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An evaluation of international scientific research partnerships and leading research economies shows that China plays a critical role in global science, by some measures rivaling or even surpassing the United States both in the volume of scientific papers produced and the quality of the work as measured by citations. China's scientific advancement has collided with hardening geopolitics that have caused some countries to re-think scientific collaboration. These trends have coincided with, according to survey data, scientists of Chinese descent at American universities experiencing greater discrimination and increased fear regarding their academic pursuits. Dan Murphy's work explores what this means for higher education engagement with China. He argues for a rational approach that recognizes both the tremendous value of international academic collaboration and the need for firm boundaries around areas critical to national security.

