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COUNTERING FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY SECTOR

Stakeholder Pack

The Department of Education has developed a range of assets to assist universities with the promotion of existing guidance material to counter foreign interference in the Australian university sector.

The promotional pack includes:

- banner artwork and accompanying text for publishing in newsletters and on websites
- social media copy and tiles
- a fact sheet

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Website



Website copy

Universities play a key role in developing new knowledge and technological innovation, which are vital to Australia's continued prosperity and economic growth.

Australia's success in higher education is underpinned by deep international engagement and the sharing of knowledge with the best and brightest minds around the world. While most international interactions are positive and benefit Australia, there is a risk of foreign interference.

Interference may involve attempts to inappropriately influence course content, research directions or the actions of staff and students.

A range of guidance materials and resources exist to help universities identify and counter foreign interference.

Existing materials include:

- frameworks for managing risks, and policies and procedures that set out responsibilities for those engaging in university business
- how to identify acts of foreign interference
- escalation and reporting mechanisms for foreign interference-related matters
- strategies to raise awareness and support mitigation of foreign interference risks
- information on understanding and mitigating cyber business risks
- example case studies to help develop frameworks
- The [***Guidelines to Counter Foreign Interference in the Australian University Sector***](#) (last updated in 2021).

The guidance material builds on existing university policy security practices and is intended to support, not restrict low-risk academic activities. Universities are encouraged to use the guidance material to assess their own risk and apply proportionate safeguards.

To read the guidance material, visit: [***Countering Foreign Interference in the Australian University Sector***](#).

Newsletter



Newsletter copy

Headline: **Guidance to counter foreign interference in the university sector**

Support is available to help protect you from foreign interference.

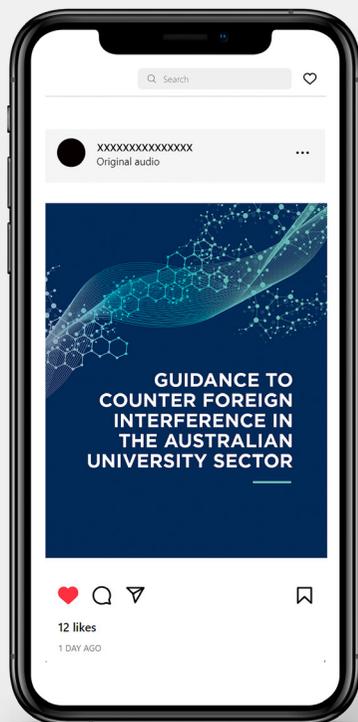
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Existing guidance materials, developed for and in partnership with the university sector, are available to help universities identify and counter foreign interference.

The materials are intended to build on risk management policies and security practices already in place.

To read the guidance material, visit [*Countering Foreign Interference in the Australian University Sector*](#).

Social media



Social media copy

Facebook/LinkedIn

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The resources include useful tools to strengthen security measures and promote greater consistency across the sector and intended to build on risk management policies and security practices already in place.

To read the guidance material, visit www.education.gov.au/countering-foreign-interference-australian-university-sector

Fact sheet

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Existing guidance materials, developed for and in partnership with the university sector, are available to help support universities to identify and counter foreign interference. Foreign interference could include attempts to inappropriately influence course content, research directions or staff and student actions.

The guidance material includes useful tools and resources to assist universities and support staff to identify risks and enhance security measures. It is intended to build on existing risk management policies and security practices already in place.

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