

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Kentucky Statewide EPSCoR Program has established 1) a Statewide Committee for purposes of providing program governance and 2) multiple subcommittees for governing the execution of specific programs related to federal agencies having EPSCoR or EPSCoR - type programs. Senior researchers and senior institutional research administrators from Kentucky's academic institutions and representatives from the private sector are sought to fill membership positions on these committees. Individuals serving on these committees fulfill highly important roles critical to the success of the Kentucky Statewide EPSCoR Program.

To avoid potential conflicts of interest (COI), all members are required to adhere to the following COI policies:

Statewide Committee members and members of the program subcommittee may participate in proposals that come before the Statewide EPSCoR Committee only if the member:

- a. informs the KY EPSCoR Statewide Program Director by letter or by e-mail of their intention to participate in a proposal for a state or federal EPSCoR-type award.
- b. commits to act in the best interests of the Statewide Kentucky EPSCoR Program and avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- c. excuses himself or herself from attending any committee or subcommittee discussions when information is discussed that could prejudice their proposal for the subject award.
- d. abstains from voting or influencing the voting during the review or approval process for any award to which they have applied.

Notwithstanding the above, program subcommittees may stipulate that their subcommittee members cannot participate as members of any grant proposal under the purview of said subcommittee.

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