



WHITMAN COLLEGE

Dear Students and Families,

We, as members of the Whitman community, write to you now to recognize the specific challenges international students face at this difficult time of strained global politics. As a community of care and devotion, Whitman College reaffirms its commitment to fostering a global community of inclusion where students from all nations and backgrounds can commit equally to learning. Furthermore, we wish now to be explicit in recognizing that all international students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars play an integral part in sustaining the diversity and global-mindedness that makes Whitman education powerful in our world today.

To this end, we pledge to support students, faculty, and staff of international background in the following ways:

- We support campus organizations that aid in international students' efforts to build solidarity and community with each other, and to foster connections with other student organizations fighting racism and injustice in their communities.
- We support students continuing their Whitman educations while in their home countries, and their post-Whitman careers around the globe.
- We support faculty research and teaching around the world, understanding that this fosters long-lasting and fruitful scholarly connections.
- We support members of the community who face challenges with visa and immigration procedures during these challenging times.

Our response to structural challenges is rooted in a strong reaffirmation of the value our international community members bring to our college, and a determination to make Whitman more global-facing. We recognize the interconnections between this ethos of globality and the ongoing work for racial justice here in America. We invite you to join us in this mission of inclusion.

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