

CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR DIETETIC RESEARCH

IV BOARD POLICY TYPE: GENERAL LIMITATIONS

C. POLICY TITLE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board of Directors and management will make every effort to ensure not only that decisions for awarding grants are fair and objective, but also that decisions are seen to be so.

In fulfillment of this commitment the Board has determined more specifically that

- 1) During the term of their mandate, CFDR Board members, and chairs of the Scientific Review Committee or any working groups involved in the review process of CFDR letters of intent or proposals are ineligible to apply for a grant competition of which they are involved in the review process.
- 2) No Scientific Review Committee or working group member may participate in the review of an application if they have a conflict of interest with the applicant.
 - a) Committee members must declare a conflict of interest and leave the room when any of the following conditions exist:
 - i) Employed by the same institution or company as the applicant,
 - ii) Have collaborated, published or jointly applied for funding with the applicant, within the last five years,
 - iii) Have been a student or professor/supervisor of the applicant within the last five years,
 - iv) A close personal friend or relative of the applicant,
 - v) For any other reason one feels they cannot provide an objective review of the application
 - b) The Scientific Review Committee Chair is responsible for resolving areas of uncertainty.
 - c) The Scientific Review Committee Chair and CFDR Manager are subject to the same conflict of interest guidelines as regular committee members.

MONITORING PROCESS

Included in the annual Internal Report from the Scientific Review Committee and in Board self-monitoring process.