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U.S. Congressional Activity

House Committee Chairs Request Documentation of Harvard's Ties to People's Republic of China and Chinese Communist Party

On July 30, 2025, U.S. Representatives John Moolenaar (R-MI, Chairman, Select Committee on the CCP), Tim Walberg (R-MI, Chairman, Committee on Education and Workforce), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY) [sent a letter](#) to Harvard President Alan Garber requesting that the university provide documentation related to its alleged connections to the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The request includes all documents related to Harvard's formal and informal engagements, partnerships, or collaborations with entities "subordinate to or controlled or directed by" the PRC or CCP, as well as a list of all monies and non-monetary benefits received from such entities. ([more](#))

Research Security News & Reports

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Voices: We can't afford to be passive about China. As a representative of Utah, I won't be. (Salt Lake Tribune, 8/7/2025): Opinion Editorial from Representative, Mike Kennedy (R-UT), member of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, regarding national security threats related to universities, businesses, national labs. ([more](#))

Class dismissed: The quiet collapse of US-China university partnerships (ThinkChina, 7/29/2025): As many U.S. institutions of higher education are sunseting joint educational programs with Chinese entities—particularly in STEM-related fields—China is looking to other countries for partnerships. ([more](#))

China Refocuses Its Science and Technology Ecosystem on Innovation and Security (Hoover Institution Press, 6/26/2025): "The government of China is overhauling its science and technology (S&T) ecosystem in ways that are sharpening geostrategic rivalry and impacting the risk portfolios managed by research security professionals. This overhaul aims to integrate basic science in priority fields with state-led mobilization of capital and S&T assets to enhance China's global influence as an innovation hub; and advance policy goals such as self-reliance, economic and defense strength, and comprehensive national power." ([more](#))

Research Security-Related Events & Conferences

FDP Virtual Meeting:

Registration is now open for the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) Virtual September 2025 meeting, taking place Monday, September 15th (11 AM ET – 5 PM ET), Tuesday, September 16th (11 AM ET – 5 PM ET) and Wednesday, September 17th (11 AM ET - 2 PM ET). ([more](#))

COGR October Meeting:

Registration is now open for our October 23-24, 2025 meeting in Washington D.C. at the Washington Marriott in Georgetown. ([more](#))

Save the Date for ASCE 2026:

Mark your calendars now for the 2026 Academic Security and Counter Exploitation Program. Next year is the 10th anniversary of the largest research security conference in the world: February 24 - 26, 2026. through noon (CST) on August 31, 2025. Proposals are being accepted through noon (CST) on August 31, 2025 ([more](#))

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