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The Department of War Releases Updated List of Foreign Institutions Engaging in Problematic Activities to Counter Unauthorized Technology Transfer

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The Department of War today announced the publication of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 update to the list of foreign institutions engaging in problematic activities, as required by Section 1286 of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

This update is a vital component of the Department's ongoing mission to highlight and counter unauthorized technology transfer to foreign countries of concern. The FY25 list formally identifies 130 academic and research institutions located in China, Russia and Iran. These institutions have been confirmed to engage in activities that increase the likelihood of U.S. government-funded research and development efforts being misappropriated. Such misappropriation enables adversarial government interference that directly threatens America's national security and scientific integrity.

"The Department of War is strengthening its commitment to protect taxpayer-funded research and preserving the integrity of the American scientific enterprise," said Emil Michael, Under Secretary of War for Research and Engineering.

The Department advises strict caution for domestic researchers, academic institutions and industry partners when considering collaboration, funding or data-sharing engagements with any institution named on this list. This aligns with recent directives from Under Secretary Michael establishing stricter requirements to protect fundamental research from malign foreign influence and intellectual property theft.

The Department will continue to update the list at least once a year or as appropriate based on emerging intelligence and threat assessments. The FY25 Section 1286 list is available [here](#).

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