



# Foreign Engagement Resources for MIT Researchers

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# Every international collaboration must be handled with care and transparent reporting.

Federal international engagement concerns are not exclusive to China

## Key Government concerns

1. Agreements with foreign entities may impose obligations on researchers that are contrary to university policies or federal grant requirements;
2. Failure of researchers to disclose support from outside activities or foreign organizations in federal grant applications that may overlap with grant scope or over-commit researchers;
3. Undisclosed significant financial conflicts of interest;
4. Sharing of confidential information by researchers serving as peer reviewers of federal grant applications;
5. Misappropriation or unlawful transfer of U.S. intellectual property, data, or unpublished research results;
6. Unlawful transfer of research materials and samples; and
7. Data security and cyberattack vulnerability.



# Government agencies expect researchers to disclose the full scope of their international engagements.

MIT Researchers need to make three types of disclosures

## Sponsor-specific proposal disclosures

At proposal submission  
In progress reports, etc.

RAS provides Agency-specific proposal checklists. Pay special attention to Biosketch and Other Support sections.

<https://ras.mit.edu/grant-and-contract-administration/international-activities/federal-disclosure-requirements>

## Financial conflict of interest disclosures

At proposal submission  
At award stage  
Annually

COI website provides detailed policy information and guidance  
<https://coi.mit.edu/reference-and-user-guides/what-do-i-need-know-starting-my-coi-disclosure>

## Outside professional activities disclosures

Annually  
As new activities arise

The Institute has clear OPA policies.

<https://policies.mit.edu/policies-procedures/40-faculty-rights-and-responsibilities/45-outside-professional-activities>  
<https://opa.mit.edu/>



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Federal Disclosure



MIT Disclosure



# New resources for MIT Researchers

- MIT newly acquired CITI training:

- Undue Foreign Influence Impacts and Concerns in Academia
- Reporting, Research Integrity, and Effective Practices to Manage Undue Foreign Influence Risk
- Cybersecurity and Compliance Considerations for Safeguarding Research
- Nondiscrimination Considerations When Managing Undue Foreign Influence

<https://research.mit.edu/integrity-and-compliance/citi-training-courses>

- VPR foreign engagement website summarizes available resources:

<https://research.mit.edu/integrity-and-compliance/foreign-engagement>

- Established an email for related questions and concerns from researchers: [Research-compliance-help@mit.edu](mailto:Research-compliance-help@mit.edu)



# MIT OGC provides Guidance Regarding International Travel Preparation

- Available on MIT OGC website (MIT certificate login required): <https://ogc.mit.edu/ogc-guidance-regarding-international-travel-preparation>
  - Tips for proper preparation for international travel
  - Information on interactions with immigration and law enforcement agents when entering or leaving the U.S.
  - Example of documentation to procure if it is necessary to travel with MIT data or materials



# Additional Resources

International  
Coordinating  
Committee

Consult the ICC when planning and implementing international activities  
<http://icc.mit.edu/>

Export Control

Check the Export Control section of the VPR website for updates and training  
<https://research.mit.edu/integrity-and-compliance/export-control>

MIT Non-  
Retaliation policy

Review the MIT Non-Retaliation Policy 9.7  
<https://policies.mit.edu/policies-procedures/90-relations-and-responsibilities-within-mit-community/97-non-retaliation>

EthicsPoint  
hotline

Use the anonymous EthicsPoint hotline to report a concern <https://hotline.mit.edu>

