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## Response to Executive Order on Refugee and Immigration Policy

The Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design, a consortium of the leading 42 specialized schools of visual art and design in the US and Canada, stands with our colleagues across higher education in both countries in advocating against the executive order signed by US President Donald Trump on January 27, 2017, that limits entry to the United States by citizens of seven Muslim-majority nations. AICAD member institutions are firmly committed to supporting diversity among their students, faculty and staff, welcoming individuals of all ethnicities and religious affiliations from across the globe.

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As stated by the Association of American Universities, “The order is stranding students who have been approved to study here and are trying to get back to campus, and threatens to disrupt the education and research of many others.” AICAD has had a multi-decade exchange program in place among its member institutions that in this dark hour will help to mitigate the impacts on affected students planning to study at US institutions. All Canadian member institutions of AICAD will accept any international students who planned to study at a US member institution, and all credits will be fully transferable to any other AICAD member institution. AICAD is proud of its long-time commitment to international exchange and partnerships, and will not allow this discriminatory action to change that tradition. We stand united against policies that are counter to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and the global sharing of knowledge that are core to the educational missions of all our members.

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