

University of Arizona Response to Proposed Changes to Duration of Status

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On September 25, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a **proposed rule to eliminate duration of status** (D/S) that, if adopted, would adversely affect international students and scholars (read more about the proposed changes [here](#)).

President Robbins has issued the following statement in response to the DHS proposal:

The University of Arizona submitted comments opposing the changes proposed by Homeland Security to Duration of Status for international students. The proposed rule would have enormously negative impacts on American universities' abilities to attract and retain talented international students. Our international students, faculty, and staff are valued members of our Wildcat community, and we strongly object to immigration proposals that seek to disrupt their ability to pursue their education.

The Association of American Universities (AAU), whose membership includes the University of Arizona, has also submitted comments opposing the proposed changes. You can read AAU's response [here](#) .