

Dear International Students,

Today, we saw a stunning reversal of events at a hearing in Massachusetts, where attorneys representing MIT and Harvard were scheduled to make arguments against the [SEVP guidance](#) announced on 7/6/2020. The presiding judge announced that the government agreed to rescind the guidance, allowing international students to maintain valid F-1 status within the U.S. and overseas with full-time online enrollment for the Fall term. F-1 visa policy guidance will be based on the [3/9/20 SEVP policy directive](#) and [3/13/20 addendum](#).

While we celebrate the decision made by the administration to rescind the 7/6/2020 [SEVP guidance](#), we also celebrate the action and advocacy from students, institutions, lawmakers, companies, and elected officials who came together in support of international students in the U.S. This includes the lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) by the [University of California](#).

We collectively spoke out against the harm that the new policy would cause for almost 1 million international students studying in the U.S. and institutions across the country. We spoke out about the amazing contributions that international students have made to our campuses, communities, and the country. With this final reversal of the guidance, we know we were heard.

The Dashew Center will continue to monitor and advocate on issues impacting our international community. We will support and stand with you, and will uphold our commitment to making your welfare a paramount concern and ensuring that you are always welcome at UCLA.

We will notify you of any relevant changes in federal immigration regulations and policies through Dashew Center listserv emails. As always, should you need any clarification regarding travel, employment, study, or stay in the U.S., please do not hesitate to [contact](#) our office or see the FAQ on our [COVID-19 Updates](#) page.

Sincerely,

Sam Nahidi
Director