

University of Guam

Financial Conflict of Interest Related to Research

Policy Statement

University of Guam is committed to overseeing the conduct of research in a manner that ensures the integrity of the research process and maintains the public trust and that of sponsors in the integrity and credibility of its faculty, its staff, and its research programs. This commitment requires the university to ensure that there is no reasonable expectation that research results are biased by the external commitments and financial interests of persons who are responsible for the design, conduct, reporting, or direct administration of university research. Such individuals are, for the purposes of this policy, referred to as "research personnel." Research, for the purpose of this policy, includes all sponsored projects, including research and extension, and all non-sponsored university research.

The University's policy on financial conflict of interest (FCOI) identifies and addresses the real or apparent financial conflicts of interest presented by the intersection of research activities and personal financial interests, and defines the requirements of all research personnel to ensure that those activities are conducted objectively and without consideration of personal financial gain.

Entities Affected by this Policy

All units of the university

Policy Information

- **Responsible Executive:** Associate Vice President
- **Responsible Offices:** Office of Sponsored Projects
- **Contact:** Your college or unit administrative office or the Office of Sponsored Projects

Violations of Finance Policy

Violation of a financial policy should be reported to your supervisor, your human resource representative, unit manager, and/or the office responsible for the policy. Where these resources are inadequate, you may choose to make an anonymous report through the Comptroller's Office.