Ask RCRA:

Conflict of Interest & Conflict of Commitment

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Mission: Ensure Research Objectivity

1. Design, conduct, and reporting of research must be objective

2. Multifaceted relationships between Emory Investigators and industry exist and often complement research

3. Must follow federal rules as stewards of federal money

4. Primary commitment of time and intellectual energy owed to Emory by employees
How We Accomplish That Mission

- Review Projects for Conflicts
- Communicate with Faculty and Staff
- Review Disclosures via eDisclose
- Educate the Emory Community
- Work with other units (IRB, IACUC, Export, etc.)
Determination that an individual’s financial interest could significantly alter the design, conduct, or reporting of research
Policy 7.7 Requirements

**Who:** Investigators & Key Personnel

**What:** Disclose Significant Financial Interests

**When:** Within 30 days of hire, within 30 days of receiving new SFI, annually, with sponsored awards

**Where:** Emory’s electronic disclosure system

Disclosures reviewed by COI Office & COI Committee

FCOIs must be managed or eliminated
What is a Conflict of Commitment?

Determination that an individual’s intellectual energy, time, or effort to external activities interferes with Emory responsibilities
### Policy 13.3.A & 7.3 Requirements

**Who:**
Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellows or Trainees, Research Staff

**What:**
Seek approval for paid or unpaid external research, teaching, service, other professional activities from academic unit

**When:**
Prior to the start of the activity

**Where:**
Emory’s electronic disclosure system

Policies in final stages of review. No changes anticipated.
Beginning December 1st, 2023
Ends February 29th, 2024

Communications
- Will begin in about 2 weeks
- Will be reaching out to various departments

Relive It
- No large changes from previous year (over 99% completion last year)

Sprint to Complete
- Pushing hard to get high completion quickly

COI Monitoring
- COI Office will be following up to ensure completion