
Listserv Summary: International Students- Export Control Screening

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An inquiry was made to the listserv regarding others' experience with policies requiring all international students be screened for export control before being registered at an institution, and whether this is currently considered a best practice.

Summary of Responses

There were 14 respondents to this inquiry.

Of the 14, 10 do not currently screen all international students for export control, and have no intention of doing so. Three do not currently screen all international students but are in discussions at their university regarding whether or not they should be. And one institution said they currently screen all students.

The 10 who do not screen all students indicated that they commonly screen J-1 research scholars, and some said they do screen students from sanctioned countries and graduate students who will be involved in controlled research.

Although the sample is small, the results indicate that it is unlikely that this practice can be considered "common" or even "best practice." However, given that others are discussing this issue, there may in fact be a movement in this direction.