

## GUIDANCE 8

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDANCE

Rowan University is committed to ensuring that research, testing, and development is conducted ethically, scientifically, and with integrity. Commitment to conducting research, testing, and development extends to all human subjects research proposed and conducted at Rowan University. All human subjects research, regardless of funding source or sponsor, will require Principal Investigators (PI) to ensure that when completing an IRB submission, any investigator/research team member identified in the IRB submission does or does not have a conflict.

PI's are responsible for ensuring that any of the research team members disclose, to the PI, a conflict of interest, and if so, then PIs must ensure that the IRB submission accurately reflects a conflict of interest exists.

PI's are responsible for ensuring that any of the research team members disclose, to the PI, a significant financial interest, and if so, then PIs must ensure that the IRB submission accurately reflects a significant financial interest exists.

PI's are responsible for communicating and informing the Rowan University conflict of interest committee of any known conflict or significant financial interest. Rowan University conflict of interest administration will manage the conflict or significant financial interest through the Rowan Conflict of Interest review process and facilitate and distribute any management action plan required to be implemented as a result of the conflict of interest or significant financial interest deemed a conflict of interest.

PI's are responsible for ensuring that when Conflict of Interests or Significant Financial Interests are assigned/requires a management action plan, the management action plan letter from Rowan Conflict of Interest Administration is attached to the Rowan IRB submission.

PI's are responsible for ensuring that any management action plan that is related to or must be incorporated into a human subjects research project is done so in the Cayuse IRB submission and any associated documents attached in the Cayuse IRB submission. For example, if the management action plan calls for the informed consent to include a statement of the financial relationship with the sponsor, then the informed consent attached to the Rowan Cayuse IRB submission includes the statement of the financial relationship with the sponsor.

#### **Resources:**

Rowan University Research Integrity Website:

<https://research.rowan.edu/officeofresearch/compliance/researchintegrity/index.html>

Rowan University Conflicts of Interest Website:

<https://research.rowan.edu/officeofresearch/compliance/conflictinterest/index.html>