Request for Information Issued on the American Research Environment
OSTP Effort Comes on the Heels of November 5th White House Summit

Today, a new Request for Information was issued on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council’s (NSTC) Joint Committee on the Research Environment (JCORE) to solicit input that the Trump Administration can take to “maximize the quality and effectiveness of the American research environment.” JCORE seeks this input from private industry, academic institutions, professional societies, non-profit and philanthropic organizations, and Federal agencies. The Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, places a strong emphasis on safeguarding U.S. research from threatening foreign government influence as well as ensuring the U.S. research environment is welcoming to all individuals and empowering them to work in a safe and inclusive manner with the highest ethical standards.

On Nov. 5, the White House OSTP held a Summit on JCORE with over 100 attendees from academia, industry, Federal agencies, professional societies, and non-profits. A full read out of the Summit can be found here.

Individuals can submit information in response to the RFI, ensuring Committee solutions and actions reflect input from an expert, diverse, and well-rounded public. The comment submission deadline is on or before 11:59 pm ET on December 23, 2019.

“This effort continues great momentum of our work to improve U.S. research. JCORE is spearheading coordination across all sectors of the Research Enterprise to address some of the most important challenges facing researchers, scientists, companies, and universities. This integrative approach is unique and thorough with the hope of providing substantial remedy to not only the threat of foreign government influence on the U.S. research enterprise, but also improving our research environments for safe, inclusive, ethical standards that allow for openness and fairness. Through this RFI, we are able to ensure all stakeholders of the research environment have a seat at the table and can provide input to important policy initiatives and development already underway,” said Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, Director of White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.