

Update on DACA

On September 5, 2017 the Trump administration announced the decision to wind down the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Lawsuits were filed in multiple federal courts challenging this decision. As part of the litigation, courts issued injunctions requiring the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services to continue to process DACA renewal applications. No new applications for DACA status were accepted after the decision was made. On June 28, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the DACA court cases. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the cases on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 and a decision is expected to be released by the Court in June 2020.

DACA/Employment Permits

A current DACA work permit (Employment Authorization Documents) is needed to work. All DACA work permits will remain valid until they expire.

DACA/International Travel

If you are a DACA recipient, you should weigh the benefits and risks of international travel carefully as border agents have wide discretion in determining the admissibility of any person presenting at the border.

Permission to travel internationally (advance parole travel for DACA recipients) is no longer available. If you have a previously approved DACA advance parole application, it will remain valid until it expires. If you have a current DACA permit, and you leave the country with no approved advance parole application, your ability to re-enter the United States at a point of entry may be denied.

If any member of the University community has planned or scheduled international travel (study abroad, research, alt-spring break, service trips) that could be impacted by the new DACA restrictions, we advise you to consult with the sponsoring University department immediately or contact Ani Yazedjian, Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education, at ayazedj@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-7018 for further information or referral.

The University is monitoring developments closely and will post further information on this site as it becomes available.