

## **ASU's Research Security Position:**

Protecting intellectual property, securing research, and facilitating the exchange of ideas with foreign partners are crucial to our core functions within the Academic Enterprise, Knowledge Enterprise, and Learning Enterprise at Arizona State University.

ASU supports academic freedom and the exchange of ideas and collaboration with foreign partners to advance knowledge. We are committed to supporting collaborations with international partners, faculty, and researchers from all over the world. These partnerships strengthen the U.S. in the global economy and build strong international relationships with our trusted counterparts worldwide. Maintaining our productive relationship with the United States Government and federal funding agencies that support our faculty in their research and scholarly work is also of great importance to us.

However, there has recently been increased attention on the potential for foreign influence related to national security and the need for transparency in all foreign collaborations. This additional scrutiny comes from federal agencies that sponsor both basic and applied research, as well as local, state, and federal governments, and applies to both funded and unfunded research in the broadest sense of the term.

ASU's faculty and staff who engage in international research activities are required to be transparent and include full disclosure of all funded and unfunded collaborations and affiliations, as mandated by federal and state agencies and the government more broadly. ASU's policies are designed to be consistent with these mandates and regulations. ASU has developed a variety of materials and outreach tools for faculty and staff to better understand these requirements and the risks they attempt to mitigate. These materials and tools, including compliance monitoring systems related to research security, emphasize the protection of national security and the intellectual property of ASU.

As regulations continue to evolve, ASU will continue to provide regular updates, guidance, and resources to keep the community informed, and to remind all faculty and staff of compliance obligations. For reference, please visit the [ASU Research Security Program](#) website.

ASU's comprehensive approach supports consistency, transparency, and compliance among our faculty and staff so that they can continue to conduct the important research that allows ASU to have global impact. Our approach is not merely a set of steps but a guiding principle that shapes our actions and decisions to ensure that all research can continue to move forward.