



## Vice Chancellor of Research

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### Conflict of Interest (COI) Student Awareness Document

In the course of reviewing disclosures, the Conflict of Interest (COI) Committee may at times be presented with the issue of students (which include undergraduate, graduate, professional, and non-degree seeking) involved in businesses or companies in which faculty have an outside interest, as defined in the University’s Collected Rules and Regulations (CRR 330.015 B2). If the faculty member is also responsible for the academic success of the student, a potential conflict may exist for the faculty member with an outside interest. This is particularly so if the faculty member has the student in a class or is the student’s research advisor.

Missouri S&T’s COI Committee has determined that the faculty member listed below has reported a conflict of interest involving a student that requires a Student Monitoring Plan as part of the faculty member’s COI management plan. A COI Student Monitor has been appointed to monitor the academic pursuits of the student. As part of the Student Monitoring Plan, all parties (i.e., student, faculty, and COI Monitor) must acknowledge and agree that the academic pursuits of the student are primary while they are engaged in the faculty enterprise.

Students involved in an industry in which a faculty member has an outside interest:

- a. May withdraw from the business arrangement at any time without bias, harassment, or negative impact on their academic success.
- b. May change advisor and/or topic areas or research direction free from industry influence or pressures outside the realm of scientific appropriateness and personal choice.
- c. Will not have their field of research involuntarily and significantly narrowed or limited as a result of involvement with the private sector.
- d. Will not experience any unnecessary increase in time to completion of their degree.
- e. Must not be inhibited from freely sharing their work with others or publication of their work, particularly the thesis/dissertation.

We acknowledge and understand the limitations for student involvement in enterprises in which faculty have outside interest.

**Students have the right to contact the Compliance Manager at the [Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research](#), and/or their assigned COI monitor, if they feel that any of the standards outlined in this document are not being followed.**

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Student Signature and Date

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Print Name

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Faculty Signature and Date

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Print Name

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COI Student Monitor Signature and Date

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Print Name