Research Security FAQs and Further Reading Resource

Goal

Use this tool to learn more about recent federal and university actions related to foreign interference and research

Intended User

Any individual looking to learn more about recent development related to foreign interference and research security

Overview

This resource contextualizes the emphasized federal focus on foreign interference and research security through a series of primary and secondary sources along with university produced statements and documents on the issue

General Background

Compilation of News Articles and Press Reporting on Foreign Interference

Resource	Description
How University Labs Landed on the Front Lines of the Fight With China	(May 2019) The Chronicle of Higher Education's article on the US-China academic and scientific relationship and recent tensions
The U.S. Is Purging Chinese Cancer Researchers From Top Institutions	(June 2019) <i>Bloomberg</i> article on the impacts of US investigations into research conflicts of interest and fraud
Chinese American Scientists Uneasy Amid Crackdown on Foreign influence	(June 2019) <i>Nature's</i> reporting on concerns over the ethnic-targeting of Chinese researchers in recent investigations
Professor Indicted for Alleged Undisclosed Chinese Links	(August 2019) <i>Inside Higher Ed</i> article on the investigation and prosecution of a University of Kansas research professor
NIH Reveals Its formula for Tracking Foreign Influences	(September 2019) Science article on NIH methodology for threat identification
University emails reveal breadth of FBI campaign against researchers' `wholesale theft' of trade secrets for China	(October 2019) South China Morning Post and Associated Press reporting on university interactions with the FBI and handling of research security investigations
Fewer Chinese Students at Many Campuses	(October 2019) <i>Inside Higher Ed</i> article one declining Chinese student enrollment due in part to increased geopolitical tension
Scientists With Links to China May Be Stealing Biomedical Research, U.S. Says	(November 2019) New York Times article that covers the timeline of NIH's investigations

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Federal Policy, Actions, and Considerations

Compilation of Federal Documents Related to Foreign Interference

Resource	Description
How China's Economic Aggression Threatens Technology	(June 2018) White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy's report that highlights perceive threat from Chinese economic espionage
NSF's Dear Colleague Letter: Research Protection	(July 2019) NSF's policy update on research security
NIH Policies Related to Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components	(July 2019) NIH's consolidated policy on conflict of interest and foreign interference
Letter to the United States Research Community	(September 2019) Office of Science and Technology Director Kelvin Droegemeier statement on federal research protection actions and interagency coordination

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University-Specific Resources

Compilation of University Produced Materials on Foreign Interference

Resource	Description
Balancing Science and Security	(July 2019) The president of AAU's editorial in <i>Science</i> pushing back on more aggressive legislative proposals and advocating for the Securing American Science and Technology Act
USC Faculty FAQ on Foreign Interference and Research	(July 2019) Example faculty FAQ from University of Southern California
<u>Disclosing International Relationships and</u> <u>Activities to UF and Federal Agencies</u>	(July 2019) Example faculty resource page and FAQ from University of Florida
Guidance from the UNC Vice Chancellor for Research Regarding Foreign Influence and University Research	(August 2019) Example from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill of on campus communication and policy actions
Letter From Multiple Professional Associations to Federal Agencies	(September 2019) Co-signed letter by nearly 50 scientific and engineering professional societies and associations that calls out the need to protect open research
Decision to Renew Memorandum of Understanding Re: Confucius Institute at Tufts University	(October 2019) Tufts University's announcement to renew their Confucius Institute agreement
MIT Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research News Archive	(Ongoing) Massachusetts Institute of Technology's conflict of interest news archives that collects major developments related to conflict of interest disclosure

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