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
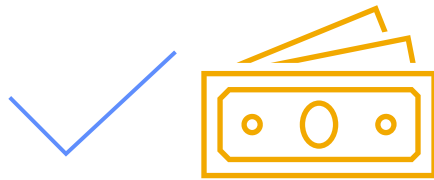
How We Accomplish That Mission

- 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.)

What is a Financial Conflict of Interest?

Determination that an individual's financial interest could significantly alter the design, conduct, or reporting of research

Official University Policy
https://emory.ellucid.com

Policy 7.7

Policy for Investigators Holding a Financial Interest in Research

Responsible Official:	VP for Research Administration
Administering Division/Department:	Research Compliance
Effective Date:	August 24, 2012
Last Revision Date:	March 20, 2017

Policy Sections:

I.   Overview

II.   Applicability

III.   Policy Details

IV.   Definitions

V.   Related Links

VI.   Contact Information

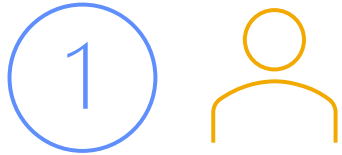VII.   Revision History

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Policy 7.7 Requirements

Disclosures reviewed by COI Office & COI Committee

FCOIs must be managed or eliminated

1 **Who:**
Investigators & Key Personnel

2 **What:**
Disclose Significant Financial Interests

3 **When:** Within 30 days of hire, within 30 days of receiving new SFI, annually, with sponsored awards
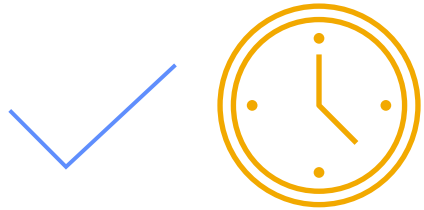
4 **Where:**
Emory's electronic disclosure system

What is a Conflict of Commitment?

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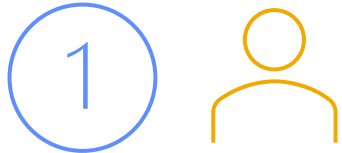
Policy 13.3.A & 7.3 Requirements

Policies in final stages of review. No changes anticipated.

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Who:
Faculty, Postdoctoral Fellows or Trainees, Research Staff

2

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

3

When:
Prior to the start of the activity

4

Where:
Emory's electronic disclosure system

Annual Certification Cycle!

- 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