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**To:** All Faculty and Staff subscribed to the ERA listserv  
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Vice President for Research  
**Subject:** Changes to Conflict of Interest Procedures  
**Date:** May 12, 2020

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Dear Colleagues,

The purpose of this notification is to make you aware of an important change for the Temple University Conflict of Interest (COI) Program regarding disclosure of support from foreign talent/recruitment programs.

Please be advised that in accordance with recent changes to [NIH Policy](#), Temple University's Conflict of Interest Program has updated its disclosure questionnaire to include a set of questions asking that you disclose support from any foreign entity. This NIH disclosure requirement follows a similar [directive](#) from the Department of Energy (DOE) that recipients of DOE support disclose any affiliations with foreign government-supported talent recruitment programs. This directive is subject to being updated as new information becomes available from research sponsors and federal guidelines. Please note that for individuals receiving such support, Temple will ask that you also provide applicable documentation related to your foreign talent program support and activities.

The additional questions regarding foreign talent recruitment programs will be added to the COI disclosure questionnaire effective immediately. Faculty and staff will notice the change as they update their COI disclosures or complete an annual disclosure through ERA.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us. As always, we appreciate your continued commitment to research excellence.

You may contact the Temple University Conflict of Interest Program at [coitemple@temple.edu](mailto:coitemple@temple.edu), or (215) 707-7819

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