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SUNY Campus CIOs and VPRs:

Governor Hochul issued a [statewide ban](#) prohibiting the DeepSeek Artificial Intelligence application from being downloaded on NY Office of Information Technology Services-managed government devices and networks. While this ban does not formally extend to SUNY owned and/or managed devices and networks at this time, SUNY is taking steps to align our non-research uses with the Governor's directive.

Why This Matters to SUNY: According to the Governor's statewide ban, "DeepSeek is an AI start-up founded and owned by High-Flyer, a stock trading firm based in the People's Republic of China. Serious concerns have been raised concerning DeepSeek AI's connection to foreign government surveillance and censorship, including how DeepSeek can be used to harvest user data and steal technology secrets."

As leaders of information technology and research across the SUNY System, SUNY System Administration leadership directs all State-operated SUNY institutions to align with this State policy, and strongly recommends that community colleges do the same, by:

1. Prohibiting the download and/or use of DeepSeek AI on campus-managed systems.
2. Communicating to your campus communities that sensitive SUNY information must not be entered into DeepSeek AI or any other AI tool (e.g., ChatGPT or CoPilot) that has not been specifically authorized by the campus.
3. Creating an exception process to allow access to DeepSeek AI for legitimate research purposes. This should include obtaining prior written approval from the campus Vice President of Research (or equivalent position) to validate the research need to access DeepSeek and campus Chief Information Security Officer (or equivalent position) to ensure that access to DeepSeek is provided in a manner that doesn't incur risk for campus networks and systems.

This recommendation is intended to balance innovation with the necessary protections for privacy, security, and equity.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chief Information Security Officer Jesse Sloman at jesse.sloman@suny.edu.