

Conflicts of Interest

The University of San Diego expects every individual engaged in research to maintain the highest ethical standards and to avoid personal or outside interests that could interfere with their duties and responsibilities to the University. Even the appearance of a conflict of interest should be avoided.

Researchers should be familiar with two University policies regarding conflicts of interest:

- [Individual Conflicts of Interest Policy](#)
- [Financial Conflicts of Interest in Externally Funded Research](#)

Researchers should identify and avoid conflicts of interest. Researchers must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest as soon as they discover the conflict (or the perception of a conflict). When conflicts of interest are disclosed as soon as they are discovered, it is often the case that the conflicts can be managed without impacting the researcher's ability to pursue or continue the research.

Other helpful resources for researchers include:

- [Policy Prohibiting Illegal, Dishonest or Fraudulent Conduct](#)
- [Use of University Name, Symbols and Other Property](#)
- [Policy on Responsible Use of University Computing Resources](#)
- [Purchasing Policy and University Revenue Handling Policy](#)
- [Outside Employment](#)

For more information, please contact the Associate Provost for Research Administration.