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University statement: March 2, 2019 to accompany copy of the memo

After consultation with other senior leaders and the Office of the General Counsel, Vice President for Research Chris Cramer announced on February 14 that the University of Minnesota was immediately suspending further engagement with Huawei Technologies Company and its subsidiaries.

As VP Cramer's memo to University academic leaders outlined, Huawei has been the subject of considerable governmental and journalistic scrutiny in the last several months, including two federal indictments alleging trade secret theft, bank fraud, violations of trade sanctions regulations, and related activities impacting U.S. economic and national security.

Furthermore, as of 2/21/2019, the U.S. Government formally excluded Huawei from federal grant and contract opportunities as a general matter, adding to the University's concerns about Huawei's suitability as a partner.

Therefore the University of Minnesota considered it prudent to suspend its interactions with Huawei until at least such time as the alleged economic and national security issues are resolved.

Many of our peer institutions across the nation have already adopted a similar posture, including most institutions in the Big 10.

The University of Minnesota System is a welcoming, diverse community dedicated to the mission of teaching and learning, research and discovery, and public engagement—both within the United States and around the world. University researchers retain academic freedom to pursue individual lines of inquiry not covered by the suspended engagement outlined in the memo.

As the memo indicates, scholars have reporting/compliance obligations regarding foreign institutions and scholars, and the U's Administrative Policy on Outside Consulting and Other Commitments Relevant governs consulting relationships.

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