

University of Queensland response to questions from The Australian:

UQ has implemented new policies and procedures over recent months around Conflict of Interest and Secondary Employment.

Academic staff are required to disclose - annually or when circumstances change - business interests and secondary employment, and to register research activities that fall under the Defence Strategic Goods or Sensitive Technologies lists.

Remunerated second academic appointments of any type require approval, and are contingent on a risk-based assessment of the research activities involved, including the management of intellectual property.

UQ's commercialisation company UniQuest is ranked number one in Australia and will consider UQ's rights to IP included in any patent involving a UQ researcher.

UQ is taking a similar proactive stance in relation to the Foreign Influence and Transparency Scheme, requiring staff to indicate if they conduct activities that may fall under the Act.

The University has consulted with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department on the design of its Foreign Influence register, which is nearing completion.

Zhou Xiaofang

- Professor Zhou was part of the Thousands Talents program from 2010 and notified UQ of this involvement. He is no longer part of the program.
- UQ understands that Professor Zhou was listed, without his knowledge, as an inventor on patent applications based on single low-level published research papers that he had some involvement with, and that are available to the world's scientific community.
- Professor Zhou was not an author on many of these publications.