

The University of Texas  
**Rio Grande Valley**  
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International Admissions  
& Student Services

Dear International Student:

We have been receiving student emails and phone calls with questions concerning President Trump's tweet announcing last night of the submission of an Executive Order to temporarily suspend immigration into the United States.

At this point, there are no specific details of this executive order impacting the F-1 student program. At the moment, this vague information is too new for us to interpret it and it is not official. If this order gets signed, there will likely be court challenges and continued uncertainty for the next months during the COVID-19 crisis.

Based on information that we have received from immigration experts; the ban is unlikely to affect applications filed inside the U.S. - although we cannot be sure.

On our end, we will continue to process OPT (Employment Authorization Document) applications and STEM OPT extensions until further guidance is received from the official authorities.

We will be monitoring this very closely and will keep you informed.

Thank you,

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