

# Office of the Vice Provost for Research

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## Research-related Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Training

Penn's FCOI Policy requires Investigators (project director or principal investigator and any other person, regardless of title or position, who is responsible for the design, conduct or reporting of *Research*, whether externally or internally funded) to receive FCOI training from the University. Investigators must receive training related to FCOIs in research:

- 1) Prior to engaging in sponsored research at the University;
- 2) At least every four years, and
- 3) Immediately under the following circumstances:
  - University FCOI policies change in a manner that affects Investigator requirements;
  - An Investigator is new to the University; or
  - The University finds an Investigator non-compliant with the University's FCOI policy or management plan.

Penn Investigators must meet their training obligation by completion of a Penn web-based training module in Knowledge Link. This training is designed to be consistent with the federal regulation applicable to research funded or to be funded by the Public Health Service (PHS) and include a description of the key components of Penn's FCOI Policy, Investigator's disclosure responsibilities and an overview of the PHS regulation.

The Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research Training Course is available through Knowledge Link at:

[Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research Investigator Training Course - OVPR](#)

Investigators should save a copy of the Certificate of Completion for their records (available in the Completed Work tab of KnowledgeLink ).