# International Outside Activity: What, When and How to Report

The following table describes how the [Office for Ethics in Industry Engagement](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/oeie/overview) (OEIE [Conflictofinterest@uc.edu](mailto:Conflictofinterest@uc.edu)) and [Export Controls Office](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/export-controls/staff) (ECO [ExportCo@uc.edu](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu)) work to monitor and identify possible concerns:

| **If you….** | **You should….** | **When** | **Support** |
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| …have been invited to participate or are currently participating in a foreign talent recruitment program (e.g. foreign 1000 talents program, young scholar 1000 talents plan, etc.), or work with Huawei or a subsidiary of Huawei. | …alert your Department Dean/Chair/Supervisor  …contact [Office for Ethics in Industry Engagement Export (OEIE)](mailto:ConflictofInterest@uc.edu) or [Export Controls Office (ECO)](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) with questions/concerns | Immediately | -The [Export Controls Office](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/export-controls/staff) keeps up to date on any developments in federal guidelines and regulations around foreign talent programs |
| …have travel reimbursed or sponsored by a foreign entity, individual or government | …contact [Office for Ethics in Industry Engagement Export (OEIE)](mailto:ConflictofInterest@uc.edu) or [Export Controls Office (ECO)](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) with questions/concerns  …comply with the UC [travel policy, submit the trip to Concur](https://nebraska.edu/-/media/unca/docs/offices-and-policies/policies/policies/university-of-nebraska-travel-policy.pdf), and complete an international travel checklist  …disclose the relationship in your [Outside Activity Report (OAR)](https://webcentral.uc.edu/oarv2/index.cfm)  Disclose to SRS and funding agencies as appropriate | Prior to accepting the engagement and before travel occurs | -The ECO reviews each international travel checklist and performs necessary screenings and follow up  – UCIT has laptops available for researchers to borrow for UC related international travel.  -The OEIE and screens all disclosures, international entities, and works with investigators to complete any necessary reporting to sponsors |
| …have a foreign entity propose an institutional partnership with UC or a consulting relationship with you | …Contact Office of General Counsel ([OGC](https://www.uc.edu/gencounsel.html))  …disclose the relationship in your [Outside Activity Report (OAR)](https://webcentral.uc.edu/oarv2/index.cfm)  …contact [Office for Ethics in Industry Engagement Export (OEIE)](mailto:ConflictofInterest@uc.edu) or [Export Controls Office (ECO)](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) with questions/concerns | Immediately | -The ECO supports the mission of connecting UC to the world by reviewing collaborations and helping to streamline the development of international relationships  -The ECO can provide screenings as appropriate for purchases and/or shipments of materials and equipment |
| …have an active or proposed position (e.g. job) with, or have been provided with funding by, a foreign institution | …disclose the relationship in your [Outside Activity Report (OAR)](https://webcentral.uc.edu/oarv2/index.cfm)  …disclose the relationship to [Sponsored Research Services](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/srs/overview) and funding agencies as appropriate  …contact the [Export Controls Office (ECO)](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) to perform a review | Immediately | -The ECO works closely with [Sponsored Research Services](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/srs/overview), and [OGC](https://www.uc.edu/gencounsel.html) to screen, review, and approve international relationships or work  -The ECO can provide screenings as appropriate for purchases and/or shipments of materials and equipment |
| …have funding from DOE or DOD which includes international collaboration | …contact the [Export Controls Office (ECO)](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) prior to starting any international collaboration | As early as possible and prior to beginning work | -DOE and DOD have specific clauses that may limit international collaboration. The ECO provides support to sponsored programs to identify and negotiate such clauses and works with the PI to develop an appropriate management strategy |
| …have ownership interest in a foreign company | …disclose the relationship in your [Outside Activity Report (OAR)](https://webcentral.uc.edu/oarv2/index.cfm) | Immediately | -The OEIE reviews and screens foreign companies and/or relationships disclosed via the OAR |
| …have any active research on campus (funded or un-funded) | …be sure to submit [Outside Activity Report (OAR)](https://webcentral.uc.edu/oarv2/index.cfm) at least annually or within 30 days of a change | Annually and/or within 30 days of a change | -The OEIE reviews all disclosures made on campus and screens any foreign companies, compensation, or other relationships disclosed via the OAR  -The ECO works with the [UCPD](https://www.uc.edu/about/publicsafety/police.html) building access team as necessary to secure labs working on restricted research  -The ECO works with IT as necessary to develop procedures to protect research data |
| …want to host a visiting scholar, student, tour group, or other individual from a foreign entity | …work with [UC International Services](https://www.uc.edu/international/services.html) to complete any necessary pre-visit paperwork | Immediately | -[UC International Services](https://www.uc.edu/international/services.html) reviews H1B and J1 visa applications and works with faculty to ensure they are prepared to host an international student, scholar, or visitor |
| …have concerns or questions about a proposed collaboration or research project | …contact your grant administrator in your college or [Sponsored Research Services](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/srs)  …contact [Office for Ethics in Industry Engagement Export (OEIE)](mailto:ConflictofInterest@uc.edu) or [Export Controls Office (ECO)](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) with questions/concerns | Immediately | Contact:  SRS: [Srs.era@uc.edu](mailto:Srs.era@uc.edu)  ECO: [ExportCo@uc.edu](mailto:ExportCo@uc.edu) OEIE: [ConflictOfInterest@uc.edu](mailto:ConflictOfInterest@uc.edu) |
| …have concerns or questions about Peer Review | …never share information gained through peer review processes, whether reviewing grant applications or publications. This information is **confidential**.  …declare all competing or conflicting interests when agreeing to serve as a reviewer.  …check the requirements of the relevant agency or journal. If in doubt, disclose or ask. |  | Contact: UCORI: [integrity@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:integrity@ucmail.uc.edu) [UC Office of Research Integrity](https://research.uc.edu/support/offices/office-of-research-integrity) |
| …have concerns or questions about Gifts and Donations | Only designated University personnel are authorized to accept gifts (either cash or in-kind) from any source. For this reason, you must work with [University of Cincinnati Foundation](https://foundation.uc.edu/give) on all gifts and donations from any domestic or foreign individual or organization, including foundations and corporations. |  | [University of Cincinnati Foundation](https://foundation.uc.edu/give) |
| …have concerns or questions about Intellectual Property | …disclose to UC all potentially patentable inventions conceived or first reduced to practice in whole or in part in the course of your University responsibilities or with more than incidental use of University resources. Remind your group members and collaborators to do the same. | Before sending or receiving proprietary information about the related technology and/or investing funds. | If you have questions about intellectual property, industrial contracts, or affiliates programs, contact:  [Office of Innovation-Technology Transfer](http://commercialization.uc.edu/)  [techcomm@uc.edu](mailto:techcomm@uc.edu) |
| …have concerns or questions about sharing information/materials with colleagues at another institution **or receiving them** | …work with [Melissa Baines](mailto:Melissa.baines@uc.edu) to create a material transfer agreement, confidentiality agreement, or data use agreement. **Faculty, students and staff are not able to sign on behalf of the university.**  A Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) is an agreement intended to cover the transfer of materials from one institution to another, particularly biological materials that are easily reproduced from the original material. An MTA should always be used when sharing any biological materials with other institutions, especially foreign institutions.  A Confidential Disclosure Agreement (CDA) is an agreement which outlines information to be shared for certain evaluation purposes, but wish to restrict from wider use and dissemination.  CDAs are commonly executed when considering a relationship/collaboration and there is a need to understand each other's processes, methods, or technology solely for the purpose of evaluating the potential for a future relationship. CDAs are also sometimes referred to as Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) or Proprietary Information Agreement (PIA). | Before sharing materials or information with a colleague at another institution or receiving them. | If you have questions about sharing information/materials contact:  [Melissa Baines](mailto:Melissa.baines@uc.edu)  [Office of Innovation-Technology Transfer](http://commercialization.uc.edu/) |