Research Security Workshop: October 12 and 13, 2021

Date Location Notes

Tuesday October 12, 2021 Online Event

1:00pm to 4:30pm Please register your

Wednesday October 13, 2021 <u>participation in this workshop</u>

2:00pm to 4:30pm (see attachment). [1]

Description

Members of Ontario universities are invited to participate in a workshop on research security over two half days, on October 12 (1:00-4:30 PM) and October 13 (2:00 - 4:30 PM). An agenda is attached.

The federal government has placed an increasing emphasis on research security at postsecondary institutions. The government has directed NSERC to apply security risk assessments to Alliance grant applications. There is also an intention by the government that security risk assessments will apply to a wider range of portfolios.

Institutions view as critical that researchers and their teams take reasonable and risk-based measures to safeguard investments in their research. However, there are challenges and concerns that need consideration to allay the risks of serious unintended consequences.

A workshop has been organized to better inform individuals on potential national security threats, ways to safeguard research, and civil liberty rights. Speakers at this workshop will include national security experts, CSIS representatives, as well as academics with expertise in civil liberties and antiracism. These presentations will include such areas as internet censorship and surveillance, exercise of power in cyberspace and international law, foreign policy and national security issues.

This workshop will be held jointly with the University of Toronto, the University of Ottawa and other institutions across Ontario.

Sessions will not be recorded.

If you would like to have a question asked of the speakers at the workshop but wish to remain anonymous, please send your question, in confidence, in advance to kwong@uwaterloo.ca [2]. You may also include a question as part of the Ticketfi registration process (see below).

Please register your participation in this workshop (see attachment) [1].

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