

Resolution Supporting International Scholars' Duration of Status and Graduate Academic Mobility¹

WHEREAS, international students and scholars contribute substantially to Rutgers' research, teaching, and academic community; and

WHEREAS, research degree timelines vary, and legitimate changes in advising, funding, research direction, or academic circumstances may require graduate students to change programs or institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rutgers University Senate supports Duration of Status for international students and scholars and opposes replacing it with fixed admission periods under DHS RIN 1653-AA95;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate opposes categorical restrictions on graduate-level transfers and program changes and supports meaningful academic mobility for students maintaining lawful status;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate urges the University administration to advocate actively for these positions with federal policymakers and higher-education associations, including protections against disruption for students already studying in the United States, and to report to the Senate on its advocacy.

¹Context to the Resolution: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/07/17/2026-14439/establishing-a-fixed-time-period-of-admission-and-an-extension-of-stay-procedure-for-nonimmigrant>