



Division of Research and Innovation Conflict of Interest Form

Please fill out this form and submit it to researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu as a separate document from your proposal. This form will only be viewed by staff in the Division of Research and Innovation. If you have any questions about this form or the COI policy described below, please do contact the Office of Research Development at researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu.

Applicant Name:

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| Department: | College: |
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Proposal Title:

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| Program: | Track (if applicable): |
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Please suggest **two external reviewers** who are qualified to evaluate the merits of your proposal. These reviewers must not have any conflict of interest with the applicant or any other personnel on the proposal. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check for conflicts of interest with suggested reviewers. If a suggested reviewer has a conflict of interest with the applicant or other project personnel, the Division of Research and Innovation cannot guarantee the proposal will be reviewed.

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Note: External reviewers based in the United States are preferred. To avoid delays in the external review process, please consider informing the suggested reviewers that they may be contacted by the Office of Research Development at TAMU-CC.

By signing this form, I verify, to the best of my ability, that the recommended reviewers listed above do not have any conflict of interest with any personnel listed in the proposal. I understand that the Division of Research and Innovation cannot guarantee that my proposal will be reviewed if a COI is determined.

Date:

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Division of Research and Innovation requires all recommended reviewers adhere to Conflict of Interest (COI) policies in line with the Nation Science Foundation. A recommended reviewer has a COI when they:

- Have a personal, family, or business relationship with an individual named in the proposal that would hinder their ability to serve as a reviewer
- Have a direct and predictable financial interest in the outcome, or whose immediate relatives have such an interest.
- Have an immediate relative that would receive a direct financial benefit of any amount from the proposal.
- Have a professional or advisory role in the proposal.
- Have been the graduate (doctoral/masters) advisor or an advisee of an individual named in the proposal.
- Have been, or are, a collaborator or had any other professional relationship (e.g., served as a mentor) with any person on the application who has a major role within the past 48 months.
- Have been a co-editor on a publication or book with any person on the application who has a major role within the past 24 months.
- Are from the same institution as the applicant or another person named in the proposal.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all recommended reviewers do not have a COI with any personnel named in the proposal. If an applicant recommends a reviewer that has a COI with themselves or other personnel, the Division of Research and Innovation cannot guarantee that the proposal will be reviewed.