Conflict of Interest in the Research Setting

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University CoI Policy (excerpts)

Principles:
“to promote transparency, thereby increasing public trust in the University and the research enterprise”
“to create a culture of trust in the University and the research community”

The policy is particularly focused on questions in which a University member’s professional actions or decisions are guided or “…determined by considerations of personal gain, financial or otherwise”.

The policy also includes recognition that members “…may be involved in a conflict of interest so long as the individual has acted in good faith and in accordance…” with the policies and procedures of the University.
Standard Operating Procedures

Draft agreement submitted to Research Services and Ethics Office

Review
1. Statement of work
2. Budget
3. Academic approvals

Confirm Protections & Conditions
1. Student involvement & dissemination
2. Ethics requirements
3. Intellectual Property & Copyright
4. Publication and Moral Rights
5. Indemnity
6. Warranties