

Academy of Management condemns visa and immigration restrictions as a 'threat to science and scholarship'

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The Academy of Management (AOM) today condemned the September 24 White House proclamation on visas and immigration "as a threat to science and scholarship" and called on U.S. President Donald J. Trump to "immediately reverse this policy."

Taking effect October 18, the visa and immigration restrictions ban citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen from entering the United States indefinitely. The restrictions also curtail travel to the United States by citizens of Iraq and Venezuela.

"As the world's largest professional association of management and organization scholars, we call on you to immediately reverse this policy," said an [AOM letter](#) sent to Trump today.

The White House proclamation "prevents scholars with ties to the named countries from traveling to the U.S. regardless of the behaviors of these persons relevant to the potential for terrorism and threats to public safety," the AOM letter said. "Further, the policy is a threat to academic freedom because it prevents the dissemination of ideas of those scholars who are banned from entry into the United States, and because it prevents the dissemination of ideas developed outside the named countries into these jurisdictions by scholars who are citizens of the named countries...The policy is antithetical to scientific progress in the sense that it rests on assertions about potential terrorism and public safety that have largely been rejected by research in social science."

In addition, AOM joined more than 180 other scientific and educational associations and universities in a recent, separate statement to Trump, saying that his latest travel and immigration ban discourages "many of the best and brightest" international scholars and students from studying, working, and attending academic and scientific conferences in the United States.

The [Academy of Management](#)'s worldwide members are professors and Ph.D. students in business schools at universities, academics in related social science and other fields, and practitioners who value knowledge creation and application. Founded in 1936, AOM's global community today is nearly 20,000 strong, spanning more than 120 countries. AOM holds multiple events each year, and its [Annual Meeting](#) is the premier conference for more than 10,000 attendees, who include management researchers and business leaders from around the world. AOM publishes [Academy of Management Discoveries \(AMD\)](#), [Academy of Management Journal \(AMJ\)](#), [Academy of Management Review \(AMR\)](#), [Academy of Management Learning and Education \(AMLE\)](#), [Academy of Management Perspectives \(AMP\)](#) and [Academy of Management Annals](#).