

Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interest Policy for Peer Reviewers



The application form and all documents, materials and associated information made available to peer reviewers regarding this application must be treated as strictly confidential and shall not be shared, disclosed to or discussed with any other parties, and no personal use shall be made of any information, documents or materials made available as part of the review process.

Any potential Conflicts of Interest with the applicants, co-applicants or collaborators on this application must be declared immediately to the Research team at the Stroke Association.

A Conflict of Interest applies if the reviewer fits any of the following criteria:

- is a named party on the grant application, either as PI, co-applicant, collaborator, or Head of Department
- has a recent collaboration with any of the grant applicants
- has a close friendship, personal or familial relationship with any of the named parties on a grant application
- is employed at the same Research Institute as the lead applicant or a co-applicant of the grant application.

We do our best to identify potential conflicts of interest before we identify reviewers, but inevitably there will be occasions where we send applications to reviewers who may be conflicted in some way.

A declaration of a Conflict of Interest will be verified by the Research team at the Stroke Association, and if confirmed, your invitation to participate in the review of this particular application will be withdrawn. We expect reviewers to act with honesty and professional integrity to support our rigorous and impartial peer review process.

By accepting this invitation to peer review, reviewers hereby agree that they will abide by this Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Policy for Reviewers. Reviews from people in breach of this policy will not be considered in the awards adjudication process.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that our peer review process is as rigorous and impartial as possible.

Acceptance

I accept this invitation to peer review and agree to abide by this Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interest Policy.

Position.....

Research Institute.....

Print Name.....

Signed..... Date.....

