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A Message from Dean Cooley

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Dear graduate students,

I want to thank those of you who were able to attend our Town Hall/webinar yesterday that focused on urgent issues affecting international students in our community. [If you were not able to participate you can watch a recording of the session here.](#) Many of the most frequently asked questions at the webinar remain unanswered.

The [policy modifications announced by the Department of Homeland Security and ICE](#) on Monday, July 8 were sudden and surprising for all of us, and consequently introduced a great deal of uncertainty into many of our lives. This new guidance will necessarily reshape the GSAS policies regarding international students that we announced last Friday. We are working with our university partners to find ways to navigate these new guidelines. With you, we are waiting for more federal guidance to clarify these new regulations. As soon as we have it, we will quickly develop a plan to help our international students participate in the fall semester.

In the meantime, [President Salovey has issued a statement about the new DHS policy regarding international students](#). I will join him and other Yale administrators in community-wide Town Hall meeting tomorrow afternoon (Thursday, July 9 at 3 PM EDT) regarding plans for the coming fall semester. [If you would like to send questions in advance, please use this link](#).

All of us at GSAS are aware that these regulations are interfering with your education and your plans for the future. Our international students are integral and treasured members of the Graduate School community, and we will not waiver in our effort to bring students from around the world to Yale to join our community of scholars.

My staff and I will communicate new information to you as soon as possible. Please be patient with us as we work on getting the answers you need.

Sincerely,

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