

From Arizona State University
Office of the President



Communication to international students on July 14, 2020

Arizona State University is pleased to share that the **U.S. federal government has rescinded its July 6 decision** requiring international college students to take in-person classes in order to legally remain in the United States. The original decision was an illogical, shortsighted and ill-considered action that if adopted, stood to impact more than a million international students.

As stated in the email you received from Arizona State University Provost Mark Searle last week, **we did not expect this guidance to affect your visa status** as our upcoming semester classes will be immersive, synchronous classroom instruction held both in-person and through ASU Sync, our digitally-enhanced, synchronous immersive learning modality.

ASU moved swiftly to join with other universities in taking legal action to overturn this policy.

Here are some examples of the steps ASU took that helped lead to this decision:

1. ASU was one of approximately 60 colleges and universities that joined in an amicus brief in the **MIT/Harvard lawsuit** that was filed in federal district court in Massachusetts.
2. We were one of 20 plaintiffs — western schools in California, Utah and Arizona — in the **lawsuit** that was filed Monday, July 13 in federal district court in Oregon.
3. ASU was one of **180 signatories** to the amicus brief that the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration filed in the MIT/Harvard lawsuit.

International students like you are a critical part of our ASU community, and I am heartened by this decision, which affirms the positive impact that international students like you have on our country. You bring talent, drive and determination to our university and we all benefit from learning alongside students and scholars who are representative of the world in which we live.

Please contact me by emailing my office at **OfficeofthePresident@asu.edu** if you need any further support as you prepare for the upcoming semester.

Sincerely,

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