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Research Security Statement

The University of Manitoba recognizes the value of open science, partnerships, and international collaboration and believes these values are the catalyst for greater innovation, research, and development. We aim to facilitate open science and systematically assess and mitigate risks to protect researchers and their research from harm, theft, and foreign interference.

The University of Manitoba aims to avoid bias, racial profiling, or unfair targeting when assessing all partnerships and international collaborations. As such The University of Manitoba does not maintain a “Restricted Foreign Universities” list or blanket policies surrounding a single nation. We aim to assess all international research partnerships as a base level of due diligence. If an institution or entity is partly or fully sanctioned, is involved in military end-use technologies or, is complicit in forced labour or human rights violations, a decision on the future of the partnership is elevated to the Vice-President (Research and International) or the full President’s Executive Team.

The University of Manitoba is committed to aligning with the February 14th joint statement issued by the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry Champagne, Minister of Health Duclos, and Minister of Public Safety Mendicino:

“Our government takes its responsibility to protect Canadian research very seriously. Canada’s advanced research ecosystem is at the forefront of global discovery, but it can also be an attractive target for foreign state actors that pose a risk to our national security. We have made great strides in protecting Canada’s research ecosystem, but with a constantly evolving threat environment, further action is needed.

Grant applications that involve conducting research in a sensitive research area will not be funded if any of the researchers working on the project are affiliated with a university, research institute or laboratory connected to military, national defence or state security entities of foreign state actors that pose a risk to our national security.”

The University of Manitoba would like to emphasize that “protecting Canadian research is our top priority”.

Please note that the work of risk assessment for individual grants and contracts will be performed by research security staff in the Vice-President Research and International Office.

We will not require individual faculty to take on this administrative burden.