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Dear Colleagues,

On August 9, 2022, the CHIPS and Science Act (Public Law 117-167) was signed into law which requires Covered Individuals (e.g., PI, Co-PIs, key or senior personnel) to disclose if such individuals are party to a Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (FTRP) contract, agreement, or other arrangement, and:

a) Prohibits Federal research awards from being made for any proposal in which a Covered Individual is participating in a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (MFTRP); and

b) To the extent practicable, recipient institutions prohibit Covered Individuals participating in MFTRP from working on projects supported by research and development awards.

The Office of Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) has issued a University-wide Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Policy effective May 20, 2024, for National Science Foundation awards and August 9, 2024, for all other Federally and non-Federally funded awards. Additional information is available in FAQs.

The Policy states Covered Individuals who are participating in sponsored research at Harvard University (Federally and non-Federally funded) are prohibited from participating in MFTRPs. Covered Individuals are also required to meet the initial and annual certification requirements regarding their non-participation in a MFTRP.

Covered Individuals are strongly encouraged to use SciENcv for generating all their biographical sketches for all their proposals since a MFTRP non-participation certification is included.

The Biographical Sketch Common Form Template is available here.

Harvard University is working on training to address the risks of MFTRPs to Covered Individuals and will provide more details soon.

If you have any questions about this new policy or its implementation, please refer to the resources section of the Policy for contact information, contact Russell Ashenden, Senior Research Compliance Officer, OVPR, at russell_ashenden@harvard.edu, or reach out to me.

Best regards,

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