Conflict of Interest in Research

Federal regulations, state laws and University policies recognize that researchers may have financial interests in research sponsors and/or in entities with business interests closely related to their research.

The term “conflict of interest in research” refers to situations in which financial or other personal considerations may compromise, or have the appearance of compromising a researcher’s professional judgment in conducting or reporting research.

Researchers must submit financial disclosure forms at the time of proposal submission for research funding, when research gift funding is received, and when an application for protocol is submitted for a human clinical study.

In those situations where a financial interest and possible conflict of interest are disclosed, each situation is reviewed by an independent substantive review committee. At UCSF, that committee is the Chancellor’s Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (COIAC).

This website contains information regarding the Committee process, including the regulations, laws, policies, and guidelines that govern disclosures and conflict of interest.

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