

Announcement regarding 9/22/17 DOE Guidance issued via Title IX Website

## Important Announcement

Dear Carnegie Mellon Community,

As you may know, on Friday, September 22, 2017, the U.S. Department of Education replaced two significant guidance documents for schools about preventing and responding to sexual misconduct, issuing a new [Dear Colleague Letter](#) and accompanying [Q & A](#). There is no immediate impact to our prevention and response efforts here at Carnegie Mellon University. The Department has announced its intention to develop new policy through a traditional rule making process that responds to public comment.

The University [remains dedicated](#) to preventing harassment, discrimination and violence in our community. We remain also committed to providing support, resources and information to individuals in our community who have been impacted by these issues and to providing fair, prompt and thorough investigations and resolution to community members who seek resolution through the University. Carnegie Mellon's current [policies and procedures](#) remain in effect.

Carnegie Mellon University strives to be an environment in which we all can learn, work and fully participate in the life of the community. That full participation depends on a foundation of mutual respect and care for one another, in which we all share responsibility for combatting all forms of gender discrimination (including sexual misconduct and gender identity discrimination).

As the Department of Education moves forward with its announced rulemaking process, affording traditional notice and opportunity for comment, we look forward to working with our peers and the Department of Education to inform the national discussion on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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Office of Title IX Initiatives