

**Memorandum**

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF) Updates

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The Office of Research and Economic Development would like to advise the university research community of the following Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF) updates.

Revised Question 19 – Foreign Influence

This question has been revised to refer to updated definitions from the Office of Science and Technology Programs (OSTP) related to malign foreign talent recruitment programs and to include an updated reference to ORED’s Guidance Regarding Foreign Influence and Research website at <https://research.fiu.edu/export-controls/guidance-regarding-foreign-influence-and-research/>.

New Question 46 – NSF Sponsored Conferences

This new question has been added to alert PIs and senior/key personnel, at proposal stage, of the NSF’s requirements when using NSF funds to support or host a conference. PIs are reminded that NSF requirements dictate that PIs must provide to all conference participants a code of conduct prior to and at the event. Please visit <https://research.fiu.edu/discrimination-harassment-and-sexual-misconduct/#nsf> for further details.

New Question 47 – Unmanned Aerial Systems / Drones

This new question has been added to comply with the requirements of the State of Florida Cybersecurity Standards 60GG-2. As previously communicated by the University Compliance Office, state-funded institutions are prohibited against purchasing, acquiring and/or using drones/UAS unless they are from an approved manufacturer, and meet minimum security standards. This includes a complete prohibition on the purchase, acquisition or use of a drone/UAS or any related services or equipment produced by a manufacturer domiciled in, or produced by a manufacturer owned or controlled (in whole or in part), by a Foreign Country of Concern (FCC), currently defined by the State of Florida as the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic.

Revised Certification Statement for PIs and All Senior / Key Personnel

A new section (7) was added to comply with the requirements of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 related to the prohibition of participating in a malign foreign talent recruitment program. The new certification specifically states that:

In accordance with Section 10632 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 19232), all individuals identified as PI and senior/key personnel on this proposal certify that they have been made aware of and have complied with their responsibility under that section to certify that the individual is not a party to a malign foreign talent recruitment program and further agree to certify annually to the sponsor, for the duration of the award, that they are not part of a malign foreign talent recruitment program. False representations regarding certification (7), may subject the individual to prosecution

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and liability pursuant to, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. §§.287, 1001, 1031 and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733 and 3802.

As a reminder, the ePRAF as well as the annual Conflict of Interest/Report of Outside Activities disclosure form, specifically ask respondents to disclose affiliations (whether paid or unpaid and even if described as honorary or adjunct) with foreign entities or foreign governments, including any foreign talent recruitment programs.

If there are any questions related to these ePRAF updates, please reach out directly to [gutierrr@fiu.edu](mailto:gutierrr@fiu.edu).