



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Graduate School™

Dear Prospective International Graduate Student:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing graduate study at Texas Tech University. As a leading research university we are committed to welcoming the best students from around the globe, regardless of their ethnic backgrounds, national origins, and/or religion.

Recently, President Donald J. Trump issued a new Executive Order relating to immigration that

- Suspends the issuance of visas for citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen for at least 90 days, beginning on March 16, 2017.
- Requires that all visa applicants, no matter what their country origin, have an in-person interview, which means that visa wait times may increase.

However, two federal district courts have blocked parts of the Executive Order related to entering the U.S. We do not yet know fully how these or other possible changes will affect your ability to apply for and receive a student visa to enter the U.S.

Regardless, we will proceed with application evaluation, admission decisions, and I-20 issuance as we normally would until we do know. Students accepted for admission and who are eligible to do so should apply for their visa as soon as possible. We will post any updates to our website (<http://www.gradschool.ttu.edu>) and to our social media sites.

Again, thank you for your interest in Texas Tech University. We are honored that you have chosen to pursue graduate study here. International graduate students make significant contributions to our research enterprise and to enriching the cultural fabric of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Sheridan'.

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