



Foreign intelligence entities use foreign students who are already knowledgeable about targeted academic fields to collect

Foreign students and professors target U.S. students and researchers who are knowledgeable in the desired field

It is often difficult to discern the legitimate contacts from those that represent nefarious attempts to gain access to sensitive or classified information or technology

Foreign students accepted to a U.S. university or at postgraduate research programs are recruited by their home country to collect information, and may be offered state-sponsored scholarships as an incentive for their collection efforts

U.S. researchers receive requests to provide dual-use components under the guise of academic research

U.S. researchers receive unsolicited emails from peers in their academic field soliciting assistance on fundamental and developing research

U.S. professors or researchers are invited to attend or submit a paper for an international conference

Overqualified candidates seeking to work in cleared laboratories as interns

Candidates seeking to work in cleared laboratories whose work is incompatible with the requesting individual's field of research

Intelligence entities will send subject matter expert requests to review research papers, in hopes the expert will correct any mistakes

Any contact (i.e., emails, telephone, personal contact) that is suspicious because of the manner or subject matter of the request. This may include requests from U.S. persons, or from foreign nationals located in the United States or abroad, and may consist of:

Unsolicited applications or requests for undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate or other research positions

Unsolicited requests for access to research papers or other research-related publications or documents

Unsolicited requests for assistance with or review of thesis papers, draft publications or other research-related documents

Unsolicited invitations to attend and/or present at international conferences

