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DOD Releases Updated List of Foreign Institutions Engaging in Problematic Activities to Counter Unauthorized Technology Transfer

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The Department of Defense today announced publication of the Fiscal Year 2023 update to the list of foreign institutions engaging in problematic activity and reaffirmed the FY22 list of foreign talent programs that pose a threat to national security, as required by Section 1286 of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act.

The update is crucial to the Department's continuing effort to highlight and counter unauthorized technology transfer to foreign countries of concern. The institutions included on the FY23 list were confirmed to have engaged in activities that increased the likelihood of DoD-funded research and development efforts being misappropriated, which can lead to adversarial government interference that threatens America's security as well as its economic, research, and scientific integrity.

"Protecting and maintaining America's science and technology ecosystem is paramount to national security," said Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Heidi Shyu. "This publication is critical to ensuring the responsible use and safeguarding of fundamental and applied research in addition to the future development of advanced technology."

The Department advises caution for researchers, academic institutions, or industry partners engaging with institutions on this list.

The DoD will continue to update the list at least once a year or as appropriate. The FY23 Section 1286 list is available at: http://rt.cto.mil/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/FY23-Lists-Published-in-Response-to-Section-1286-of-NDAA-2019_clearedv2.pdf

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