

## **University of NSW response to questions from The Australian:**

In our responses, UNSW Sydney has relied on information provided by individual academics, as well as our own knowledge of published work.

UNSW requires all employees – academic and professional – to disclose pertinent information or issues that are relevant to the discharge of duties, constitute a conflict of interest, or activities that require disclosing under either government regulations or relevant UNSW policies.

UNSW conducts rigorous assessments as required by the Australian Government's Defence Export Controls framework.

This includes commissioning external commercial and risk reports for overseas funders and obtaining approval from the Commonwealth Department of Defence.

UNSW is an active participant in the University Foreign Interference Taskforce (UFIT) established by Minister for Education, Dan Tehan, in August 2019, and follows both local and national best practice guidelines in this regard.

The University works closely with relevant federal government agencies to pursue greater transparency, as well as increased government collaboration and assistance, to ensure our operations are always in line with the national interest, and our students and research are protected.

- The University is home to thousands of academics who are internationally engaged by participating in conferences and holding honorary/adjunct appointments and affiliations at universities around the world. Under the UFIT Guidelines, the Commonwealth supports international collaborative research through its programs and policy settings and across a wide range of initiatives and portfolios.
- Participation in unpaid /honorary appointments is overseen at Faculty/School level, as is approval for conference travel, study leave, and related expenditure. Fractional appointments are much rarer, and here UNSW Sydney academic staff are required to obtain approval before commencing any paid external appointment, and declare these on an annual basis.
- In rare circumstances where the above arrangements do not appear to comply, they are now elevated for central review in keeping with UFIT guidance.

### **Jun Wang**

Professor Jun Wang has worked full-time in Australia for 27 years, the last 15 years at UNSW where he is a professor in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. He is the academic-in-charge of Water Jet engineering research in the School's Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory.

Professor Wang was invited to participate in the Thousand Talents program and passed the assessment process. At the time he was involved in negotiations with

two universities in China but did not accept any of the offers to participate in the program. As a result of passing the assessment process, he is listed as a national distinguished expert on water jet engineering on a number of websites.

Professor Wang has been a visiting professor and honorary centre director at Shandong University since 2003.

His appointment, as well as his involvement in the advisory committee of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office (OCAO) of the State Council of China, is noted in his annual review reports to support his leadership activities in the discipline, profession and wider community, and discussed with his supervisor at UNSW.

This information is available on Professor Wang's UNSW online profile. He has co-supervised students overseas, but never participated in any research activities for defence or military purposes related to jet engines anywhere in the world.

In 2019, Professor Wang spent 36 days in China for conferences and collaborative research.

### **Joe Dong**

These Chinese patents were filed by Professor Joe Dong's former PhD students; this was without his knowledge, but we understand was in line with the academic culture in China at the time.

Professor Dong does not receive any royalties from the patents. Professor Dong was an honorary/visiting professor with Changsha University of Science and Technology where he worked on joint research grants as a partner investigator.

### **Xuemin Lin**

Professor Xuemin Lin has been a professor in the School of Computer Science and Engineering at UNSW Sydney since 1997. He was a concurrent professor in the School of Software at the East China Normal University under the Thousand Talents Program from 2011 to 2016.

UNSW was aware of Professor Lin's appointment in the program.

The University was also advised by Professor Lin that he had been paid a living allowance for his participation in the plan.

He is a distinguished visiting Professor at Tsinghua University and a visiting Chair Professor at Fudan University. Professor Lin has no MOU agreements with UNSW, but as with all academics he is required to comply with UNSW's Intellectual Property Policy. He has no patents assigned to China.

### **Liming Dai**

Professor Liming Dai was associated with the Thousand Talents Program between 2010 – 2015, prior to his arrival at UNSW. Professor Dai was associated with the

Thousand Talents Program while he was an engineering professor at Case Western Reserve University, USA. During that time, he received a modest living allowance. Professor Dai has never been employed by the Zhejiang Key Laboratory of Biotechnology Pharmaceutical Engineering.

No patents were filed in China this year. Previous patents filed by his research collaborators in China are from their own funded research.

Intellectual property rights were determined by the agreement between Case Western Reserve University and the Institute that funded the research (Wenzhou Medical University) at the time. UNSW was not involved.

### **Jingling Xue**

Professor Jingling Xue is an academic in UNSW's School of Computer Science and Engineering. He has been a UNSW staff member since 1999. He is funded by multiple Australian Research Council grants and by CSIRO. Professor Xue has held two honorary posts as a Thousand Talents Professor.

UNSW is aware that Professor Xue received a living allowance during both appointments. Professor Xue ended his association with the National University of Defence Technology in 2017 and all research results were published in the public domain. Professor Xue does not hold any patents.

### **Xiao-Lin (Joshua) Zhao**

Professor Joshua Zhao was affiliated with the Thousand Talents Program through Tsinghua University in 2011 when he was at Monash University. Professor Zhao joined UNSW in 2019. He disclosed his affiliation with the program in his application for the role of Associate Dean, International, in the UNSW Faculty of Engineering. He is not involved in any other foreign recruitment programs.

### **Neil Foster**

Professor Neil R Foster previously worked at UNSW Sydney and was the first foreign recipient of a Thousand Talents award in Australia in 2010. His award involved working part-time at the Beijing University of Chemical Technology. Professor Foster was a Professor of Chemical of Engineering at UNSW from 1986 to 2016. He is no longer affiliated with the University.