



Emphasizing Our Support for Cornell's International Students and Scholars

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As you may have learned in recent news coverage, the U.S. Department of State will announce plans to shorten the validity period of some visas issued to Chinese citizens engaged in artificial intelligence, robotics, and high-tech manufacturing research, effective June 11, 2018.

Cornell University is home to more than 2,000 Chinese students and 400 Chinese faculty and scholars who help to make our campus a vibrant intellectual and cultural community and a destination of choice for the world's brightest students and scholars. The university supports the free movement of scholars and ideas, which allows the vital work of Cornell's international students and scholars, and enables Cornell to support and attract top students, scholars, and exchange visitors from around the world.

Cornell has been working closely with its Office of Federal Relations in Washington, peer institutions and national organizations such as NAFSA to express our concerns to the Trump administration. NAFSA's Deputy Executive Director for Public Policy Jill Welch will testify before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration on June 6.

We will closely follow all developments related to the State Department's plans and will work to provide any affected international students with information and support.