Yale University strongly opposes a federal proposal to end the longstanding “duration of status” visa policy that allows international students to stay in the United States until they complete their degrees.

“We cannot allow this ill-considered and damaging proposal to move forward unchallenged,” Yale President Peter Salovey said. “Yale is unwavering in its commitment to welcoming and supporting a vibrant community of international students and researchers whose presence enriches the fabric of our campus community and whose work produces exciting discoveries across disciplines and expands our understanding of the world.”

“Our international students and researchers are critically important to the United States and to Yale, and we should be welcoming them with open arms, not unnecessarily burdening them with administrative red tape,” said Vice President for Global Strategy Pericles Lewis. “If implemented, this misguided proposal will make extraordinary students and scholars around the globe think twice before committing their talents to universities in the United States, which would diminish our campus community and harm our country’s status as a global leader in research and innovation.”
