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Trump Pledges Green Cards for Foreign Graduates of U.S. Colleges



Donald Trump announced his intention to grant green cards to foreign graduates from U.S. colleges, indicating a potential shift from his usual strict stance on immigration, a significant election issue.

In a podcast released Thursday, the Republican candidate shared his plan just days after President Joe Biden proposed a citizenship pathway for immigrants married to U.S. nationals, balancing his recent stringent measures on illegal border crossings.

"What I want to do and what I will do is, you graduate from a college, I think you should get automatically as part of your diploma a green card to be able to stay in this country," Trump stated on the All-In podcast.

A green card, formally known as a permanent resident card, is a crucial step toward U.S. citizenship.

Trump specified that this policy should apply to "anybody who graduates from a college," including those who complete two-year programs, known as junior colleges, as well as doctoral graduates. When initially asked on the podcast if he would commit to bringing "the best and the brightest around the world to America," Trump responded affirmatively: "I do promise."

He elaborated, "I know of stories where people graduated from a top college, or from a college, and they desperately want to stay here... and they can't."

"They go back to India, they go back to China. They start similar companies there and become multi-billionaires, employing thousands of people," Trump explained. He also emphasized that U.S. companies need "smart people," adding, "they can't even make a deal with a company because they don't think they're going to be able to stay in the country."

"That is going to end on day one," Trump assured.

During Trump's presidency from 2017 to 2021, he ordered the construction of a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and implemented a travel ban on people from predominantly Muslim countries. His recent remarks followed Democrat opponent Biden's Tuesday relaxation of visa rules for about half a million spouses of U.S. nationals, making it easier for them to obtain citizenship.

The president also simplified the process for migrants who entered the United States illegally as children - known as "Dreamers" - to get work visas if they have graduated college and have a "high-skilled job offer."

Biden, frequently criticized by Republicans for being lenient on immigration, signed an executive order earlier in June barring migrants who enter the United States illegally from claiming asylum when daily numbers surge past 2,500.

Saudi Arabia Implements Digital Wage Transfer for Newly Hired Domestic Workers

Starting July 1, Saudi Arabia will implement a digital wage transfer system for newly hired domestic workers. The Musaned platform, responsible for domestic labor affairs, mandates that wages be transferred through an accredited digital wallet to ensure transparency and document salary payments. This system will gradually extend to existing contracts and is set to apply to all domestic workers by January 1, 2026.

The Saudi Ministry of Human Resources established Musaned to help clients understand their rights and duties, providing services such as visa issuance, recruitment requests, and managing the contractual relationship between employers and workers. The ministry has mandated that all recruitment contracts be processed through Musaned to protect the rights of all parties involved.

In addition to wage transfers, Musaned facilitates advance salary transfers and loans to domestic workers. The platform also allows the transfer of workers between employers with the employee's consent. Domestic workers in Saudi Arabia include housekeepers, drivers, housemaids, cleaners, cooks, guards, farmers, live-in nurses, tutors, and nannies.

High Demand for Fresh Graduates in UAE Job Market: Marketing, Healthcare, and Finance Sectors Booming

Fresh graduates seeking job opportunities in the MENA region this year are well-positioned to find employment in the marketing, healthcare, and finance sectors, according to a Dubai-based job search engine. Bayt.com's '2024 Fresh Graduates in the MENA Survey' revealed that many industries are thriving with new career opportunities for fresh graduates, with companies in advertising, marketing, and public relations (25 percent) emerging as top recruiters.

The survey highlighted healthcare and medical services (14 percent), military/defense and police (13 percent), and banking/finance (13 percent) as the other leading hiring sectors. Advertising, marketing, and PR (22 percent) were identified as the most appealing industries for fresh graduates from a career perspective, followed by IT, internet, and e-commerce (19 percent), and business consultancy (17 percent).

Bayt.com conducted the survey in collaboration with market research agency YouGov to identify which industries most attract fresh graduates in the MENA region. The survey sampled respondents from UAE, KSA, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Lebanon, and several other MENA countries.

The survey also revealed that respondents believe some industries hire more fresh graduates due to lower salary expectations (42 percent), while 37 percent think certain sectors prefer young graduates because they can handle more challenges.

Ola Haddad, General Manager at Bayt.com, commented, "Our Fresh Graduates Survey reveals how young job seekers and recent graduates view the job market and identify the most attractive industries from their perspective."



When asked about the top skills required to excel in the workplace, respondents identified computer skills (53 percent) as the most important, followed by interpersonal/team skills and communication skills (both at 39 percent). Respondents across MENA rated their interpersonal/team-playing skills (89 percent), communication skills (86 percent), and flexibility/adaptability to change (85 percent) as 'good' or 'very good.'

Challenges Faced by Fresh Graduates

The survey indicated that most MENA graduates (43 percent) feel their biggest challenge when job hunting is not knowing how to approach the search effectively. Additionally, 43 percent cited difficulty in finding relevant jobs as an obstacle. Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of graduates reported gaining work experience during or before college.

Passion for the job (46 percent) emerged as the most critical factor for MENA respondents when selecting a job. Nearly three-quarters (74 percent) of fresh graduates expect to be offered a basic salary for their first job, and 45 percent expect personal medical insurance.

Sheikh Hamdan Approves New Phase of Dubai Future Solutions Initiative



Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Dubai Future Foundation (DFF), has officially launched the next phase of the 'Dubai Future Solutions' initiative.

The 'Dubai Future Solutions - Prototypes for Humanity' initiative will be overseen by Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority (Dubai Culture). This initiative is focused on fostering the development and implementation of innovative prototypes and pilot models to deliver transformative solutions from Dubai to the world. Building on the successes of the 'Prototypes for Humanity' initiative over the past nine years, it aims to advance innovation for the betterment of humanity. Sheikh Hamdan witnessed the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Dubai Future Foundation and the Hussain Sajwani - DAMAC Foundation (HSDF), which pledged Dh100 million to support innovation and technology in Dubai and across the UAE. The agreement, signed by Khalfan Belhouli, CEO of DFF, and Hussain Sajwani, Founder and Chairman of DAMAC Properties, designates HSDF as a strategic partner of the initiative. Sheikh Hamdan emphasized that the initiative serves as a comprehensive platform to support innovators and designers of future solutions worldwide, nurturing top talent and creative

thinkers across all future-oriented sectors. He stated that this is a pivotal step towards realizing the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to transform Dubai into a global innovation hub.

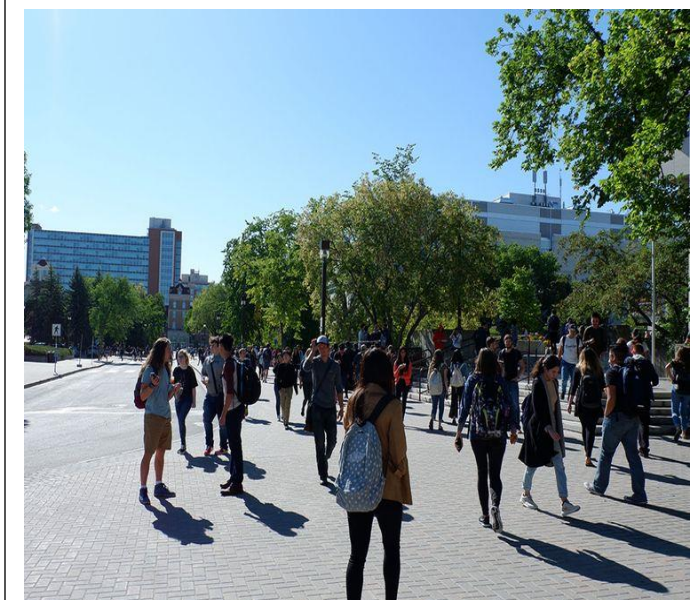
Dynamic Platform

"The objective of the 'Dubai Future Solutions - Prototypes for Humanity' initiative is to create a dynamic platform that attracts leading innovations, projects, and experimental ideas from across the world, including contributions from bright students, top universities, and international institutions, with the aim of transforming these ideas into impactful solutions benefiting humanity. We extend our gratitude to Hussain Sajwani for supporting Dubai's innovation journey and his dedication to advancing future technologies across sectors," Sheikh Hamdan added.

Sheikha Latifa remarked that the directives of Sheikh Hamdan provide strong momentum to Dubai's journey of innovation, entrepreneurship, future design, and human empowerment. They guide the strengthening of international collaborations and partnerships, accelerating the advancement of new technologies and innovations.

"To achieve these goals, we are committed to cultivating strategic partnerships with government entities, the private sector, global universities, and academic, cultural, technological, and creative institutions. Our objective is to spotlight a variety of future-oriented ideas and innovations that have a positive impact on society, ultimately transforming them into tangible achievements that will serve humanity," Her Highness added. Under the guidance of Sheikha Latifa, the collaboration between DFF and HSDF will establish a global framework to enhance partnerships with academic institutions, students, laboratories, startups, and leading innovators worldwide. This initiative is designed to attract leading global innovations to Dubai, offering a platform for innovators

Canada's Student Visa Crackdown Slows Population Growth



Canada's stringent measures on its higher education industry have begun to reduce the number of foreign students, signaling a potential slowdown in the country's rapid population growth over the next few years.

Statistics Canada reported on Wednesday that the number of people holding only study permits dropped by 24,594 in the first quarter, compared to a decline of 16,003 during the same period last year.

This slight reduction also contributed to a slowdown in the overall growth of temporary immigration. The country added 131,810 non-permanent residents in the first quarter, marking one of the lowest quarterly net increases since early 2022. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government aims to cut international student permits by 35 percent from last year to curb the explosive post-pandemic population increase and address public concerns over housing shortages and strains on public services.

Although the cap on student visas is not expected to take full effect until later this year, the latest data suggest that these policies may already be curbing the streak of record-breaking population gains seen in recent quarters.

Canada's population grew by 0.6% in the first quarter to reach 41 million. This growth rate matches the previous three months but represents a significant slowdown from the 1.1% growth rate recorded in the third quarter of 2023.

to exhibit their work, drive community improvement, address significant global challenges, and convert experimental projects into thriving startups. Additionally, the initiative supports innovators and startups across various future sectors, enhancing job creation, investment opportunities, and market expansion. It also aids in patenting innovations and helps transition ideas into viable companies while providing investment avenues for innovators looking to expand from Dubai to global markets. These objectives will be realized in collaboration with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and Dubai Culture.

Annual Celebration

Furthermore, an annual event will be hosted at the Dubai Future District, showcasing the best 100 innovations from the 'Dubai Future Solutions - Prototypes for Humanity' initiative. The top innovations will be honored during the annual ceremony.

DFF will also support this initiative through various national programs, including the Dubai Research and Development Program and the Dubai Robotics and Automation Program. Leveraging its integrated ecosystem, DFF will promote entrepreneurship through AREA 2071 and the Dubai Future Accelerators (DFA), spotlighting promising projects and talents. This announcement builds on the success achieved by the 'Prototypes for Humanity', an initiative of the Art Dubai Group, over the past nine years. Under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed, the initiative has showcased hundreds of innovative projects from over 10,000 applications submitted by students from more than 700 universities worldwide.

The 'Prototypes for Humanity' initiative has been supported by its founding partners: Dubai Culture, DIFC, A.R.M Holding, and the Investment Corporation of Dubai. In the past year, the initiative received over 2,800 project submissions encompassing more than 200 research fields across diverse technological and future-oriented sectors.

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