

Due Diligence Checklist for International Collaboration

Completing this checklist when beginning an international collaboration helps identify potential key risk indicators. Informing the Foreign Risk Management Team early in the project lifecycle allows them to provide initial guidance, highlight unforeseen risks, and ensure a safer and more efficient process as the collaboration progresses.

Identifying foreign interference risks does not prohibit the activity from taking place; however, it may require Curtin to implement specific project-level controls to mitigate these risks. A proactive approach to countering foreign interference helps improve efficiency, protects staff and students, safeguards Curtin’s reputation and ensures Curtin continues to benefit from international collaboration.

If you have identified potential foreign risks on the sheet below and would like further guidance, please contact foreign.risk@curtin.edu.au

What			
Select No, Unsure (?), or Yes for each question	No	?	Yes
Does my research relate to an area of critical technology (listed here)?			
Does my research involve dual-use technologies (<i>potential military application</i>)? These may be regulated under the Defence Strategic Goods List 2024 (here)?			
Does my research relate to sensitive topics or geopolitically sensitive regions (here)?			
Could my research be readily applied to a military, intelligence, policing or security application (including through misuse)?			
Could my research be of significant commercial, strategic or economic interest?			

With Whom			
Select No, Unsure (?), or Yes for each question	No	?	Yes
Do any of my partners or their host countries lack openness or transparency?			
Am I significantly more advanced than any of my partners in this area or research?			
Do any of my partners have significant links to an Australian or UN sanctioned country (here), a sanctioned individual (here), or a 'specified international jurisdiction' (here)?			
Did due diligence into relevant collaborators identify any issues or concerns?			
Have any relevant partners, including you , not yet disclosed your foreign relationships and interests (here)?			

Please list any additional relevant information below (*Research topic, collaborating institution, etc.*)

If you have selected "yes" from options under both "What" and "With Whom" categories above **OR** would like further guidance, please contact: foreign.risk@curtin.edu.au