



International Research Security Working Group

Charge by Jack Hu, Vice President for Research

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International partnerships continue to be critically important to the U-M research and scholarship community. However, there is an increasing concern over science and security from the federal government around interactions with some countries. In order to ensure the U-M research enterprise is acting in compliance with federal regulations and is proactively addressing credible threats, I am charging a committee of key staff across campus that will focus on important issues related to research security. This working group will proactively focus on communicating campus policies and procedures, raising awareness of international concerns to faculty and staff engaged in international partnerships, and make recommendations for improving coordination across campus. The working group will engage other stakeholders from across campus as necessary, including faculty experts and/or those engaged actively in international research. It is expected that the group meet regularly and report out to relevant campus stakeholders (e.g., U-M Office of Research, Research Associate Deans, Provost's Office) at least twice a year.

Some of the specific issues this task force will examine, include:

- Current export control monitoring processes;
- Relationship with foreign corporate entities and their respective affiliates (financial contributions and systems use);
- Faculty involvement in international foreign talent/recruitment programs;
- Impact of current and possible additional visa restrictions on admissions in areas such as robotics and high-tech manufacturing;
- Better understanding of research security protocols and vulnerabilities related to disclosing foreign gifts and contracts; failure to disclose contributions from outside organizations, including foreign governments, with the intention to distort research outcomes; and researchers diverting intellectual property;
- Reviewing and disseminating national research security policies and risks, as necessary and appropriate;
- Review of MOUs and other research agreements with sensitive countries;
- Review of composition of graduate and postdoctoral programs, especially in STEM fields, to understand impact of visa restrictions on research;
- Reviewing internal review procedures for internal funding opportunities that involve international funders and/or collaborations;
- Assessing the risks to research and to personal safety related to undertaking certain kinds of research in sensitive countries;

- Reviewing procurement policies related to international partnerships;
- Examining campus visitor policies (e.g., College of Engineering's pilot program);
- Ensuring awareness for faculty around opportunities and risks of international collaborations.

Membership as of March 2019:

Brad Orr, Associate VP for Research - Natural Sciences and Engineering, UMOR (co-chair)

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