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NEWS AND UPDATES

Chinese military scientist arrested at US airport, stole US lab research

A researcher from China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport earlier this month while attempting to depart from the US after he was found to have lied on his visa application. Xin Wang, the researcher, entered the US in March 2019 on a multiple entry J1 non-immigrant visa in order to conduct scientific research at the University of California, San Francisco. ...He had been an Associate Professor in Medicine in the PLA, he told Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Los Angeles airport that he was still a "Level 9" technician in the PLA and employed at a military university lab.

<https://www.jpost.com/international/chinese-military-scientist-arrested-at-us-airport-stole-us-lab-research-631522>

Former Ohio State professor pleads guilty to lying about ties to China

A former Ohio State University professor of internal medicine has pleaded guilty to lying about his connections with a university controlled by the Chinese government in order to secure \$4.1 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop China's expertise in the areas of rheumatology and immunology. <https://www.thecollegefix.com/former-ohio-state-professor-pleads-guilty-to-lying-about-ties-to-china/>

China Task Force Report

The Republican China Task Force, chaired by Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX), is charged with developing legislative solutions to address the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP's) malign global activity. The [new report](#) offers 82 key findings and more than 400 recommendations, prioritizing recommendations that have bipartisan support and have already seen forward movement in the legislative process. Among the major components of the report are recommendations related to supply chain security, economics, energy, national security, technology, and competitiveness.

<https://www.scribd.com/document/478104010/China-Task-Force-Report>

Chinese Talent Program Tracker

The Chinese Talent Program Tracker is a catalogue of Chinese Party-State-sponsored initiatives aimed at cultivating China's domestic talent pool in support of China's strategic civilian and military goals. Viewed by Beijing as vital to Chinese economic and social development, talent programs aim to recruit everyone from experts to students of both Chinese and non-Chinese citizenship to fill positions across government, industry, defense, and academia to drive the innovation and growth of the Chinese economy. If you work with or are contacted by any of the programs, **please call 618-650-2476 immediately.**

<https://chinatalenttracker.cset.tech/>

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<https://siusystem.edu/academic-affairs/export-controls/travel.shtml>

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“THE DAILY BUGLE” QUOTES

* Q. What happens when the smog lifts over Los Angeles?

A. UCLA

* Q. What is it called when you put cows in an elevator?

A. Raising the steaks.

* Q. What kind of car does a sheep drive?

A. If he is rich, a Lamborghini. If he is not so rich, a SuBAHru.

U.S. STATE JOKES:

* Arkansas: An Arkansas state trooper pulls over a pickup truck on I-40. He says to the driver, "Got any ID?" The driver replies, "'Bout what?"

* California: What is every Californian's favorite part about the winter? Watching all the freezing weather reports for the rest of the country.

* Colorado: How do you know you are in the presence of a real Coloradan? He carries his \$3,000 mountain bike atop his \$500 car.

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REGULATIONS

- [DOC EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS \(EAR\)](#)
- [DOS INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS \(ITAR\)](#)
- [DOT FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS \(OFAC FACR\)](#)

SIU EXPORT CONTROL MANUAL 2019

<http://siusystem.edu/academic-affairs/export-controls/policies.shtml>

TALENT PROGRAM FAQ'S

What is a foreign “TALENTS” program?

Any foreign state sponsored attempt to acquire U.S.-funded scientific research through recruitment programs that target scientists, engineers, academics, researchers, and entrepreneurs of all nationalities working or educated in the United States. In general, Foreign Government Talent Recruitment Programs include any foreign-state-sponsored attempt to acquire U.S. scientific-funded research or technology through foreign government-run or funded recruitment programs that target scientists, engineers, academics, researchers, and entrepreneurs of all nationalities working or educated in the United States.

These recruitment programs are often part of broader whole-of-government strategies to reduce costs associated with basic research while focusing investment on military development or dominance in emerging technology sectors. The Department of Energy issued an order on 7 July 2019 with fairly clear explanations of Talents programs. Much of the information in this guidance Document is extracted from DOE O 486.1.

https://www.directives.doe.gov/directives-documents/400-series/0486-1-border/@_images/file

How does this affect SIU and me?

Association with a Talents Program can lead to ineligibility to receive Federal funding for your research. Currently there is no due process to challenge such a determination or limit to the time interval over which it is imposed. Past associations may also be concerning to the US Government.

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Is there an official list of Talents Programs?

No. Some have been identified but for the most part, we are left to our own judgement. Note that entities can frequently change their names once they are identified on a list. The most accurate current list for China is:

<https://chinentalentracker.cset.tech/>

How do I recognize such a program?

Distinguishing features of a foreign government talent recruitment program include:

- Compensation provided by the foreign state to the targeted individual in exchange for the individual transferring their knowledge and expertise to the foreign country. The compensation can take several forms, such as cash, research funding, honorific titles, career advancement opportunities, promised future compensation, or other types of remuneration or consideration.
- Recruitment in this context refers to the foreign-state-sponsor's active engagement in attracting the targeted individual to join the foreign sponsored program and transfer their knowledge and expertise to the foreign state. The targeted individual may be employed and located in the U.S., or in the foreign state. Recruitment would not necessarily include an invitation to attend or present work at an international conference.
- Many, but not all, programs aim to incentivize the targeted individual to physically relocate to the foreign state. Of particular concern are those programs that allow for continued employment at U.S. research facilities or receipt of US Federal research funds while concurrently receiving compensation from the foreign state.
- Focus on individual researcher instead of project/subject matter

- Remuneration (salary, stipend, research funding, etc.) significantly above "market" for expected activities
- Foreign entity title for researcher implies greater connection than underlying facts
- Foreign residency application encouraged or facilitated
- Requires changing of researcher's primary institute affiliation for purposes of journal citations
- Fundamental research purpose unclear or undefined

If something appears to be too good to be true, you should question it.

Are such programs initiated by a particular country?

Any country can run a talents program. Most of the US Government's attention has been focused on programs originating in China, but talents programs have been identified from India, China, Russia, and other nations. What should you do if you suspect you have been contacted by or have inadvertently become associated with a Foreign Government Talent Recruitment Program?

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