A foreign government talent recruitment program covered by this NSF policy includes:

- (a) Compensation provided by the foreign state to the targeted individual in exchange for the individual transferring knowledge and expertise to the foreign country. The compensation can take several forms, such as cash, research funding, honorific titles, career advancement opportunities, promised future compensation, or other types of remuneration or other consideration.
- (b) Recruitment refers to the foreign state sponsor's active engagement in attracting the targeted individual to join the foreign-sponsored program and transfer their knowledge and expertise to the foreign state. The targeted individual may be employed and located in the United States, or in the foreign state. Note that, generally, an invitation by a foreign state to simply attend or present work at an international conference would not constitute recruitment.