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SPOTLIGHT ON FIRS

Last month we introduced the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme (FIRS). This legislation will come into effect on 1 July 2025, and the University needs to be prepared. R&IS is ready to support researchers who may be impacted by this legislation.

Research teams - get ready to ask yourselves this question:

Have you been approached by a representative of a foreign government looking to make an arrangement with you to undertake activities which may influence the UK government? This could be classed as a political influence activity.

Or,

Have you made arrangements to work with a representative of the government of either Russia or Iran? This activity may fall under the enhanced tier of FIRS.

If so, this arrangement may need to be registered on the FIRS website to let the government know that it's happening. Your R&IS team will be fully briefed and trained to discuss this with you.

Don't forget, even if you don't undertake research that goes through the R&IS team, you could still be within scope of this legislation depending on who you are working with.

Check out our [FIRS](#) web page and/or contact [Research Compliance](#) to find out more. We will be more than happy to come and speak to your teams to ensure you stay on the right side of FIRS.

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HEECA TRAINING REMINDER

Don't forget that HEECA online training is available to everyone who may be working within the Trusted Research sphere. It takes 30-45 minutes and will supplement your knowledge on export control requirements. Email us on ResearchCompliance@warwick.ac.uk and one of the team will get you set up.