

9.012 Foreign Influence.

(1) Definitions

- (a) "Affiliate organization" means any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of an organization required to report under this regulation, including a direct support organization;
- (b) "Contract" means any agreement for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property or services by the foreign source, for the direct benefit or use of either of the parties, and any purchase, lease, or barter of property or services from a foreign country of concern as defined in this regulation;
- (c) "Direct-support organization" has the same meaning as provided in section 1004.28(1)(a), Florida Statutes;
- (d) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicholas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity

4. An agent, including a subsidiary or an affiliate of a foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source.
- (h) "Grant" means a transfer of money for a specified purpose, including a conditional gift;
 - (i) "Institution of higher education" means a state university, an entity listed in subpart B of part II of chapter 1004, Florida Statutes, that has its own governing board, or an affiliate organization of such university or entity;
 - (j) "Partnership" means a faculty or student exchange program, a study abroad program, an articulation program, a recruiting program, or a dual degree program;
 - (k) "Pledge" means a promise, an agreement, or an expressed intention to give a gift.

(2) Gifts from Foreign Countries of Concern

The university, or any employee or representative of the university, may not solicit or accept any gift as defined in section 286.101, Florida Statutes, in its official capacity, including any physical object, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, from a college or university based in a foreign country of concern or from a foreign principal.

(3) Gift Reporting

Each institution of higher education shall report gifts, as defined in section 1010.25, Florida Statutes, valued at \$50,000 or more received from a foreign source directly or indirectly during the fiscal year. If a foreign source provides more than one gift in a single fiscal year and the total value of those gifts is \$50,000 or more, all gifts received from that foreign source must be reported. The semi-annual reporting requirement must be made each January 31st and July 31st to the Board of Governors in a manner prescribed by the Chancellor.

(4) Research Integrity Office

Each institution of higher education must designate a Research Integrity Office.

(5) Screening Foreign Researchers

- (a) The screening requirements in this subparagraph are applicable to state universities and entities in subparts A and B of part II, chapter 1004, Florida Statutes, that receive state appropriations or state tax revenue and have a research budget of \$10 million or more ("screening entities").
- (b) Each screening entity must screen applicants who are citizens of a foreign country and who are not permanent residents of the United States, or who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have any affiliation with an institution or program, or at least one year of prior employment or training, excepting employment or training by an agency of the United States government, in a foreign country of concern, who are seeking the following positions:

foreign institutions visited, by July 31st in a manner prescribed by the Chancellor.

(7) University Audit Resources

- (a) By July 1, 2025, the chief audit executive for the screening entities defined in subparagraph (5) above must perform an operational audit of the entities' compliance with the university foreign researchers and travel screening requirements.

(8) International Cultural Agreements

For purposes of this section only, "Agreement" means a wposs

- (d) Upon review of the request submitted by the university boards of trustees in (8)(c), the Board may grant approval for the new or renewed partnerships or agreements deemed to be valuable to students and the state university so long as the partnerships or agreements are not detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents. If a university enters or renews a partnership or an agreement with a college or university based in a foreign country of concern or with a foreign principal without the approval of the Board, the Board may withhold additional performance funding to the university.
- (e) Prior approval from the Board is not required for partnerships established through approved programs operated by organizations of the federal government.

(9) Foreign Country of Concern Reporting Requirements

Beginning in 2024 and annually thereafter, each state university board of trustees must submit a report to the Board of Governors for approval relating to all grant programs, agreements, partnerships, and contracts between the state university and any colleges and universities based in a foreign country of concern and foreign principals. At a minimum, the report must include the following information for the previous fiscal year.

- (a) Data reflecting any grant program, agreement, partnership, or contract between the state university and any university or college that is based in a foreign country of concern or a foreign principal.
- (b) Data reflecting any office, campus, or physical location used or maintained by the state university in a foreign country of concern or with a foreign principal.
- (c) The date on which any such grant program, agreement, partnership, or contract reported pursuant to (9)(a) is expected to terminate.

Authority: Section (7)(c), Art. IX, Fla. Const., Sections 286.101, 288.860, 1010.25,