

Dear International Students and Scholars,

I write to you as people across the globe face pain, suffering, and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, tragic events related to the killing of George Floyd and other Black men and women that have taken place recently in the United States have only added to our ongoing agony. Finally, it is important that we also acknowledge the pain, stress, scrutiny and uncertainty that our international students and scholars have endured because of governmental proclamations, laws and regulations that target immigration.

As many of you may know, the White House issued a [proclamation](#) on Friday, May 29, 2020, suspending entry to the U.S. for certain students and researchers from the People's Republic of China. I would like to assure you that we are currently working with relevant departments at UCLA and higher education institutions across the country to determine its potential impacts on you and the UCLA community.

We will be updating our [COVID-19 Updates](#) page as we assess the nuances of the proclamation and will provide concrete information as to how the proclamation may affect our international student and scholar community.

If you are contacted by any federal agency about your visa or immigration status, please email me directly at snahidi@saonet.ucla.edu or call my direct line at (310) 825-1728 and leave a detailed voicemail.

For more information and preliminary analysis of the proclamation, please refer to the links below:

- [‘New Presidential Proclamation Bans U.S. Entry of Certain Chinese Students and Researchers’](#) (Wolfsdorf Rosenthal LLP)
- [‘Briefing with Senior State Department Officials on Limiting the CCP’s Ability to Steal U.S. Technologies and Intellectual Property’](#) (U.S. Department of State)

We encourage students who may be in need of mental health support at any time to contact [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) to connect with mental health resources. Also the [Case Management Team](#) offers additional support to students in crisis. Faculty and staff can make counseling appointments through the [Faculty and Staff Counseling Center](#) for mental health support.

Please be safe and take care.

Sincerely,

Sam Nahidi
Director