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The Academic Security and Counter Exploitation Working Group is coordinated by The Texas A&M University System Research Security Office as a service to the academic community.

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ACADEMIC SECURITY counter exploitation working group

ABOUT:

The Academic Security and Counter-Exploitation (ASCE) Working Group was established in consultation with federal officials to tap the expertise of universities to help address the threat foreign adversaries pose to U.S. academic institutions. The group initially consisted of universities that conduct classified research on campus and focused on specific procedures and activities to protect information. The group has since expanded both its membership and its focus to deal with broader policy issues related to universities and security concerns.

BENEFITS

of joining the ASCE Working Group:



Access to Academic Security and Counter-Exploitation Portal on Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN).



Access to Academic Security Counter-Exploitation listserv.



Access to Publications of "Effective Practices" related to countering the threats.



Training and other support for academic institutions to promote security and limit undue influence on institutions and personnel.



Participation in the annual Academic Security and Counter-Exploitation Conference.



Receipt of quarterly Academic Security Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Pennsylvania State University (NISP)

Purdue University (NISP)*

Texas A&M University System (NISP)*

University of California System (NISP)

University of Kansas (NISP)

University of Florida (NISP)

University of Minnesota

University of New Mexico (NISP)*

University of Pittsburgh

Association of American Universities

Association of Public & Land Grant Universities

Association of University Export Control Officers

American Council on Education

*Recognized by Defense Security Service with Award for Excellence in Counterintelligence

NISP (National Industrial Security Program)

CURRENT PARTNERS:

The ASCE is led by an Executive Committee comprised of universities with a demonstrated record of excellence in industrial security and counterintelligence in academia, in partnership with higher education associations.

FEDERAL AGENCY SUPPORT:

The success of the ASCE Working Group and overall academic security counter-exploitation effort is dependent upon close cooperation with key federal agencies, and vice versa. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Defense Security Service (DSS), the Department of Defense, Department of State, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in particular have been actively involved in the formation of the ASCE Working Group.