



**To:** NJ Institutions of Higher Education  
**From:** NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education  
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**Subject:** Updates on Federal Actions Impacting NJ Institutions of Higher Education

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### **Trump Signs Several Executive Orders regarding Higher Education**

On April 23, 2025, several executive orders were signed that carry potential implications for NJ higher education:

- [Transparency Regarding Foreign Influence at American Universities](#)
- [Reforming Accreditation to Strengthen Higher Education](#)
- [Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future](#)
- [Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy](#)
- [Advancing Artificial Intelligence Education for American Youth](#)

The State, along with OSHE, will continue to monitor the implications of the federal action on higher education in New Jersey. Institutions should continue to monitor for updates and guidance as the situation evolves.

### **Updates on Litigation**

Several of the recent federal actions have been or are currently under review by courts throughout the country. An external resource is available to track the status of these cases: [Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions](#). Note, this tracker is not affiliated with the State and institutions should work with their counsel and leadership to determine implications for their campus.

### **Request for Updates on Federal Impact if Applicable**

In addition, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education is continuing to compile information about any institutions who are experiencing issues with frozen federal funding, canceled federal contracts, or other impacts due to federal action. Please submit a brief summary of issues to [Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov](mailto:Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov) if applicable to your institution.