NIH Research Security Updates- New Requirements Effective May 25, 2025

Overview:
This memo summarizes recent updates from NIH, including the release of the Decision Matrix for assessing potential foreign interference and the adoption of Common Forms. These changes are part of NIH compliance with National Security Presidential Memorandum 33 (NSPM-33) and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) memorandum on the use of common disclosure forms.

NIH Decision Matrix:
The recently released decision matrix provides guidance on how applications and disclosures are reviewed, detailing behaviors NIH considers problematic. It also outlines scenarios that may necessitate mitigation measures or lead to automatic disqualification. The matrix assesses ratings in the following areas:

- Foreign Talent Recruitment Program involvement
- Foreign Funding
- Affiliation with Foreign Institutions or Entities

Complete and accurate disclosures are critical in safeguarding researchers and Purdue from potential security risks. The transition to Common Forms, once available, will streamline the process, reducing administrative burdens and ensuring more efficient and transparent disclosures. More information regarding NIH requirements for disclosures can be found here.

Effective May 25, 2025:
Adoption of Common Forms
- **Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae (SciENcv)** will be required for completing and certifying Common Forms
- This includes **Biographical Sketches** and the **Current & Pending** documents for all grant applications and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs).
- NIH-specific requirements (i.e. Personal Statements, Contributions to Science, and Honors) are expected to continue and will be collected on **a new NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement**.

ORCID iD Requirement:
Researchers must obtain an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) and to link their ORCID iD into SciENcv and their eRA Commons Personal Profile.

Additional Resources:
- Learn more about ORCID from Purdue Libraries here.
- Learn more about SciENcv from Purdue Sponsored Program Services here.
- Learn more about Purdue's Research Security and Export Controls (RSEC) Program here.