



Conflicts of Interest (COI)



A conflict of interest can occur when an individual's personal interests compromise their judgement, decisions, or actions in research.

(<https://compliance.ucf.edu/understanding-conflict-of-interest/>)

There can be financial and non-financial conflicts of interest.



Financial COI vs. Non-Financial COI (CM-35)

Financial COI	Non-Financial COI
<p><u>Significant financial interest</u> of an investigator or immediate family member</p>	<p><u>Conduct</u> of an investigator or an immediate family member</p>
<p>Could affect, or appear to affect, directly and significantly, the design, conduct, supervision, or reporting of a research project.</p>	<p>Internal or external activities which may compromise, or have the appearance of compromising the objective and ethical conduct of institutional responsibilities or a research project</p>



Things to Keep in Mind

Significant Financial Interest (CM-35)

Any **remuneration** received directly from the entity in the twelve months preceding the disclosure of the ownership of any equity interest in the entity as of the date of disclosure.

Any intellectual property rights or interests **personally** held by the Investigator or Immediate Family Member. Cannot be owned or managed by LSUHSC-NO.

Any **reimbursed or sponsored travel costs** received in the twelve months preceding the disclosure by the Investigator or an Immediate Family Member, related to the Investigator's Institutional Responsibilities. This does not include reimbursement from a federal, state, or local government agency, an institution of higher education, an academic teaching hospital, a medical center, or a research institute affiliated with an institution of higher education.

Examples of Non-Financial COI (CM-35)

Conflicts of commitment regarding time and effort

Using a student to perform services for an Entity in which the investigator or an immediate family member has an ownership or management role.

1. The student is currently enrolled in a class taught by the Investigator or Immediate Family Member.
2. The Investigator or Immediate Family Member supervises the student in an academic capacity.
3. The Investigator or Immediate Family Member can influence the student's academic progress.



Completing a Disclosure

Kuali COI Access	Instructions
Single sign-on (Lsuhscc email) Link	Log in using your LSUHSC-NO username and password.
	If you are using the correct access link and logged in with your LSUHSC-NO credentials, you will be automatically directed to the COI module.
	If you are not automatically logged in, use the same username and password as your LSUHSC account/email.

1. Directions for completing a disclosure (both LSU and Non-LSU Personnel) can be found here:
<https://www.lsuhscc.edu/administration/academic/ors/coi/disclosure.aspx>



Conflicts Of Interest in Continuing Medical Education

The School of Medicine's Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) **maintains its own policy** on Conflicts of Interest. When research or grant funding is used to support CME, both the CME and LSUHSC COI Policies must be followed.

A **CME Conflict of Interest** occurs when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about the products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.

The School of Medicine's Office of Continuing Medical Education Conflict of Interest Policy can be found here:
https://www.medschool.lsuhschool.edu/medical_education/cme/policy.aspx



Next Month's Topic

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