Understanding Inappropriate Foreign Influence – The Threat is Real

May 24, 2021 – The University of Central Florida (UCF) has launched a new webpage to help faculty, staff and students understand inappropriate foreign influence.

As a growing metropolitan research institution, UCF seeks out knowledge and collaborations around the world. While the benefits of partnership are huge, there are potential threats. For the past several years, the US government has raised concerns about inappropriate foreign influence. No doubt many of you have seen newspaper headlines when researchers at universities and other organizations have gotten in trouble for failing to disclose relationships or circumventing state and federal regulations meant to guard against those threats.

To help our UCF community better understand these threats and what you are required to do as an individual and what UCF must do as an institution, the university has launched the new website.

The website includes:
- Descriptions of the concerns and risks associated with inappropriate foreign influence.
- What you are required to do as a UCF researcher and as a member of a research team.
- Guidance to help mitigate the concerns and risks associated with inappropriate foreign influence.
- Resources and links to regulations and other government documents including case studies.

To achieve our goal of becoming a top 50 public research institution, we need to work together. That’s not just about generating opportunities for research. It also means working together to comply with UCF policies and federal/state regulations. By working together to comply with these requirements, we can better protect intellectual property and U.S. national security interests. Our team is standing by to help answers questions and work with you to make sure you are complying with the rules of the road.

For more information please visit: https://corona.research.ucf.edu/protection-against-foreign-influence/researchers/. Feel free to bookmark the site and check it often as updates will be posted on this site.