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## **‘We Stand Ready to Help’**

### **Dear Members of Our Campus Community,**

I am writing to share with you the statement attached at the end of this letter, which I joined in signing this weekend, together with UC President Napolitano and the Chancellors of our sister campuses. This statement has been endorsed by the UC Academic Council.

I want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our care and concern for our campus community. We are consulting and working closely with the UC Office of the President and our campus colleagues to assess the impact of this executive order on our students, faculty, scholars, employees, and other community members. At this time, UCOP is advising that “UC community members from these seven countries who hold a visa to enter the United States or who are lawful permanent residents do not travel outside of the United States.”

It is important for us to reaffirm our academic mission and our values as a public research university in a multicultural state and a global environment. We stand ready to help and support any of our community members affected by this executive order. If we can be of any help, please contact our Office of International Students and Scholars ([OISS@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:OISS@sa.ucsb.edu); [805-893-2929](tel:805-893-2929)), the Office of the Chancellor, all Vice Chancellors, all Deans, or any relevant office on campus. Please also see the [OISS website](#) and its [Immigration Alerts and Updates](#) page for updates and links to additional resources. In addition, counselors are available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 805-893-4411; for more information, please see our

[Counseling and Psychological Services website.](#)

Our campus, along with the UC Office of the President, will continue to monitor this rapidly changing situation and to work with our elected representatives in Sacramento and Washington to ensure that policies support and protect all of our students, scholars, and colleagues. Every member of our UC Santa Barbara family enriches this wonderful living, learning, and working environment of ours, which we are so fortunate to share. Together we will continue to uphold the values we cherish as an academic community, and work to maintain and strengthen our university as a place that is open, inclusive, and welcoming to all.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang

Chancellor

## **UC STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

Posted at <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/statement-uc-president-janet-napolitano-and-chancellors-about-recent-executive-order>

**President Janet Napolitano and the Chancellors of the University of California today (Jan. 29) issued the following statement:**

We are deeply concerned by the recent executive order that restricts the ability of our students, faculty, staff, and other members of the UC community from certain countries from being able to enter or return to the United States.

While maintaining the security of the nation's visa system is critical, this executive order is contrary to the values we hold dear as leaders of the University of California. The UC community, like universities across the country, has long been deeply enriched by students, faculty, and scholars from around the world, including the affected countries, coming to study, teach, and research. It is critical that the United States continues to welcome the best students, scholars, scientists, and engineers of all backgrounds and nationalities.

We are committed to supporting all members of the UC community who are impacted by this executive action.

President Janet Napolitano

*University of California*

Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks

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Interim Chancellor Ralph Hexter

*University of California, Davis*

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Chancellor Sam Hawgood

*University of California, San Francisco*

Chancellor Henry T. Yang

*University of California, Santa Barbara*

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## **About UC Santa Barbara**

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.