

Guidelines Related to Foreign Influence
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1. Proposals for Research Support

- Faculty must submit all proposals for extramural support through Sponsored Programs
- Awards must be made to the "Trustees of Boston University"

NIH

- NIH grants policy requires the disclosure of your involvement in all ongoing and proposed research projects.
- All financial resources, including support from foreign entities, must be included in the Current and Pending Support/Other Support section of research proposals. This includes any direct research support provided to you, even if it is not administered by BU.
- The NIH RPPR (page 8 E4) requires you to report the \$ amount of the budget that is being spent in foreign countries.
- The NIH RPPR (page 13 G9) requires you to report on Foreign Components (note – Foreign Components require prior approval)
- The NIH Other Project Information page requires you to indicate if this project involves activities outside of the US or partnerships with foreign collaborators, if yes, identify which countries.

NSF

- Current and Pending Support is defined by the NSF as the support requested or available from all sources of project funding.
- All proposed and ongoing projects that require that the Principal Investigator and other senior personnel devote a portion of time must be included, even if they do not receive salary support from that project. "All current project support from whatever source (e.g., Federal, State, local or foreign government agencies, public or private foundations, industrial or other commercial organizations, or internal funds allocated toward specific projects) must be listed. The proposed project and all other projects or activities requiring a portion of time of the PI and any other senior personnel must be included, even if they receive no salary support from the project(s)."

2. Gifts and Donations

Only designated University personnel are authorized to accept gifts from any source.

3. Disclosure of Financial Interests

- Principal Investigators and others who share responsibility for the design, conduct and reporting of federal Public Health Service-supported research (including NIH) must disclose all personal financial interests related to the breadth of their institutional responsibilities. Required disclosures include income and travel reimbursement from foreign academic institutions.

- Principal Investigators must disclose any gift for research, as well as any research contract or grant from a for-profit, non-profit or a Material Transfer Agreement.

4. Other Obligations

- You may not enter into informal or unofficial agreements to restrict publication or sharing of research results. Publication restrictions in research can only be negotiated by University officials who have delegated authority to accept contracts and grants.
- You must comply with U.S. export control regulations when doing any of the following: traveling internationally and attending conferences; participating in international collaborations; using proprietary information; working with international staff and students; hosting international visitors; shipping materials internationally; or engaging in any international transactions.
- All employees are expected to promptly disclose all intellectual property and any improvements to existing intellectual property to the Office of Technology Development

Please note: this list is subject to change and may not be exhaustive.