

Dear International Students & Scholars,

As spring break approaches, we want to provide you with important updates regarding international travel and re-entry to the U.S. Given the evolving federal policies and global travel conditions, we strongly encourage you to review the following guidelines and make informed decisions to ensure a smooth and secure journey.

Key Considerations for International Travel:

1. Travel Documents: Ensure that your passport, visa, and Form I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1) are valid for re-entry. If you need a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019, submit your request as soon as possible through the Dashew Center.

2. Visa Appointments & Delays: If you plan to renew your visa while abroad, be aware of delays at U.S. embassies and consulates due to increased processing times. Plan accordingly and check visa wait times at your local U.S. embassy.

3. U.S. Entry Restrictions & Screening: Some travelers may experience additional screenings at U.S. ports of entry. Be prepared to answer questions about your studies, research, and return plans.

4. Evolving Federal Policies: The U.S. government will potentially issue Executive Orders that may impact visa and entry for certain visa holders. If you have any concerns about how these changes may affect your ability to return, contact the Dashew Center or consult with an experienced immigration attorney.

5. Search of electronic devices at the time on entry to the U.S.: Please be aware of [Border Search of Electronic Devices at Ports of Entry](#).

6. Alternative Travel Plans: If you anticipate challenges re-entering the U.S., consider contingency plans such as delaying travel or consulting with Dashew Center advisors before you travel.

Resources & Support

- If you need a travel authorization signature, submit your request via the Dashew Center portal: [MyBruin International Portal](#)
- For official visa guidance, refer to the U.S. Department of State: [U.S. Visa Information](#)
- If you experience issues at a U.S. port of entry, contact UCLA's Dashew Center immediately at

310-825-1681 or email oissassi@saonet.ucla.edu

We understand that these policies and uncertainties can be stressful, and we are here to support you. Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions or concerns before your departure.

Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

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