



Research & Development Services

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Supporting U.S. Academic Research Institutions

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How We Can Help Your Institution

The U.S. Commercial Service offers a broad spectrum of customized programs to assist U.S. higher education institutions to internationalize whether it is through increased numbers of international students on campus or by attracting foreign-funded research projects through trade leads, customized business matchmaking, or U.S. government advocacy assistance.

Our goal is to engage the R&D and technology transfer offices at U.S. higher education institutions to increase their awareness of ITA and U.S. Commercial Service resources, as well as other resources within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

U.S. Department of Commerce Resource Links for U.S. Higher Education Institutions:

International Trade Administration

[Find your local U.S. Commercial Service Trade Specialist](#)

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