

Foreign Interference Advisory Committee 2026

The Australian National University has established the Foreign Interference Advisory Committee (“FIAC”) to manage the University’s implementation of the University Foreign Interference Taskforce (UFIT) [Guidelines to Counter Foreign Interference in the Australian University Sector](#) and compliance with related legislation, providing assurance to the University community on the management of foreign interference risks.

Terms of reference

The objective of this Committee is to monitor, advise and provide assurance to the University community on matters relating to foreign collaborations and the management of foreign interference risks, in line with relevant internal policies and the national guidelines to counter foreign interference in the Australian university sector (the UFIT Guidelines). The Committee will monitor foreign interference matters across all relevant areas including international research and academic collaborations, undergraduate and graduate student programs, and cybersecurity at ANU.

The Vice-Chancellor authorises the Committee to carry out the roles and responsibilities outlined in this Charter. The committee is further authorised, within the scope of its role and responsibilities, to:

- obtain any information it needs from any ANU staff and/or external party (subject to their legal obligation to protect information); and
- discuss any matters with external parties (subject to confidentiality considerations).

Members

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