



Foreign Government Talent Recruitment Program (FGTRP) Certification

In certain circumstances, sponsors requires project personnel to disclose participation in a malign “foreign government talent recruitment programs” (FGTRP). The CHIPS and Science Act defines malign FGTRP, listed below. Additionally, several federal sponsors, most notably the Department of Energy, have issued additional guidance. It is the responsibility of the PI and project personnel to understand all requirements of their sponsor.

1. Malign FGTRP Definition

Program, position, or activity that includes compensation (cash, in-kind, research funding, promised future compensation, complimentary foreign travel, items of non-de minimis value, honorific titles, career advancement opportunities, other types of remuneration or consideration) and is provided by a foreign country at any level (e.g. federal, provincial), or its designee, or by an entity based in, funded by, or affiliated with a foreign country (whether or not sponsored by the foreign country) to the targeted individual, whether directly or indirectly stated in the arrangement, contract or other documentation, in exchange for the individual doing any of the following:

- (1) Unauthorized transfer of intellectual property or other nonpublic information
- (2) Recruit trainees or researchers to enroll in foreign program
- (3) Establishing a laboratory/appointment in a foreign country in violation of terms and conditions of a Federal research award
- (4) Inability to terminate
- (5) Overcapacity/overlap/duplication (being over committed or dual compensation)
- (6) Mandatory to obtain research funding from the foreign government’s entities
- (7) Mandatory to obtain research funding from the foreign government’s entities
- (8) Omitting acknowledgment of US home institution/funding agency
- (9) Not disclosing program participation (not being able to disclose program to sponsor or employer)
- (10) Conflict of interest/commitment (COI/COC contrary to the terms and conditions of the federal award)
- (11) Sponsored by a country of concern (currently identified as: China, North Korea, Russia, or Iran)

FGTRP definition in DOE Order 486.1A can be found here <https://www.directives.doe.gov/?directives-documents/400-series/0486-1-border/@@images/file>

2. Certification

___ I am a participant in a FGTRP. I understand that I am required to provide additional information about my participation to the Office of Research Compliance and Security and the Sponsor including any signed cop(ies) of my FGTRP agreement(s).

___ I am not a participant in a FGTRP. I will immediately notify the Office of Research Compliance and Security at ResearchSecurity@ORC.msstate.edu if I decide to participate in a FGTRP.

3. Individual Certification

By submitting this form, I hereby certify that:

1. The information provided above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief;
2. I will promptly update my Financial Conflict of Interest form and I will immediately notify the Office of Research Compliance and Security in the event that any of my answers above should change.

First name _____

Last Name _____

NetID _____

Project Role _____

Individual Signature _____

Date: _____