CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE FOR REVIEWERS OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Reviewers are individually responsible for evaluating their own affiliations and financial interest, and those of their close relatives and professional associates, as these interests relate to the reviewer's duties as reviewers before they review any applications.

Conflict of interest is defined as any action by a reviewer in the grants review or awarding process which would affect, or could appear to affect, the reviewer's financial interest, or would cause the reviewer's impartiality in the grants process to be questioned.

A reviewer may not participate in the review or award of a specific grant application in specific situations that include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Applications for any organization in which the reviewer, the reviewer's spouse, parent, child, or partner has a financial interest.
- 2. Applications for any organization (including a parent or subsidiary) in which the reviewer, the reviewer's spouse, parent, child, or partner serves as officer, director, trustee, partner, or is otherwise similarly associated;
- 3. Applications for any organization (including a parent or subsidiary) in which the reviewer, the reviewer's spouse, parent, child, or partner is negotiating for or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment or other similar association.
- 4. Applications for any organization (including a parent or subsidiary) in which the reviewer, the reviewer's spouse, parent, child, or partner has an interest with respect to any pending grant application competing under the same program as any other grant application to be reviewed by the same committee or group of field researchers.

Application Reviewer

I have read and understand the above definition of conflict of interest and have examined the attached list of applications to be reviewed, and hereby certify that based on the information provided to me, I do not have a conflict of interest in any of them. If during the review there is an appearance of or actual conflict of interest, I will recuse myself from the review of the application or will obtain an appropriate waiver.

In addition, I fully understand the confidential nature of the evaluation and agree: (1) to destroy or return all materials related to the evaluation; (2) to not disclose or discuss the materials associated with the review, my evaluation, or the review meeting outside of that meeting or with any other individual except as authorized by the grants management officer; and (3) to refer all inquiries concerning the review to the grants management officer.

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