Dear International Student and Scholar Community,

The office of International Student and Scholar Services is reaching out to you regarding the most recent Presidential Proclamation pursuant to Section 2(e) of Executive Order 13780. Executive Order 13780 was signed by the President of the United States on September 24, 2017, placing specific travel restrictions to the U.S. on nationals from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, and Somalia. It is important to note that the travel restrictions are country-specific, therefore, it is important that nationals of these countries verify the applicable level of restriction (a partial or a full restriction) for entry to the U.S. You may view the Proclamation and entry restrictions by country here: https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/24/enhancing-vetting-capabilities-and-processes-detecting-attempted-entry

Pursuant to this new development, international students, faculty, and staff from the affected countries are urged not to travel outside the U.S. at this time as you will/may be denied entry back into the U.S., even if you currently hold a valid visa.

Additionally, all international students, faculty, and staff, regardless of nationality, should ensure that their immigration documents (I-20 [F-1]; DS-2019[J-1]; Form I-797[H-1B & O-1]) and passport are in order and easily accessible at all times as required by federal regulations.

We caution Stevens’ international community from making assumptions based on online forums that may be unreliable. Please know that Stevens is monitoring the current events closely so that we may continue to inform and assist our international community who may be impacted by this or any subsequent Executive Orders.

The International Student and Scholar Services office is available to provide our international community with information and support. Stevens, as always, is committed to the support and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Current students experiencing emotional distress are encouraged to reach out to Stevens Counseling and Psychological Services to speak with a counselor. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services are offered by CIGNA to faculty and staff. Many services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can speak with a licensed clinician and/or arrange for up to three face-to-face sessions with local counselors. Additional information about the EAP is available at www.cignabehavioral.com/cgi or Toll-free Number 1-800-538-3543
At this time, it is recommended that international students and scholars continue to engage in their academic programs, research projects, and practical training opportunities, as per usual. If students or scholars have any immigration-related questions, ISSS Immigration Advisors are available for in-person meetings, telephone appointments, and for e-mail inquiries. You may locate your Advisor’s contact information, as well as Walk-In Advising Hours on the Contact ISSS page.

Best Regards,

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