



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

# Office of Research Security Newsletter

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

## UAH GETS DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH SECURITY AWARD

The University of Alabama in Huntsville has been chosen by the Defense Security Service (DSS) to receive the 2018 James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award.

Nationwide, only 39 organizations were selected for the 2018 award from a population of approximately 13,300 cleared facilities that are subject to recurring assessment.

UAH is the only institution of higher learning in the nation to be chosen by the DSS for the 2018 award.

“This recognition from one of the nation’s leading agencies providing oversight for America’s security operations is quite an accomplishment for UAH and our team of security professionals,” said UAH President Robert Altenkirch. “This award is indicative of the investment and dedication of a lot of individuals on our campus and we’re pleased their efforts are being recognized.”

“The Cogswell award represents the best of the best and the winning security programs stand as models for others to emulate,” said UAH Security Administrator Denise Spiller. “The award is presented to organizations that have significantly contributed to industrial security, as well as national security.”

To read full article - <https://www.uah.edu/news/research/uah-gets-distinguished-research-security-award>

### Refresher Security Trainings for 2018:Counterintelligence (CI)

April 4, 2018 - 9:00 am to 10:30, Export Control

April 23, 2018 - 9:00 am to 10:30, Threat Awareness CI

April 23, 2018 - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, Threat Awareness CI

August 7, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI

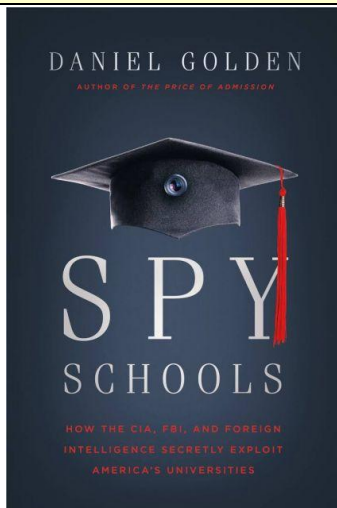
August 22, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI

August 23, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI

October 3, 2018 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Threat Awareness CI

November TBD - ORS Conference Room - Last One for 2018

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Foreign and domestic intelligence services spar and spy on one another all across the world, but it would be naïve to think it's not happening in the lab or classroom as well.

In his new book, *Spy Schools: How the CIA, FBI and Foreign Intelligence Secretly Exploit America's Universities* ([Henry Holt and Company](#)), investigative journalist Daniel Golden explores the fraught -- and sometimes exploitative -- relationship between higher education and intelligence services, both foreign and domestic. Chapters explore various case studies of the Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation using the open and collaborative nature of higher education to their advantage, as well as foreign governments infiltrating the U.S. via education.

"It's pretty widespread, and I'd say it's most prevalent at research universities," Golden, an editor at ProPublica and an alumnus of *The Boston Globe's* "Spotlight" team, told *Inside Higher Ed*. "The foreign intelligence services have the interest and the opportunity to learn cutting-edge, Pentagon-funded or government-funded research."

Read Full Article -

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/10/03/%E2%80%98spy-schools-how-cia-fbi-and-foreign-intelligence-secretly-exploit-america%E2%80%99s>

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- PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR “REPORTING REQUIREMENTS”

**WHAT TO REPORT:**

- \* Any contact (i.e., emails, telephone, personal contact) that is suspicious because of the manner or subject matter of the request. This may include requests from U.S. persons, or from foreign nationals located in the United States or abroad, and may consist of:
  - \*Unsolicited applications or requests for undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate or other research positions
  - \*Unsolicited requests for access to research papers or other research-related publications or documents
  - \*Unsolicited requests for assistance with or review of thesis papers, draft publications or other research-related documents
  - \*Unsolicited invitations to attend and/or present at international conferences