CU Boulder research community,

I’m writing to share an important message from Kelvin K. Droegemeier, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to the U.S. research community.

OSTP is bringing together the Federal Government, research institutions, industry, non-profits and law enforcement to help identify an appropriate balance between openness and security in research. At a more local level, CU Boulder has been working on these issues through engagement with key coalitions like the AAU, APLU and The Science Coalition, as well as through a campus-wide Global Engagement Advisory Team. Much of that work is informing processes and standards that continue to evolve over time.

A few key points from the linked message:

- The international scientific landscape is changing, as it always has. U.S. policies and practices must evolve with that landscape. It is important that the research community is a part of shaping this evolution.
- A Joint Committee on the Research Environment (JCORE) was established in May, including four sub-committees: research security, safe and inclusive research environments, research rigor and integrity, and coordinating administrative requirements for research.
- The research security work is organized into four areas: coordinating outreach and engagement, establishing and coordinating disclosure requirements, developing best practices for academic research institutions, and developing methods for identification, assessment and management of
risk.

- One key specific concern is foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs, some of which are being used to exploit the U.S. research enterprise.
- In the coming months, OSTP will hold meetings at academic institutions around the country for discussions with researchers and students to explore aspects of research security and other JCORE-related topics.

I encourage you to read the message in its entirety. RIO and the Global Engagement Advisory Team will continue to share important news and updates.

Thank you,

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