

Definitions of Terms
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Term	Definition
Gift	"Gift" - any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, license, special access, equipment time, samples, research data, or other item having monetary value. A gift also includes services as well as gifts of training, transportation, local travel, lodging, meals, research hours, whether provided in-kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in advance, or reimbursement after the expense has occurred. A gift by definition is given without expectation of anything in return. (20 U.S.C. 1011(f))
Contract	"Contract" - a source of financial support that does not fall under the definition of a gift for the purposes of the FFDR.
Foreign source	A foreign government, including an agency of a foreign government; (2) a legal entity, governmental or otherwise, created solely under the laws of a foreign state or states; (3) an individual who is not a citizen or a national of the United States or a trust territory or protectorate thereof; and (4) an agent, including a subsidiary or affiliate of a foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source.
Foreign country of concern	A foreign country of concern means the People’s Republic of China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, or any other country deemed to be a country of concern as determined by the Secretary of State. Foreign countries of concern are not the same as Countries of Particular Concern. Countries of Particular Concern is a designation by the Secretary of State, which refers to countries that have engaged in or tolerated “particularly severe violations of religious freedom” as outlined in the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA) of 1998.
Intermediary	An individual or legal entity other than an institution of higher education that receives a gift or contract from a foreign source and then passes part or all of the gift or contract to the institution of higher education.
Multiyear gift or contract	A gift or contract that is given to an institution of higher education over the course of multiple years.