## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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Dear Faculty and Staff Members,

The University of Miami is home to talented, productive, and exemplary faculty, researchers, scholars, and staff whose prolific work supports our defining hemispheric mission. Our institutional commitment to acting responsibly and transparently in all our interactions, both domestically and abroad, protects and promotes an ethical and trustworthy working environment and bolsters our reputation with internal and external stakeholders.

Recently, the University's Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees approved a new policy that addresses institutional vulnerabilities related to Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Influence. To facilitate compliance with the new policy, the University is introducing upgrades to its university-wide system, UDisclose, that enables the quick and thorough review and management of conflicts throughout the institution

The enhanced UDisclose system, which will launch on Jan. 24, 2022, will include a broad spectrum of the University community, who will need to complete training and disclose foreign and domestic relationships. These steps will enable important collaborations to continue and enhance the University's ability to monitor and avoid situations that might present conflicts of interest or opportunities for foreign influence.

Additional information, including FAQs, is available at <a href="https://research.miami.edu/about/additional-resources/udisclose-system/index.html">https://research.miami.edu/about/additional-resources/udisclose-system/index.html</a>. We will be sharing additional information about the new policy and the new UDisclose system in the coming weeks.

We are grateful for your service and dedication to an exemplary U.

Sincerely,

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