

NSF for the Future Act ([H.R. 2225](#))
Research Security Provisions of Interest

Section	Title	Summary
Section 7(c)(1)	Office of Research Security and Policy.	Establishes a Research Security and Policy office within the NSF Director's office. Requires no fewer than 4 full-time staff in addition to the Chief of Research Security. Authorizes the office to coordinate all research security policy issues at NSF including consulting and coordinating with NSF OIG, other federal science agencies, intelligence and law enforcement agencies. Serves as the primary resource for all issues related to the security and integrity. Conducts outreach and education activities for grantees. Educates NSF staff on evaluating NSF awards/awardees for potential security risks. Communicates reporting and disclosure requirements to awardees and applicants.
Section 7(c)(2)	Chief of Research Security.	Requires the NSF Director to appoint a senior agency official as Chief of Research Security.
Section 7(c)(3)	Report to Congress.	Requires a report in no later than 180 days on the resources and number of full-time employees need to carry out the functions of the newly established office.
Section 7(c)(4)	Online Resource.	Requires NSF to develop an online resource for both institutions and researchers on NSF security policies, potential security risks and mitigation strategies, and examples of positive international collaborations vs. foreign government interference efforts.
Section 7(c)(5)	Risk Assessment Center.	Creates an independent risk assessment center to develop online resources and help awardees assess and identify issues relating to disclosure, foreign partnerships, and other matters.
Section 7(c)(6)	Research Grants.	Supports research grants to better understand issues pertaining to research security and protecting research integrity from foreign threats.
Section 7(c)(7)	Authorities.	Provides the Office of Research Security and Policy the authority to conduct risk assessments and to request the submission of supporting documentation, including copies of contracts, grants, or any other agreement specific to foreign

		appointments, employment with a foreign institution, participation in a foreign talent program and other information and various mechanisms for enforcement of related NSF policies.
Section 7(c)(8)	Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Prohibition.	Requires NSF applicants to certify they are not an active participant of a malign foreign talent recruitment program from a foreign country of concern and will not be a participant for the duration of the NSF award. Requires institutions applying for an award to certify that each covered individual who is employed by the institution has been made aware of the requirement. Includes language to not limit scholarly presentations, participation in international conferences or other international exchanges/partnerships/programs that involve open and reciprocal exchange of scientific information, and other activities. The new policy would not be applied retroactively.
Section 7(c)(9)	Security Training Modules.	Requires NSF, in collaboration with NIH and other relevant agencies, to develop an online research security training module for NSF awardees.
Section 7(c)(10)	Responsible Conduct in Research Training.	Adds new requirement for RCR training for faculty and other senior personnel, in addition to postdoctoral researchers. Requires training raise awareness of potential security threats and federal export control, disclosure, and reporting requirements.
Section 7(c)(11)	National Academies Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research.	Requires the National Academies to update their report "On Being a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research."
Section 7(d)	Research Ethics.	Requires NSF to amend award proposal instructions to include a requirement for an ethics statement to be included as part of any proposal for funding prior to making the award. The statement is to be considered in the award decision as deemed necessary by the NSF Director.