

## Conflicts of Interest Policy for Peer Reviewers and Research Funding Committee Members

Members of Marie Curie Funding Committees, expert panel members and expert reviewers must comply with our Conflicts of Interest Policy. Experts sign a conflicts of interest policy prior to each review/ committee.

An expert is conflicted and cannot review an application if they:

- play any role in the application (including lead applicant (PI), co-applicant or collaborator, or if they assisted with the application).
- are at the same institution as the lead applicant (PI), joint-PI, co-applicant or collaborators (including any honorary positions) or were recently (i.e. within the last 2 years) at the same department of the same institution as the lead applicant (PI), joint-PI, co-applicant or collaborators.
- have published or collaborated closely with the lead applicant (PI), joint-PI or any co-applicants or collaborators within the last 3-5 years (a standard of 5 years is employed wherever possible but 3 years may be considered if the field for the funding round is narrow), or plan to do so in the near future.
- are on an application in the same funding round or an earlier round of the same funding call (whether successful or unsuccessful).
- are already a member of the Research Funding Committee for the funding call.
- are a relative of one of the grant applicants.
- are in a close personal relationship with one of the grant applicants.<sup>1</sup>
- are a business partner of one of the grant applicants.
- have, or have had, a supervisory or line management relationship or been a group leader with one of the lead or joint lead applicants in the last 3-5 years (a standard of 5 years is employed wherever possible but 3 years may be considered if the field for the funding round is narrow).
- are a direct competitor of one of the lead or joint lead applicants.
- otherwise have a connection to the application or applicant(s) which could cause an outsider to doubt the impartiality of the funding assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> Marie Curie recognises that it is likely that academics who work in the same field may know each other, and this does not constitute a conflict, providing that objectivity can be maintained when reviewing a proposal.