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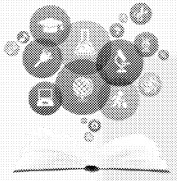
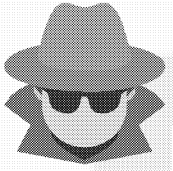
# SAFEGUARDING RESEARCH RISK ALERT



## Collaborative Academic Research

The Government of Canada recognizes that open and collaborative academic research is indispensable to pushing the boundaries of science and technology, and addressing complex economic and societal challenges.
Canada recognizes the importance of Open Science as a driver for greater innovation and inclusion in research and development.



## Potential Risk

Canadian led research can be an attractive target for those

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## Purpose of this Risk Alert

To bring awareness of this security inadmissibility concern to IRCC operations staff, and to complement resources that may assist decision makers in rendering a decision

*Learn more about Canada's Safeguarding Science Initiative here*

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## Our Role with Public Safety Partners

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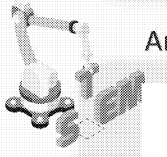
## Our Role with Learning Institutions

Canadian learning institutions are encouraged by the Government of Canada to conduct due diligence of academics

IRCC is responsible for detecting and preventing inadmissible threat actors from accessing Canada.

## Areas of Risk



## Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

A34(1) A permanent resident or foreign national is inadmissible on security grounds for:

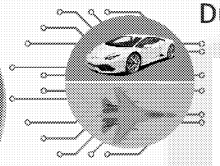
a) Engaging in an act of espionage that is against Canada or that is contrary to Canada's interests

[…]

d) Being a danger to the security of Canada

[…]

f) Being a member of an organization that there are reasonable ground to believe engages, has engaged, or will engage in acts referred to in paragraph (a).



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## The applicant likely requires additional scrutiny if…

## Country Specific Red Flags and Best Practices

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## Red Flags

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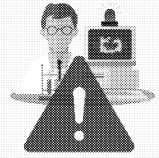

## Red Flags

## Best Practices

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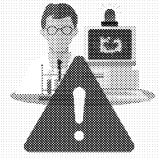

## Red Flags

## Best Practices

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