# **UMB** Research Security

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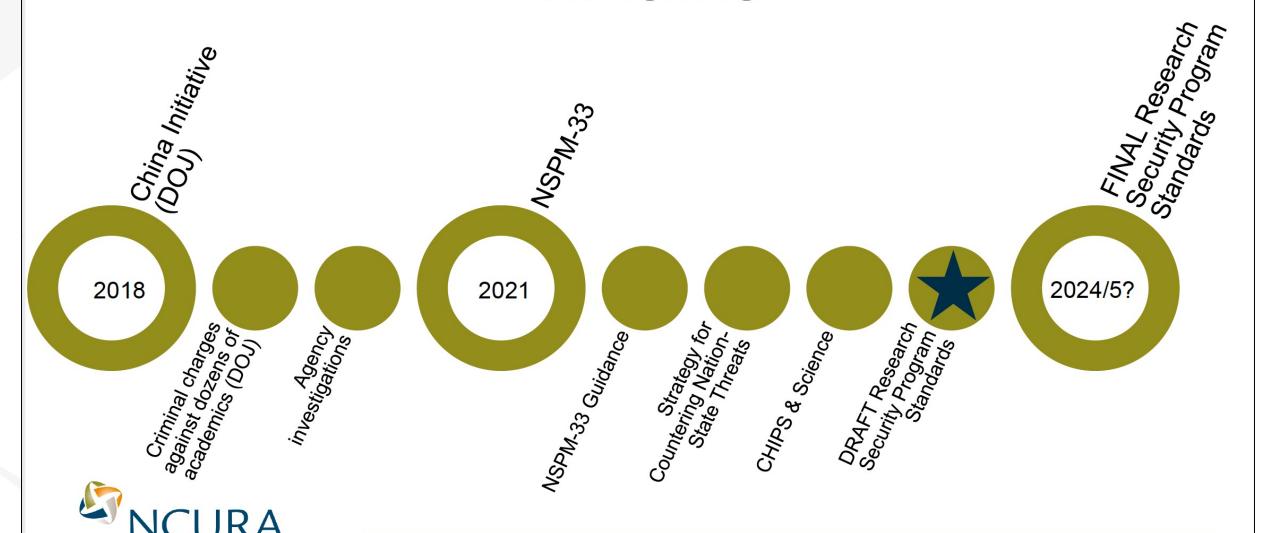


# Agenda

- Foreign Influence Timeline
  - Chips Act of 2022
  - National Security Presidential Memorandum 33
- Research Security at UMB



# **Timeline**



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# CHIPS Act of 2022

The Act contains a variety of provisions related to research ethics, foreign talent recruitment, restrictions on Confucius Institutes, and establishing new research security initiatives in the Department of Energy, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, and the National Science Foundation:

- **Section 10634** requires institutions and researchers to certify training has occurred as part of the application for a research award.
- **Section 10337** updated responsible conduct in research training to raise awareness of potential security threats, and federal export control, disclosure, and reporting requirements.
- **Section 10339B** requires institutions to annually provide a summary report to NSF current financial support, including gifts and contracts, of \$50,000 and above from foreign countries of concern.
- **Section 10631 and 10632** prohibits all agency personnel from participating in a malign foreign talent recruitment program and required OSTP to distribute a uniform set of guidelines for federal research agencies regarding foreign talent recruitment programs. Also required individuals to certify they are not part of a malign foreign talent program and that policies developed should not prohibit activities related to international collaborations.

## National Security Presidential Memorandum 33

Directs action to strengthen protections of U.S. Government-supported research and development against foreign government interference and exploitation.

While maintaining an open environment to foster research discoveries and innovation, steps will be taken to protect intellectual capital, discourage research misappropriation, and ensure responsible management of taxpayer dollars. This includes steps to ensure that participants fully disclose information that can reveal potential conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment.

#### **Research Security** (as defined in NSPM-33):

Safeguarding the research enterprise against the misappropriation of research and development to the detriment of national or economic security, related violations of research integrity, and foreign government interference.

- Disclosure Requirements and Standardization
- Digital Persistent Identifiers
- Research Security Program



### NSPM-33: Research Security Program

NSPM-33 directs that by January 14, 2022, "heads of funding agencies shall require that research institutions receiving Federal science and engineering support in excess of 50 million dollars per year certify to the funding agency that the institution has established and operates a research security program.

Institutional research security programs should include elements of:

- Cybersecurity
- Foreign Travel Security
- Research Security Training
- Export Control Training (as appropriate)



# Research Security @ UMB

NSPM-33: Qualifying research organizations should establish a research security program as soon as possible, but should be provided one year from date of issuance of the formal requirement to comply.

**Final Research Security Program Standards (2024-5?)** 



## **UMB** Coordinating Functions

- Disclosures
  - Sponsor
  - University
- Policies and Standard Operating Procedures
- Digital Persistent Identifier
- Research Security Program
  - Sponsored Research: Proposal and Award Review
- Responsible Conduct of Research
- Research Security Information Hub and Point-of-Contact



#### **Disclosures**

Heightened scrutiny of foreign influence has led federal agencies to request additional information from researchers. A renewed effort is now underway to ensure that existing requirements to disclose specific information are known, understood, and followed.

The Feds have worked to develop consistent disclosure requirements and to develop proposed common disclosure forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support.

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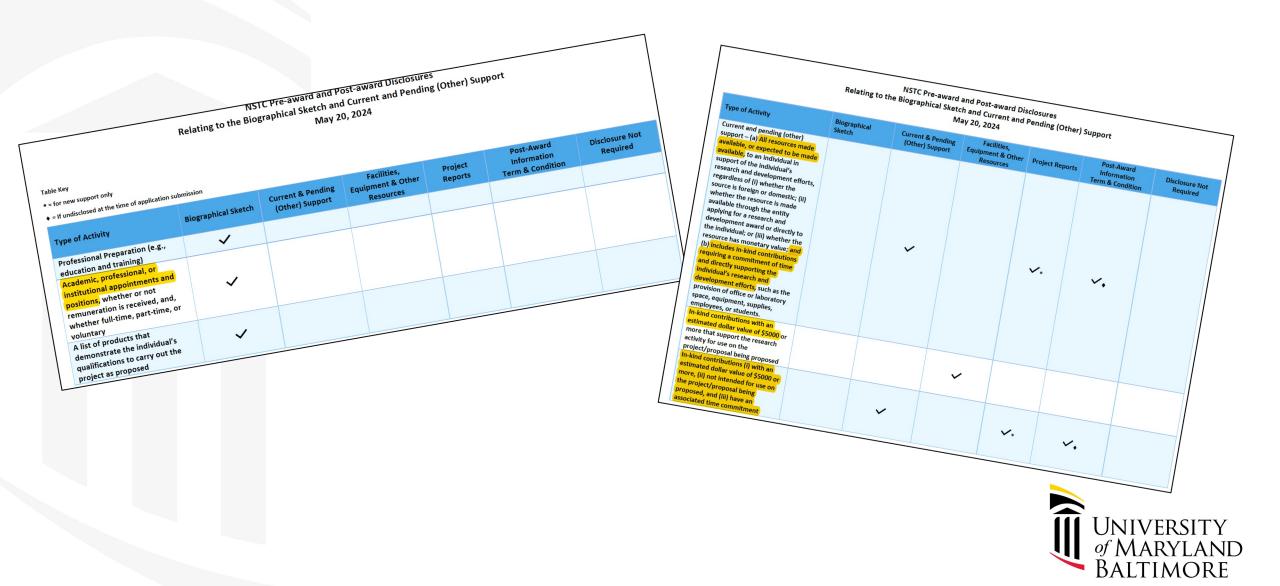
- Conflicts of Interest
- Conflicts of Commitment

#### **Sponsor**

- Proposals
  - Biographical Sketch; Current/Pending (Other) Support
- Annual reports
- Updates



# **Sponsor Disclosures**



# Malign/Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs and Certifications

Many countries sponsor talent recruitment programs to attract researchers in targeted fields, utilizing legitimate, transparent mechanisms of talent recruitment, including use of research fellowships, student and scholar exchanges, and grants.

However, some programs provide direction or levy requirements, including through language in binding contracts, that create conflicts of interest and/or conflicts of commitment for researchers; inappropriate transfers of federally-funded research to foreign governments; violations of export control laws and; theft of intellectual property.

Foreign talent recruitment programs are characterized by their activities, features, intents, or requirements.

#### **Federal Guidelines**

Must disclose participation in FTRPs and certify they are not a party to a MFTRP Certifications required at time of each proposal and annually thereafter.

\*University Policy – Pending Review \*SOP for Certifications – SPA AVP announcement May 4, 2024



# Digital Persistent Identifier: ORCID

NSPM-33: "funding agencies shall establish policies regarding requirements for individual researchers supported by or working on any Federal research grant to be registered with a service that provides a digital persistent identifier for that individual."

Health Sciences Human Services Library offers education around identifiers and has organized "ORCID Drives" in the past.

#### ORCID



ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) is an open, non-profit initiative that aims to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers. It is free to use. ORCID can be integrated into every step of the research workflow, from grant resources, allowing you to integrate your profile with your ResearcherID and Scopus Author ID.

- Register for ORCID
- Help Building Your ORCID Record
- Add Works to Your ORCID Record
- Control Your Privacy
- Integrate ORCID with SciENcv



# Cybersecurity

NSPM-33: satisfy the cybersecurity element of the research security program by applying basic safeguarding protocols and procedures as described in NSPM-33.

- CITS has launched the Secure Research Environment (SRE), a new centralized virtual environment designed to protect sensitive and restricted research data.
- Software programs and tools available to conduct research and analyses. Secure virtual desktop environments and custom compute configurations allow access to sensitive data under a higher level of control and data protection.

Ensuring that cybersecurity elements of research security programs meet the Agencies should require that research organizations satisfy the cybersecurity element of the research security program requirement by applying the following basic safeguarding protoc

- Provide regular cybersecurity awareness training for authorized users of information Systems, including in recognizing and responding to social engineering threats and
- Limit information system access to authorized users, processes acting on behalf of authorized users, or devices (including other information systems).
- Limit information system access to the types of transactions and functions that
- Verify and control/limit connections to and use of external information systems.
- Control any non-public information posted or processed on publicly accessible
- Identify information system users, processes acting on behalf of users, or devices. Authenticate (or verify) the identities of those users, processes, or devices, as a
- prerequisite to allowing access to organizational information systems. Monitor, control, and protect organizational communications (i.e., information transmitted or received by organizational information systems) at the external
- boundaries and key internal boundaries of the information systems.
- Implement subnetworks for publicly accessible system components that are Provide protection of scientific data from ransomware and other data integrity attack
- Identify, report, and correct information and information system flaws in a timely
- Provide protection from malicious code at appropriate locations within organizational
- Update malicious code protection mechanisms when new releases are available. Perform periodic scans of the information system and real-time scans of files from

Additional cybersecurity requirements, for example, those provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will apply in some cases, such as for research

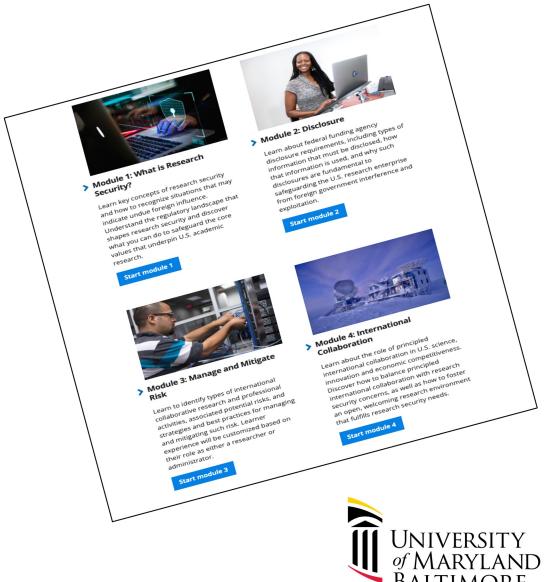


# Research Security Training

NSPM-33: provide training to relevant personnel on research security threat awareness and identification, including insider threat training where applicable.

The U.S. National Science Foundation, in partnership with the NIH, DOE, and DOD, is sharing online research security training for the research community.

UMB will offer this research security training to comply with the Research Security Program requirements of NSPM-33.



### **Export Controls Training**

NSPM-33: Agencies should require that research organizations conducting R&D that is subject to export control restrictions provide training to relevant personnel on requirements and processes for reviewing foreign sponsors, collaborators and partnerships, and for ensuring compliance with Federal export control requirements and restricted entities lists.

#### **UMB** must review for:

- Restricted/Prohibited parties (organizations and individuals)
- Country sanctions
  - Comprehensive Sanctions: Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Syria, and Regions of Ukraine (Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk)
  - "Countries of concern" (NSPM-33, CHIPS act, etc.): China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran
  - OFAC Sanctions Programs



## Sponsored Research: Proposal and Award Review

- International Research
  - Sponsors
  - Collaborators
  - Consultants
  - Subrecipients
- International shipments
- Services to foreign nationals/entities
  - Consulting; Teaching/Instruction/Training
- International travel
  - Destination(s) determine what controls/regulations apply
- Contract terms containing:
  - Confidentiality restrictions
  - Publication/dissemination restrictions on techniques or processes
  - Restrictions on the participation of foreign nationals



### Sponsored Research: Proposal and Award Review

Incorporation by reference of Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARs), agency specific FARs, or other federal regulations, which impose specific controls:

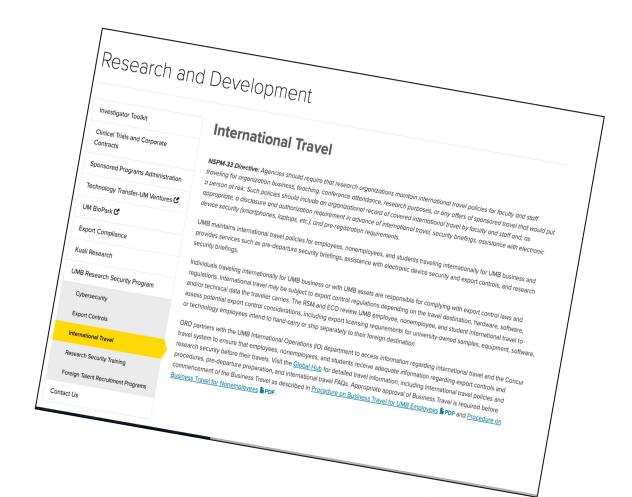
- FAR 52.227-17 (Rights in Data Special Works)

  Prevents the release, distribution, and publication of any data originally produced in the performance of the award.
- **DFAR 252.204-7000 (Disclosure of Information)**Contractor shall not release to anyone outside the Contractor's organization any unclassified information, regardless of medium, pertaining to any part of this contract or any program related to this contract.
- **DFAR 252.204-7008 (Compliance with Safeguarding Covered Defenses Information Controls)**The security requirements required by contract clause 252.204–7012, Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting, shall be implemented for all covered defense information on all covered contractor information systems that support the performance of this contract.
- ARL 52.004-4400 (Foreign Nationals Performing Under Contract)
  In accordance with Title 8 U.S.C. 1324a, local Foreign Disclosure Officers (FDOs) may approve access by foreign nationals working on unclassified public domain contracts for the duration of the contract, provided the foreign nationals have appropriate work authorization documentation.

# Foreign Travel Security

Nspm-33: maintain international travel policies; policies should include an organizational record of covered international travel by faculty and staff, a disclosure and authorization requirement in advance of international travel, security briefings, assistance with electronic device security (smartphones, laptops, etc.), and preregistration requirements.

UMB maintains international travel policies for traveling internationally for UMB business and provides services such as pre-departure security briefings, assistance with electronic device security and export controls, and research security briefings.





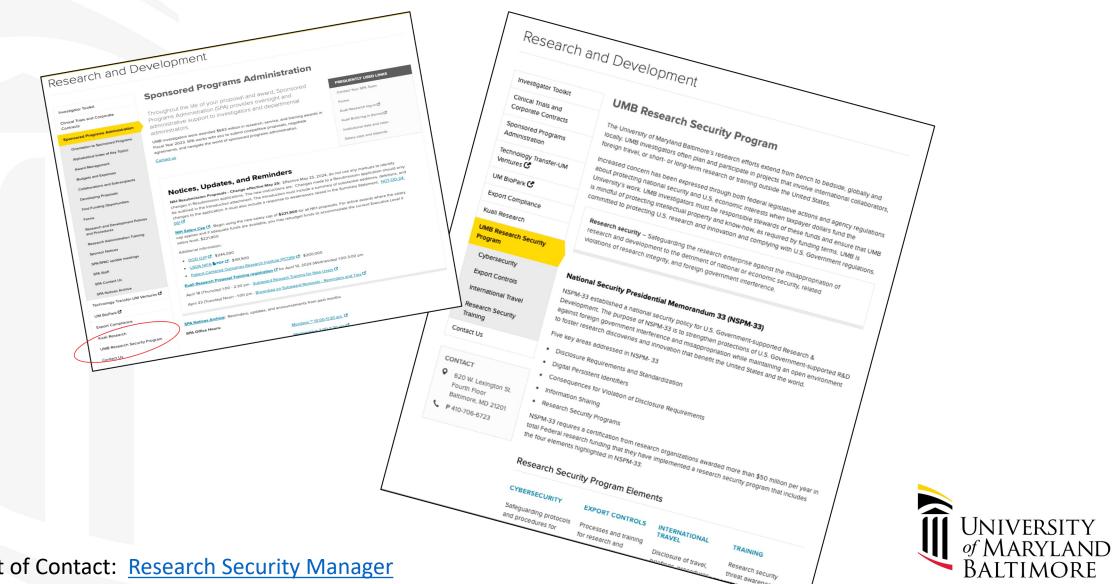
# Responsible Conduct of Research: Research Security

NSPM-33: Agencies should require that, as part of their research security programs, research organizations provide training to relevant personnel on research security threat awareness and identification, including insider threat training where applicable.

The Research Integrity Office serves UMB by providing education/training and investigative services to the campus community on Research Integrity, Responsible Conduct of Research, and Research Misconduct.

More to come....

### Research Security Information Hub



UMB Point of Contact: Research Security Manager

# Ask Hiromi, Ask Often.

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