

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Policy Statement

KSU faculty and staff researchers must disclose all foreign relationships and activities.

Background

Kennesaw State University recognizes that collaboration with parties external to KSU is an essential part of research and encourages its researchers to engage in such collaborations to advance scientific inquiry and discovery. Collaboration with foreign entities and funding agencies carries the potential risk of undue foreign influence on federally funded research, making it imperative that KSU faculty disclose all such collaborations. The Department of Defense (DoD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Department of Energy (DoE) have all issued statements about the necessity of disclosing foreign relationships and activities.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2019 directed the Secretary of Defense to work with academic institutions to ¹ undue influence, including through foreign talent programs, by countries to exploit United States technology within the Department of Defense research, science and technology, and innovation

[NIH notice NOT-OD-19-114](#), issued July 10, 2019, reminds researchers and academic institutions the need to report foreign activities through documentation of other support, foreign components, and financial conflict of interest to prevent scientific, budgetary, or commitment

information to foreign government entities through their participation in foreign government talent recruitment programs of countries designated by DOE as a foreign country of

KSU Policy on Disclosing Foreign Relationships and Activities

1. *Specific agency and/or solicitation guidelines:* Include all support per the guidelines. NIH and NSF requirements are listed below.
 - a. **NIH:** All financial resources, whether Federal, non-Federal, commercial or institutional, available in direct support of an individual's research endeavors, including but not limited to research grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and/or institutional awards. Training awards, prizes, or gifts do not need to be included.
 - b. **NSF:** Current and pending support includes all resources made available to an individual in support of and/or related to all of his/her research efforts, regardless of whether or not they have monetary value. Current and pending support also includes in-kind contributions (such as office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, employees, students). In-kind contributions not intended for use on the project/proposal being proposed also must be reported. Current and pending support information must be provided for this project, for ongoing projects, and for any proposals currently under consideration from whatever source, irrespective of whether such support is provided through the proposing organization or is provided directly to the individual.
2. *Foreign subrecipient of federally funded research:* A number of agencies have policies governing this, including

d. informing your pre-award specialist that the project