

Office of the Vice President for Research

FCOI – Financial Conflict of Interest

UConn encourages faculty, staff, and students to engage in entrepreneurial activities, including consulting with industry and starting companies based on their research. These activities can provide important economic development benefits for UConn and the state. The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) can help you make sure such activities don't constitute (or appear to constitute) a financial conflict of interest.

A financial conflict of interest (FCOI) occurs when a person's significant financial interests and professional obligations diverge, and a neutral observer might reasonably question whether the person's professional actions or decisions may be influenced by considerations of personal gain. If you have a significant financial interest to report, staff from Research Compliance Services (RCS) in the OVPR will help you navigate the disclosure process. If the significant financial interest is identified to be a potential FCOI, RCS will work with you to establish a management plan. Most conflicts can be easily managed with such a plan.

Contact RCS with any financial conflict of interest concerns, including questions related to:

- Understanding university FCOI policy and federal regulations
- How to disclose a significant financial interest
- Institutional review of a disclosed significant financial interest
- Establishing an FCOI Management Plan
- FCOI compliance training

We are here to help!

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