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# Presidential Executive Orders Impacting Higher Education

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# Setting the Stage

Higher education Executive Orders (EOs) relate to:

- International students and travel
- Athletics
- DEI
- Antisemitism
- Research funding and processes
- Accreditation

Available at [Presidential Actions – The White House](#)

Some may impact your institution now; others are EOs to watch.





# Executive Orders and Proclamations About International Students and Influence

## **Executive Orders:**

- January 20, 2025 – Reevaluating and Realigning U.S. Foreign Aid
- April 23, 2025 – Transparency Regarding Foreign Influence at Foreign Universities

## **Proclamations:**

- June 4, 2025 – Enhancing National Security by Addressing Risks at Harvard University
- June 4, 2025 – Restricting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the U.S. from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats



# Executive Orders About Athletics and Title IX

- January 20, 2025 – Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
- February 5, 2025 – Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports
- July 24, 2025 – Saving College Sports



# Executive Orders About DEI

- January 20, 2025 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
- January 20, 2025 / March 14, 2025 – Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions
- January 21, 2025 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity
- April 23, 2025 – Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy
- July 29, 2025 – Memorandum from OAG re Guidance for Recipients of Federal Funding



# Executive Orders About Research

- May 5, 2025 – Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research
- May 23, 2025 – Restoring Gold Standard Science

# Executive Orders and Other Guidance About Endowments and Finances

- February 21, 2025 – America First Investment Policy
- March 7, 2025 – Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- April 11, 2025 – Adjusting U.S. Department of Energy Grant Policy for Institutions of Higher Education
- Note endowment tax increase in One Big Beautiful Bill





# Executive Order About Accreditation

- April 23, 2025 – Reforming Accreditation to Strengthen Higher Education

Expect to see:

- New accreditors
- Switching of accreditors
- Changes to some accreditation policies



# Next Steps for Your College or University

- As always, follow the law
- Challenge – The law today may not be the law tomorrow and following current law may not keep you out of the crosshairs
- Safety in numbers – This is generally the case and if many institutions interpret an EO or proclamation in the same way, it is helpful.

Questions?



# Thank You!



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