

Why is Foreign Interference an issue for universities?



Australian universities are at risk of foreign interference because they lead policy, research and scientific development.

The Australian Government and Universities formed the University Foreign Interference Taskforce (UFIT) in 2019 to manage the risk of foreign interference in tertiary education.

If Australian research or sensitive data is compromised, students and staff risk losing intellectual property and commercial advantage. The risks extend beyond individual academic reputation, to the university, the economy and national security.



That's why we all have a role to play in reporting foreign arrangements. At ANU, more than 95 per cent of FIAC Submission Forms are endorsed to proceed. The FIAC Submission Form takes 7 minutes and can be found at foreigninterference.anu.edu.au

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