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**A hint of research compliance tips for your everyday life**

## Conflict of Interest (COI) versus Conflict of Interest in Research (COIR)

Are these different for the institution versus for research, and how can I tell them apart?

A conflict of interest refers to a situation in which an Employee's financial, professional, or other personal considerations may directly or indirectly affect, or have the appearance of affecting, the Employee's judgment in exercising any duty or responsibility, including the conduct or reporting of research, owed to the Institution. The definition applies to both a COI and a COIR, *the difference* is in when and how you report them. The following list of items are not all-inclusive, but they highlight some of the major points.

Conflicts of Interests (COIs) must be reported institutionally if:

- Compensation outside of the institution is valued and received at more than **\$10,000** within a 12-month period
- A position of real or apparent authority in an outside entity with more than 10% interest and/or gains
- Any position as an employee of the external entity involved
- Gifts of \$50 or more
- Are submitted annually or throughout the year if changes in circumstances arise that either (a) create a new conflict of interest, or (b) change or eliminate a conflict of interest previously disclosed
- More information about this can be found on [HSCEP OP 10.05 - Conflict of Interest and Commitment Policy](#)

\* COIs are submitted through a system called **IRB Manager**: <https://elpaso.ttuhscc.edu/compliance/default.aspx>

Conflicts of Interests in Research (COIRs) must be reported if:

- If at least **\$5000** in equity and or payment are received from a domestic or foreign publicly traded company in the previous 12 months or as of the date of disclosure
- Any amount of equity in a domestic or foreign non-publicly traded company
- Any income received related to intellectual property rights and interests
- Any reimbursed or sponsored travel related to one's institutional responsibilities that were paid on one's behalf
- More information about this can be found on [HSCEP OP 73.09 - Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research](#)

\* COIRs are submitted through a system called **iMedRIS**: <https://ttuep.imedris.net/Login>

If you have any additional questions, feel free to reach out to your [Research Compliance Unit](#).

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