

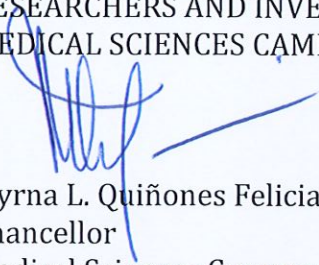


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Update on Federal Funding Compliance and Research Security

Dear Researchers and Investigators:

The University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus (UPR-MSC) is committed to ensure compliance with all federal and local regulations. In compliance with Federal Law¹ and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) requirements² of **zero foreign components** in our federally funded research, UPR-MSC is implementing the NIH's required plan to safeguard our grants, including sub-awards.

- **Zero-Foreign Certification:** Before the release of funds for any new project, Principal Investigators must sign a "**Certification of Domestic-Only Research**" acknowledging that any foreign co-authorship—even without the transfer of funds—will result in the immediate forfeiture of federal grant support.
- **Annual Compliance Verification:** The Principal Investigator of every project must complete an annual certification indicating that they understand that "Foreign Components" are strictly prohibited. This includes unpaid collaborations and informal data sharing leading to co-authorship.

The institution must certify that as of May 1, 2026, no active foreign components exists within our federally funded research portfolio and that no federal funds will be transferred to foreign entities without explicit prior approval from the funding agency.

¹ Research and Development, Competition and Innovative Act, Public Law 117-167 (08/09/2022)
<https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ167/PLAW-117publ167.pdf>

² Research Security and Foreign Interference at US Academic Institutions Training Requirements
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-017.html>

NIH grants Policy Statement (rev March 2026) (Foreign component)(Foreign component)
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_1/1.2_definition_of_terms.htm#foreign_component~:text=of%20Interest.-.Foreign%20component.-The%20performance%20of

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Investigators at the UPR MSC must assume full responsibility for maintaining this domestic-only research environment to ensure continued federal funding of our research portfolio.

For questions regarding this compliance framework, please contact the UPR-MSD Deanship of Research, Division of Pre-Award.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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