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Guidance for the USC International Community Concerning Travel Abroad/Re-entry to the US

In response to proposed nationality bans, U.S. re-entry concerns, and Summer international travel plans, the USC Global Carolina Division of International Student and Scholar Support (ISSS) offers the following guidance:

The Current Situation

At this time, no formal travel restrictions or entry bans have been announced by federal authorities. We understand that government agencies are reviewing security processes and visa eligibility protocols for certain countries. News reports suggest that additional scrutiny or a travel (entry) ban may be applied to citizens from some countries. It is not clear whether people with existing nonimmigrant visa status (e.g., F-1, J-1, O-1, TN, H-1B) or lawful permanent residents of the United States would be exempt from future government restrictions.

International Travel

We encourage USC community members to carefully consider the complexities of the current policy landscape that could impact international travel, the visa application process, and re-entry to the United States.

If you plan to travel abroad, please carefully review the following information.

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection U.S. Port of Entry Processes: [CBP Search Authority | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Policy on Electronic Devices: [Border Search of Electronic Devices at Ports of Entry | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): [Electronic-Device-Searches-at-U-S-Ports-of-Entry.pdf](#)
- USC Travel Policies for university-sponsored travel: [Faculty and Staff Travel - Global Carolina | University of South Carolina](#)

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The ISSS welcomes you to consult with an International Student and Scholar Advisor to discuss your individual international travel and visa-related concerns. Please contact the ISSS at: iss@sc.edu or use this link to let us know your concerns: <https://uscips.wufoo.com/forms/xten5yk0c44gqk/>.

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