

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

### ACTION:

On Friday, March 28, the CSU Chancellor's Office issued a document providing international travel advice to faculty, students, and staff for Spring and Summer 2025. The document advises all members of its community to proceed with extreme caution with international travel given that immigration policies, practices, travel bans, and health and safety risks are shifting daily and often cannot be fully assessed or projected in advance.

### BACKGROUND:

Although there have been no changes to federal immigration law, enforcement activity has intensified. This trend could potentially impact individuals with a wide range of immigration statuses, including international students, visiting scholars, and other non-citizens affiliated with CSU campuses. Additionally, there could be increased scrutiny by federal enforcement officials based on a traveler's country of origin or destination, visa classification, and prior travel or immigration history.

In recent weeks, the Chancellor's Office provided preliminary guidance to campus international offices urging caution among students considering international travel. Due to a marked increase in federal enforcement actions involving individuals entering or returning to the United States—particularly those traveling on visas—the CSU is strongly encouraging all faculty, staff, and students to carefully assess the necessity of international travel at this time. The decision to travel outside the United States is personal, but the CSU is advising all members of its community to proceed with extreme caution.

### POTENTIAL IMPACT:

Potential impacts may include, but are not limited to:

- Policy changes by the federal government (such as executive orders or Department of Homeland Security memos) could affect visa eligibility or re-entry requirements mid-trip, leaving travelers vulnerable to unexpected barriers.
- Greater emphasis on stricter border control could lead to longer screening processes, device searches, or interviews, especially for travelers with certain nationalities or research interests.
- Individuals holding visas (H-1B, F-1, J-1, O-1, etc.) may face increased scrutiny or delays when re-entering the U.S., particularly if they traveled to or transited through countries under heightened scrutiny or diplomatic strain with the U.S. Travelers seeking visa renewals may also experience longer processing times, resulting in delays in re-entering the U.S.

### NEXT STEPS:

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact your campus counsel, or Dr. Sarah Fried-Gintis, Senior Systemwide Director of Academic and Staff Human Resources ([sfried-gintis@calstate.edu](mailto:sfried-gintis@calstate.edu)) or Dr. Jaishankar Raman ([jraman@calstate.edu](mailto:jraman@calstate.edu)).

## P3 WAIVERS

### **ACTION:**

On Thursday, March 27, the U.S. Department of Education announced that it had **revoked waivers** to California and Oregon colleges and universities that provide services under the Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The P3 Program allows states and localities to integrate program funding across federal agencies to improve the systems serving disconnected youth. Under the Biden Administration, the Department approved a so-called P3 waiver allowing undocumented students to receive TRIO Program services. The TRIO Programs are federal student aid programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act designed to identify and provide additional academic and career services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs. The pilot waiver only included Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search and TRIO SSS programs.

California's waiver began in November 2022 and was set to expire in September 2026.

### **POTENTIAL IMPACT:**

The largest anticipated adverse impact will be with Upward Bound and Talent Search programs that provide academic developmental support to local area high school students.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

The CSU received notice of the revocation from the Department of Education and will be analyzing what implications this will have on TRIO programs and the students and communities across the state that the CSU and these grants serve.

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