

12. Conflicts of interest

- 12.1 The University requires its staff and students to abide by the seven principles of public life as first set out in 1995 by Lord Nolan and promoted by the Committee on Standards in Public Life - selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership (Committee on Standards in Public Life, 1995).
- 12.2 The University expects its staff and students engaged in research to identify and declare conflicts of interest which may affect the research in any way. Examples of conflicts of interest which researchers might encounter include externally peer reviewing a proposal from a close collaborator, friend or family member, or potentially prejudicial involvement with other organisations, such as companies. Examples of conflicts which the University might encounter in relation to research include funding sources which might affect the receipt of funding from other organisations, conflict of interest in ethical review, or members of committees having conflicts in relation to research decisions. Advice about potential conflicts of interest in research is available from the Research Governance Manager, as is a model Declaration of Interests form, which can be used where occasion demands.