

Research Security Training Requirement

NSF, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Defense (DOD)¹, have issued [*Important Notice No. 149*](#) with significant research security policy updates in line with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 and NSPM-33.

Key Updates

I. Research Security Assessments & Documentation

- Federal agencies may conduct risk assessments of proposals/awards for nondisclosures.
- Proposers and recipients must retain documentation of all foreign appointments, talent programs, and current/pending support.

II. Research Security Training

- All senior/key personnel must complete research security training within the 12 months preceding proposal submission.
- To meet this requirement, the University of San Diego has made available CITI Program Research Security Training (1-hour module)

III. Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (MFTRP) – Prohibited

- Individuals participating in an MFTRP cannot serve as senior/key personnel on federal proposals or awards
- An annual MSFTRP certification is required for NSF via [Research.gov](#) for all PIs and Co-PIs (soon expanding to all key personnel).

IV. Action Required for USD Faculty and Administrators with Federal Direct or Flow Through Funding

If you currently hold federal (direct or flow through) funding or plan to submit a proposal to a federal agency, please:

- Complete Annual Certifications
 - Complete MSFTRP annual certification in [Research.gov](#) by logging in and navigating to your profile, where you will be prompted to complete the form under the "Academic/Professional Information" section.
- Maintain Documentation

¹ [NSF](#), [NIH](#), [Department of Energy](#), [USDA](#)

- o Retain evidence of all foreign appointments, talent programs, and current/pending support.
- Complete Required Training
 - o All senior/key personnel must complete the CITI Research Security Training and upload the completion certificate in Cayuse when training is required for a sponsored proposal.
- Confirm MFTRP Status
 - o Verify that no senior/key personnel are participating in any MFTRP

Additional Notes

- If you have completed a different research security training that you believe satisfies your sponsor's requirements, please email research@san Diego.edu for review and confirmation.
- Research Security Training is separate from Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training, which may also be required by certain sponsors.