

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**HEARING CHARTER**

April 4, 2018

**TO:** Members, Subcommittees on Oversight and Research and Technology

**FROM:** Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

**SUBJECT:** Oversight Subcommittee and Research and Technology Subcommittee joint hearing: *Scholars or Spies: Foreign Plots Targeting America's Research and Development*

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The Subcommittees on Oversight and Research and Technology will hold a joint hearing entitled *Scholars or Spies: Foreign Plots Targeting America's Research and Development* on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

**Hearing Purpose:**

The purpose of this hearing is to explore foreign nations' exploitation of U.S. academic institutions for the purpose of accessing and engaging in the exfiltration of valuable science and technology (S&T) research and development (R&D). The FBI has warned the academic community about foreign exfiltration of S&T R&D, including that funded by the National Science Foundation, NASA, and other federal grant-making agencies, for many years, and has urged measures be taken to protect against this threat.<sup>1</sup> Witnesses will discuss the extent of the threat and what can be done to prevent or mitigate the foreign exfiltration of S&T R&D from U.S. academic institutions, without stifling collaborative research activities within the academic sector.

**Witness List:**

- **Hon. Michael Wessel**, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission
- **Hon. Michelle Van Cleave**, former National Counterintelligence Executive
- **Mr. Daniel Golden**, Author, *Spy Schools*
- **Mr. Crane Hassold**, Director of Threat Intelligence, PhishLabs

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<sup>1</sup> See e.g., *Higher Education and National Security: The Targeting of Sensitive, Proprietary and Classified Information on Campuses of Higher Education*, FBI (Apr. 2011), <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/higher-education-national-security.pdf/view>; *Counterintelligence Strategic Partnership Note: Preventing Loss of Academic Research*, FBI (June 2015), <https://research.umbc.edu/files/2015/07/SPIN-15-006-Preventing-Loss-of-Academic-Research.pdf>; *Counterintelligence Strategic Partnership Note: Chinese Talent Programs*, FBI (Sept. 2015), <https://compliance.fiu.edu/documents/SPIN%20-%20Chinese%20Talent%20Program.pdf>; Press Release, FBI, *FBI Director Appoints National Security Higher Education Advisory Board* (Sept. 15, 2005), <https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-appoints-national-security-higher-education-advisory-board>.

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