Institutional Animal Care & Use Program - UTEP	
Title: Conflicts of Interest for IACUC Members	
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A) Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) members to abide by this policy.

B) Application

All IACUC members are required to disclose any conflicts of interest to the UTEP IACUC office before or at the time of protocol submission and/or review.

C) Regulatory guidance

Both the Animal Welfare Act Regulations and Public Health Service Policy state that no IACUC member "may participate in the IACUC review or approval of an activity in which that member has a conflicting interest, (e.g., is personally involved in the activity) except to provide information requested by the IACUC."

D) Definitions

An IACUC member is said to have a conflict of interest whenever that person, their spouse, or dependent child falls under any of the following conditions:

1. Is an investigator or sub-investigator on the protocol undergoing review.
2. Has entered into a financial arrangement with the sponsor or agent of the sponsor of the protocol undergoing review, whereby the outcome of the study could influence the value of the economic interest.
3. Acts as an officer or a director of the sponsor or an agent of the sponsor of the protocol undergoing review.
4. Has an equity interest in the sponsor of $10,000 or greater or 5% or greater of the equity sponsor of the protocol undergoing review.
5. Has identified themselves for any other reason as having a conflict of interest.

Other possible examples of conflict of interest include cases where:

1. A member is involved in a potentially competing research program.

2. Access to funding or intellectual information may provide an unfair competitive advantage.
3. A member's personal biases may interfere with their impartial judgment.

E) Procedures

Protocols submitted by IACUC members will be evaluated using the same review criteria and mechanisms (Designated Member Review or Full Committee Review) as those used for protocols submitted by non-members, ensuring equitable treatment of all researchers.

The procedures below govern the management of conflicts of interest during such reviews:

1. The Chair (or in their absence, the Vice Chair) will present the declared conflict, and the Committee will determine whether a conflict exists.
2. Should an IACUC member declare involvement in any way in a research protocol under review by the IACUC, or state a conflict of interest with the research protocol, then the member(s):
    a. May remain in the meeting to provide information requested by the IACUC.
    b. Must leave the meeting for discussion and voting.
    c. Are not counted toward the quorum for the period of their absence.

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