



Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Certification for Senior/Key Personnel

I _____ certify that, at the time of submission, I am not a party to a malign foreign talent recruitment program. I understand that misrepresentations and/or omissions may be subject to prosecution and liability pursuant to, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1031 and 31 U.S.C. §§3729-3733 and 3802.

Senior/Key Personnel Full Name: _____

Senior/Key Personnel Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

The term "malign foreign talent recruitment program" means: (A) any program, position, or activity that includes compensation in the form of cash, in-kind compensation, including research funding, promised future compensation, complimentary foreign travel, things of non de minimis value, honorific titles, career advancement opportunities, or other types of remuneration or consideration directly provided by a foreign country at any level (national, provincial, or local) or their designee, or an entity based in, funded by, or affiliated with a foreign country, whether or not directly sponsored by the foreign country, to the targeted individual, whether directly or indirectly stated in the arrangement, contract, or other documentation at issue, in exchange for the individual (i) engaging in the unauthorized transfer of intellectual property, materials, data products, or other nonpublic information owned by a United States entity or developed with a Federal research and development award to the government of a foreign country or an entity based in, funded by, or affiliated with a foreign country regardless of whether that government or entity provided support for the development of the intellectual property, materials, or data products; (ii) being required to recruit trainees or researchers to enroll in such program, position, or activity; (iii) establishing a laboratory or company, accepting a faculty position, or undertaking any other employment or appointment in a foreign country or with an entity based in, funded by, or affiliated with a foreign country if such activities are in violation of the standard terms and conditions of a Federal research and development award; (iv) being unable to terminate the foreign talent recruitment program contract or agreement except in extraordinary circumstances; (v) through funding or effort related to the foreign talent recruitment program, being limited in the capacity to carry out a research and development award or required to engage in work that would result in substantial overlap or duplication with a Federal research and development award; (vi) being required to apply for and successfully receive funding from the sponsoring foreign government's funding agencies with the sponsoring foreign organization as the recipient; (vii) being required to omit acknowledgment of the recipient institution with which the individual is affiliated, or the Federal research agency sponsoring the research and development award, contrary to the institutional policies or standard terms and conditions of the Federal research and development award; (viii) being required to not disclose to the Federal research agency or employing institution the participation of such individual in such program, position, or activity; or (ix) having a conflict of interest or conflict of commitment contrary to the standard terms and conditions of the Federal research and development award; and (B) that is sponsored by **the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran or an entity based in any such foreign country of concern**, whether or not directly sponsored by the foreign country of concern; or an academic institution or talent plan listed [here](#).

For any questions on interpreting the definition of "malign foreign talent recruitment program," please see [42 U.S.C. 19237\(4\)](#) or reach out to benjamab@usc.edu.