

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

You must leave the meeting room when applications submitted by your own organization<sup>1</sup> are being individually discussed. In the case of state higher education or other systems with multiple campuses geographically separated, “own organization” is intended to mean the entire system, except where a determination has been made that the components are separate organizations, for purpose of conflict of interest.

You should avoid situations that could give rise to charges of conflict of interest, whether real or apparent. For example, you should not participate in the deliberations and actions on any application from or involving a recent student, a recent teacher, a professional collaborator, with whom you have worked closely, a close personal friend, or a scientist with whom you have had long-standing scientific or personal differences. The NHGRI staff will determine the appropriate action based on the recency, frequency, and strength of such associations or interest, either positive or negative, and will instruct you accordingly.

Please sign the Conflict of Interest and Disposal of Confidential Materials forms which are provided. They will be collected at the end of the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Member’s Organization is an institution, partnership corporation, agency, or similar entity with which that member is currently associated or is negotiating or has an arrangement for prospective association as employee, officer, director, partner, trustee, or consultant; has an appointment or professional privilege; or has any other financial or significant professional interest. All locations, campuses, and divisions of an organization are regarded as a single entity.