

# SIU EXPORT CONTROLS MONTHLY

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

### U.S. Announces Designation of Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism

The State Department has designated Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism for repeatedly providing support for acts of international terrorism in granting safe harbor to terrorists. The Trump Administration has been focused from the start on denying the Castro regime the resources it uses to oppress its people at home, and countering its malign interference in Venezuela and the rest of the Western Hemisphere. With this action, we will once again hold Cuba's government accountable and send a clear message: the Castro regime must end its support for international terrorism and subversion of U.S. justice.

<https://www.state.gov/u-s-announces-designation-of-cuba-as-a-state-sponsor-of-terrorism/>

### International Trio Indicted in Austin for Illegal Exports to Russia

A four-count federal grand jury indictment returned in Austin and unsealed today charges three foreign nationals with violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), Export Control Reform Act (ECRA), and a money laundering statute in a scheme to procure sensitive radiation-hardened circuits from the U.S. and ship those components to Russia through Bulgaria without required licenses.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/international-trio-indicted-austin-illegal-exports-russia>

### Steps and Considerations for an Effective Foreign Visitor Review Process in an Academic Environment

United States colleges and universities have long been known as a destination for visiting scientists, scholars, researchers and employees from foreign academic institutions, industry, and governmental bodies. The formal and informal free exchange of knowledge and information that these visits entail has led to countless technological breakthroughs and scientific discoveries. The maintenance of an open environment for the free exchange of ideas is critical to academia, but it is nonetheless important for U.S. academic institutions to comply with U.S. laws and regulations in hosting foreign visitors, particularly those who participate in research.

<https://rso.tamus.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/vetting-visiting-scholars.pdf>

### 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. 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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## SIU CLEAN LAPTOP PROGRAM EQUIPMENT USED IN RESEARCH

All SIU System employees, SIUE faculty and staff, SIUC faculty and staff, SIU School of Medicine faculty and staff; as well as all satellite campus faculty and staff, including but not limited to, the SIU School of Dental Medicine, The National Corn to Ethanol Research Center, The East St. Louis Center, SIU Law School and all SIU Extended Campus locations that travel to the designated foreign countries.

All SIU travel to the below countries WILL REQUIRE that an Informational Technology Services clean laptop be used during SIU business travel to those countries. Your SIU issued laptop computer SHALL NOT be transported to any of the below countries.

**IRAN**

**SYRIA**

**SUDAN**

**NORTH KOREA**

**CUBA**

**UKRAINE (Crimea Region)**

**CHINA**

**RUSSIA**

**VENEZUELA**

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

## EXPORT CONTROL VIOLATION

### HOTLINE #

If you suspect an export control violation, call:

**618-650-2476**

If you use the following equipment/goods in your research or the below is your area of research, **please call the Director of Export Controls at 618-650-2476.**

- **TOXICOLOGICAL AGENTS**
- **NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY**
- **ARMS AND AMMUNITION**
- **EXPLOSIVES DETECTION EQUIPMENT**
- **CHEMICAL WARFARE PRECURSORS**

## “THE DAILY BUGLE” QUOTES

**Jean-Jacques Rousseau** (28 June 1712 - 2 July 1778; was a Genevan philosopher, writer and composer. His political philosophy influenced the progress of the Enlightenment throughout Europe, as well as aspects of the French Revolution and the development of modern political, economic and educational thought. His Discourse on Inequality and The Social Contract are cornerstones in modern political and social thought. He was interred as a national hero in the Panthéon in Paris, in 1794, 16 years after his death.)

**"Free people, remember this maxim: we may acquire liberty, but it is never recovered if it is once lost."**

### **PROVERBS:**

\* He who always thinks it is too soon is sure to come too late. | German Proverb

\* Turn your face to the sun and the shadows will fall behind you. | New Zealander Proverb

\* No man can paddle two canoes at the same time. | Bantu Proverb

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## REGULATIONS

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

## SIU EXPORT CONTROL MANUAL 2019

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<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](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

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is imposed. Past associations may also be concerning to the US Government.

## 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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