

Victoria University response to questions from The Australian:

Victoria University is unaware of any VU researchers who are currently part of the Chinese Government's Thousand Talents program.

Professor Yanchun Zhang was part of the plan from 2011-2013. The [article](#) on our website that refers to him being part of this program is from 2011. His 1000 Talents Fellowship was declared to VU at the time. All Professor Zhang's work during this time was published and is publicly available.

Professor Stephen Gray participated in a fellowship operated by the municipality of Tianjin, which was not part of the Central Chinese Government program. This was declared to VU. VU also signed an MOU in 2018 with Tianjin Polytechnic (now Tianjin University). Research on membrane technology related to that MOU has been published and is publicly available.

All VU staff are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.