and Refugees. The group has formed a listserv and can be contacted at uvcoalition@gmail.com.

Institutional Advocacy

Dartmouth has voiced its opposition to the Administration's immigration restrictions in several forums.

On January 29, President Hanlon and Provost Dever sent a [message to the Dartmouth community](#) stating the College's support for repeal of the January 27 Executive Order on immigration.

On February 3, President Hanlon joined 47 other college and university presidents from across the nation in signing a [letter to President Trump](#) urging him to "rectify the damage" done by the Executive Order.

And on February 13, Dartmouth joined 16 other academic institutions as signatories to an [amicus curiae brief](#) in the case of *Darweesh et al. v. Trump et al.*, which challenges the Executive Order. The brief stressed that Dartmouth and the other universities joining in the brief "rely on the ability to welcome international students, faculty, and scholars into their communities" because they "seek to educate future leaders from nearly every continent, attract the world's best scholars, faculty, and students, and work across international borders."