

# 2024-2025 Foreign Countries of Concern Report

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# **State University System**

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### **July 2024 – June 2025**

Section 288.860, Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation 9.012, Foreign Influence, establish requirements regarding collaborations between Florida's public universities and foreign principals based in a foreign country of concern. The law and regulation require each institution's board of trustees in the State University System to submit an annual report to the Chancellor of the State University System of all agreements, partnerships, and contracts between the state university and foreign principals based in a foreign country of concern. Each institution's report must address the following components.

- All instances of identified grant programs, agreements, partnerships, and contracts between the university and any foreign principal in a country of concern, and the expected expiration or termination date.
- Any office, campus, or physical location used or maintained by the university in a foreign country of concern or with a foreign principal.

For the period of this report, July 2024 through June 2025, four universities (Florida State University, the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, and the University of West Florida) reported 25 agreements, partnerships, or contracts with foreign countries of concern. Fourteen of the 25 reported agreements for this period were not included in the previous year's report but were identified by institutions following the approval of the 2023-24 report in November 2024.

Of the 25 reported agreements, 14 expired, 8 were terminated, and 3 were still active in November 2025. The three active agreements are at the University of Florida and were reported in the prior year's report. These agreements are set to expire between 2029 and 2035. Two of these agreements are licensing agreements in which a company pays the University of Florida to use technology developed by researchers at the university. One agreement is for University of Florida researchers to use a material from a country of concern. All reported agreements, partnerships, or contracts were based in China. The three active agreements are a reduction from the 16 reported in the 2023-2024 report.

Table 1 summarizes the institutions' grant programs, agreements, partnerships, and contracts. Table 2 provides a year-over-year comparison of reported active agreements, partnerships, or contracts with countries of concern between the previous and current annual reports. Appendix A includes the master list of agreements, partnerships, or contracts with foreign countries of concern reported during the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

**Table 1: Total Reported Agreements, Partnerships, or Contracts with a Foreign Country of Concern for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year**

| SUS Institution  | Agreements | Partnerships | Contracts |
|------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| FSU <sup>1</sup> | 0          | 0            | 5         |
| UF <sup>2</sup>  | 1          | 5            | 7         |
| USF <sup>3</sup> | 0          | 0            | 6         |
| UWF <sup>4</sup> | 0          | 0            | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>5</b>     | <b>19</b> |

Source: Annual Foreign Influence Report provided by each SUS institution, September 2025

<sup>1</sup>FSU reported three expired contracts for the testing and performance evaluation of materials used in medical and engineering research. FSU reported two expired contracts for books and news subscriptions added to the university's library resources.

<sup>2</sup>UF reported two expired agreements for medical research resources. UF reported eight terminated agreements, contracts, and partnerships that included licensing agreements, material transfers, academic services, and memoranda of understanding regarding research cooperation.

<sup>3</sup>USF reported six expired contracts, all one-time purchases, for lab equipment not related to collaborative research with a foreign country of concern. The materials purchased included a stackable shaker incubator, a three-roll mill & transformer, tube furnaces, manual X-Axis and manual XY-Axis stages, and peptides intended exclusively for use by USF.

<sup>4</sup>UWF reported one contract for a one-time purchase with a warranty expiring on April 1, 2026. The purchase was for a robot designed by Unitree to be used by the Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition.

**Table 2: Comparing Agreements, Partnerships, and Contracts Reported for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Fiscal Years**

| SUS Institution       | Reported in 2023-2024 |            |           | Reported in 2024-2025 |            |           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
|                       | Active                | Terminated | Expired   | Active                | Terminated | Expired   |
| <b>FIU</b>            | 0                     | 15         | 2         | 0                     | 0          | 0         |
| <b>FSU</b>            | 3                     | 2          | 8         | 0                     | 0          | 5         |
| <b>UF<sup>1</sup></b> | 9                     | 60         | 22        | 3                     | 8          | 2         |
| <b>USF</b>            | 4                     | 0          | 15        | 0                     | 0          | 6         |
| <b>UWF</b>            | 0                     | 0          | 0         | 0                     | 0          | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>16</b>             | <b>77</b>  | <b>47</b> | <b>3</b>              | <b>8</b>   | <b>14</b> |

Source: Annual Foreign Influence Report provided by each SUS institution, September 2025

<sup>1</sup>UF reported two active contracts and one active agreement in the 2024-2025 report. The two active contracts are for license revenue, where a company in China utilizes UF technology or intellectual property and makes payments to UF. The active contracts are set to expire in 2030 and 2034. The active agreement permits UF to use an imported biological substance for research purposes until 2035.

## Appendix A: Foreign Countries of Concern Report

| Institution | Type of Relationship | Country of Concern Involved | Foreign Principal Involved                | Expiration Date of Agreement | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UF          | Contract             | China                       | Cansbio (Beijing) Biotechnology Co., Ltd. | 5/29/2034                    | Active. This is a license agreement to use UF intellectual property, which was originally executed on 11/30/2020.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| UF          | Agreement            | China                       | China Agricultural University             | 1/1/2035                     | Active. This is a material transfer agreement for biological materials, which was originally executed on 7/17/2018.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| UF          | Contract             | China                       | Hefei Bioman Biotechnology Co. Ltd.       | 9/8/2030                     | Active. This is a license agreement which was originally executed on 9/8/2010.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| FSU         | Contract             | China                       | Beijing Zhenben Technology Co., Ltd.      | 8/15/2024                    | Expired. Multi-volume set of Chinese language books used for research (Strozier Library)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| FSU         | Contract             | China                       | Guandong Liyi Technology Co., Ltd.        | 7/3/2025                     | Expired. High-temperature oven for performance evaluation of test objects (CAPS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| FSU         | Contract             | China                       | Labtone Test Equipment Co., Ltd.          | 6/30/2025                    | Expired. Vibration Test System for materials testing (CAPS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| FSU         | Contract             | China                       | Oriprobe Information Services, Inc.       | 12/5/2024                    | Expired. Subscription to People's Daily news content (FSU Libraries)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| FSU         | Contract             | China                       | Qyantop Technology Sdn. Bhd.              | 4/3/2025                     | Expired. Electrospinning machine and electrospinning external injection pump module to produce nanofibers (Health, Nutrition, & Food Science)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| UF          | Contract             | China                       | Acrobiosystems Inc                        | 10/9/2024                    | Terminated. Acrobiosystems, Inc. was a UF Vendor (a U.S.-based company with a Chinese corporate parent). On the 2024 Foreign Influence Annual Report, UF listed the expiration date of this contract as 2/27/2024. At the time, it appeared that this was the last day any purchases were made from the company. UF learned that additional purchases were made after that date. The new expiration date, 10/9/2024, represents the date Acrobiosystems, Inc. was deactivated as a vendor in UF's system. |
| UF          | Partnership          | China                       | APIEA, LLC dba Asia-Pacific Academic      | 11/20/2024                   | Terminated. APIEA, LLC dba Asia-Pacific Academic provides student and cultural exchange programs to universities. It has offices in the US and China. On September 25, 2023, UF entered into a master service agreement (MSA) with this vendor. UF subscribed to programs in several non-countries of concern in Asia (e.g., Thailand, Japan, Singapore).                                                                                                                                                 |
| UF          | Agreement            | China                       | Branchly Innovation, LLC                  | 3/19/2025                    | Expired. This was a confidential disclosure agreement regarding research, which was originally executed on 3/22/2020.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| UF          | Agreement            | China                       | Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences  | 12/17/2024                   | Terminated. This was a memorandum of understanding, originally executed on 12/18/2019, regarding research.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Institution | Type of Relationship                   | Country of Concern Involved | Foreign Principal Involved                        | Expiration Date of Agreement | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UF          | Contract                               | China                       | Gannan Normal University                          | 12/31/2025                   | Terminated. This was a funded, research cooperation agreement between UF and the Foreign Principal, which was originally executed on 12/9/2019.                                         |
| UF          | Agreement                              | China                       | Hengrui USA                                       | 10/25/2024                   | Terminated. This was a Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement related to on-going research, which was originally executed on 4/29/2022.                                               |
| UF          | Contract                               | China                       | Packgene Biotech, Inc.                            | 1/30/2025                    | Terminated. Packgene Biotech, Inc. was a UF Vendor (a U.S.-based biomedical company with a Chinese corporate parent).                                                                   |
| UF          | Contract                               | China                       | Pusen USA, Inc.                                   | 11/13/2024                   | Terminated. This was a no-cost trial for medical equipment from a US company with a Foreign Principal parent, which was initiated on 7/25/24.                                           |
| UF          | Agreement                              | China                       | Shanghai Oriental Institute of Medical Innovation | 3/19/2025                    | Expired. This was a confidential disclosure agreement regarding research, which was originally executed on 3/22/2020.                                                                   |
| UF          | Contract                               | China                       | Witgang Far East, Ltd.                            | 5/1/2025                     | Terminated. This was a patent license agreement, originally executed on 9/25/2019.                                                                                                      |
| USF         | Contract                               | China                       | Biotening (Beijing) Biotechnology Co., Ltd        | 10/15/2024                   | Expired. Purchase of lab equipment not related to academic or research collaboration with an FCOC. The stackable shaker incubator is intended exclusively for use by USF.               |
| USF         | Contract                               | China                       | Novopep Limited                                   | 4/22/2025                    | Expired. Purchase of lab equipment not related to academic or research collaboration with an FCOC. The peptides are intended exclusively for use by USF.                                |
| USF         | Contract                               | China                       | Optics Focus Instruments Co., Ltd                 | 3/19/2025                    | Expired. Purchase of lab equipment not related to academic or research collaboration with an FCOC. The manual X Axis and manual XY Axis stages are intended exclusively for use by USF. |
| USF         | Contract                               | China                       | Shenzhen ZYE Technology Co., Ltd                  | 11/25/2024                   | Expired. Purchase of lab equipment not related to academic or research collaboration with an FCOC. The three-roll mill & transformer is intended exclusively for use by USF.            |
| USF         | Contract                               | China                       | Zhengzhou KJ Technology Co., Ltd                  | 12/10/2024                   | Expired. Purchase of lab equipment not related to academic or research collaboration with an FCOC. The tube furnace is intended exclusively for use by USF.                             |
| USF         | Contract                               | China                       | Zhengzhou KJ Technology Co., Ltd                  | 2/7/2025                     | Expired. Purchase of lab equipment not related to academic or research collaboration with an FCOC. The tube furnace is intended exclusively for use by USF.                             |
| UWF         | Other (provide clarification in notes) | China                       | Unitree Robotics / HangZhou YuShu Technology Co   | 4/1/2026                     | Expired. This was a one-time purchase of a custom Unitree robot with a 1 year warranty.                                                                                                 |



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