

Public Health Service (PHS) Conflict of Interest (COI)

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Conflict of Interest (COI) Overview

The University supports and encourages relationships which may advance academic research.

However, potential, perceived, and actual conflicts of interest must be managed to avoid bias or the appearance of such in an Investigator's activities and responsibilities, in order to protect the integrity of the research.

COI Definition

A conflict of interest, actual or perceived, is a situation in which financial or other personal considerations have the potential to compromise or bias professional judgment and objectivity.

PHS Definitions

- Investigator: Any person regardless of title or position, who is responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research funded by the PHS, or proposed for such funding, including collaborators and consultants.
- Research - a systematic investigation, study or experiment designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge relating broadly to public health, including behavioral and social-sciences research. The term encompasses basic and applied research and product development.

Requirements Overview

- Requirements
 - Proposal
 - Training (CITI)
 - Disclosure (COI-SMART)
 - Award
 - Disclosure Update (COI-SMART)
 - Approval from OVPR
 - Current Funding
 - All of the above (Train, Disclose, Approval)

Investigator Training

Investigators are required to complete training prior to engaging in research related to any PHS-funded project, every 4 years, and immediately if:

- Institutional FCOI policies change in a manner that affects Investigator requirements
- An Investigator is new to an Institution
- An Institution finds an Investigator noncompliant with the Institution's FCOI Policy or management plan

Training Implementation

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) at the University of Miami provides web-based training for research related activities.

- New Account: www.citiprogram.org
- Affiliate with AU: Add AU as an affiliated institution to an existing CITI account
- Add COI Course: Add the COI Training Course to an existing CITI account that has been affiliated with AU

Investigator Disclosure

- Investigators are required to disclose their Significant Financial Interests:
 - Annually between August 1 and August 31;
 - Prior to the processing of a new award or modification to scope of work; and
 - Within 30-days of any change to the previously reported information.
- COI-SMART provides a web-based tool for disclosure.
 - Visit auburn.coi-smart.com to log in

Investigator Disclosure



User Summary Lookup

 **Sara Willis**

Sara Willis - Active

DEPARTMENTS :
Office of Research Compliance

ASSIGNED QUESTIONNAIRES :
2012 - Disclosure of Potential Financial Conflict of Interest For Public Health Service (PHS) : **Not Submitted**

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COI by the Numbers

- **180** PHS Investigators
- **99** Training Completion Reports
- **72** Submitted Disclosures
- **28** PHS Managers

PHS Quick Tips

- Training (CITI)
www.citiprogram.org
- Disclosure (COI-SMART)
auburn.coi-smart.com
- Approval from OVPR
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- For more information:
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