Recent Changes and Proposed Immigration Rules

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There are a number of actions the federal government (Department of Homeland Security and Department of Labor) has taken in recent weeks that could change the landscape of immigration policies affecting international students and scholars on campuses across the country. There has been an increase in the premium processing fee, a proposal to eliminate D/S for F-1 and J-1 visa holders, and proposed changes to the H-1B visa category. And most recently there was a DHS announcement [1] about the alleged misuse of F-1 Optional Practical Training.

It is important to note that very few of these proposals affect students and scholars in the U.S. during the validity of their current visa document. It is also highly likely that all of these proposals will change and some will not survive the rule making process to become regulation. To date there has been a flurry of law suits against the proposals that could delay implementation or withdraw the proposals entirely. We have compiled a few of the key points of these complex immigration policies [2] with links to more details on our website and will update this page as there are new developments.

If you have further questions, you can always reach out to your OISS adviser [3]. Please remember we are here to support you and on a daily basis we are working with Yale leadership and our national associations to contest and alter these proposed changes. OISS will always stand beside you.

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