On May 29, 2020 President Trump issued a proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Nonimmigrants of Certain Students and Researchers from the People’s Republic of China. The proclamation, now in effect, blocks certain Chinese nationals associated with entities in China that implement or support China’s “military-civil fusion strategy” from using F or J visas to enter the U.S.

The proclamation applies to graduate level and higher students and researchers from China applying for visas or seeking entry to the U.S. who:

- receive funding from or who are currently employed by, study at, or conduct research at or on behalf of; or
- have been employed by, studied at, or conducted research at or on behalf of, an entity in China that implements or supports the Chinese military-civil fusion strategy.

The proclamation does not apply to undergraduate students or to U.S. permanent residents.

Currently the proclamation does not apply for individuals in the U.S. in F or J status, however, it states the Secretary of State will review and determine if current visa holders subject to the proclamation should have their visas revoked.

Under the proclamation, the Secretary of State will determine which entities are covered.

Yale is working closely with other U.S. institutions and higher education associations to learn more about the implementation of this proclamation. We understand this raises additional concerns in these already uncertain times for both students and scholars pursuing research in the U.S. and those making the arrangements to begin your studies here. As soon as additional information is available we will post it here. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact OISS. [1]

You can read the proclamation here [2]. A preliminary analysis of the proclamation by AILA (Association of Immigration Attorneys) can be found here [3]. An additional analysis by NAFSA (NAFSA: Association of International Educators) can be found at this link [4].