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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 9, 2024
To: All UF Researchers
From: Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research *DN*
Subject: Directive Regarding Participation in Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs

As required by §10631 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy has published [policy guidelines](#) requiring Federal research agencies to prohibit "covered individuals" from participating in a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (MFTRP). In addition, effective August 9, 2024, the US Department of Defense is prohibited from providing funding to or making an award of a fundamental research project proposal in which a covered individual is participating in a MFTRP or the proposing institution does not have a policy addressing MFTRP. As such, University of Florida faculty, staff and students who are proposing or conducting research on any sponsored funds are prohibited from participating in MFTRP.

The CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 defines a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program as any program, position, or activity that is sponsored by a foreign country of concern that includes compensation in exchange for activities that may violate research security regulations. More details on UF's Research Security program and what constitutes an MFTRP are found at <https://research.ufl.edu/compliance/research-security.html>.

If you have questions regarding this directive, please contact Cassandra Farley, Research Security Officer, and Director, Research Integrity, Security and Compliance, at cfarley@ufl.edu.