

To: GSAS Students

Copied to: DGSS, Chairs and Department Registrars

In this message: Continuing support for graduate students; new information from OISS.

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Dear Graduate Students,

During my conversations with students over the last few weeks, many of you have voiced concerns about policy changes at the federal level and how they may impact your work here at Yale. I'm writing to offer some reassurance, remind you about resources at the Graduate School, and highlight an upcoming "Know Your Rights" webinar on April 1 that will be hosted by the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) and a new FAQ page on the OISS website.

First, it's important for you to know that the Graduate School will continue to honor our financial commitments to you, including your stipend and health insurance, and family subsidy for graduate students with children.

Second, I want to emphasize that we are here to help you navigate through this uncertain time in every way we can. We offer a variety of academic and student support resources, including [embedded mental health counselors](#) and [staff members](#) who can offer advice on a variety of topics. For general support resources, contact [Kristina Lynch](#), Associate Director of Student Support & Community Standards. For academic concerns, contact Allegra di Bonaventura or Sarah Insley (gsasadministrativedean@yale.edu). Remember that it's OK to take a break from the news and spend time with friends, take part in campus activities, and engage in self-care.

I'd also like to draw your attention to a recent message from Ozan Say, Director of OISS, about a [new FAQ webpage](#) that addresses questions you may have about the current immigration landscape, and an OISS "Know Your Rights" webinar on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:00-7:30pm, featuring Attorney Dan Berger (Partner at Green & Spiegel) and Kerry Doyle (former Principal Legal Advisor of ICE, Deputy General Counsel for DHS). I urge you to read Ozan's email in its entirety and click on the webpages he shares (copied below for your convenience). International students and scholars who have questions should [contact their OISS adviser](#).

Finally, I encourage you to focus as much as you can on your classes or research. Your efforts to learn and advance knowledge in the company of your network of mentors and friends are important for you, for Yale's mission of research and education, and ultimately for the world. We know this is an uncertain time for everyone, but together as a community, we will find a way through it.

Warm regards,

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