Research Security and Export Controls
International Activity Briefing

While international activities are essential to scientific progress, they can also pose security risks that must be carefully managed. When establishing new partnerships, ensure you understand your collaborators' funding sources and data-sharing agreements to mitigate risks such as intellectual property theft and undue foreign influence. The *Assessing Risk Prior to International Engagements* and *Federal Risk Assessment Matrices* documents offer insight into evaluating potential risks.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
Before traveling, please review RSEC's international travel webpage for general guidance and risk mitigation strategies. Be aware that customs officials may search or seize electronic devices. Theft or loss of property is also a common risk during travel, which can compromise sensitive data. To protect your information:
- Carry only necessary data and contacts
- Back up essential files and store copies securely at Purdue.
- Refer to U.S. Customs and ODNI resources for travel security.

If you are traveling to a high-risk destination and require a laptop, you should submit a request for a clean loaner laptop from Purdue IT. If you are traveling to any other country, and are taking any Purdue equipment, items, or software, other than your laptop with standard university software, please reach out to RSEC so we can assess it for export control purposes.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES
Academic conferences provide valuable networking and learning opportunities but also present potential risks. These events offer an open environment where both traditional and non-traditional collectors can establish business and social connections, gain access to technologies or prototypes, and engage with subject matter experts. Foreign governments may also use conferences to identify and evaluate individuals for potential recruitment into Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs. Staying aware of these risks can help you navigate conferences safely while protecting your research.

FEDERAL FUNDING DISCLOSURES
As a general reminder, if you are involved in federally funded research, ensure your *Current & Pending (Other) Support* disclosures are up to date. The attached *NSTC Common Disclosure Table* outlines activities that require reporting. NIH awards may require *Foreign Component* reporting. Consult Sponsored Programs Services for guidance on federal disclosure requirements.

Compliance with research security and export control regulations is essential for protecting research from unauthorized access, theft, and misuse and ensures the integrity of our research. For questions or concerns please contact RSEC.