

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Financial Conflict of Interest Training for Public Health Service Funded Investigators

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The Office of Research and Economic Development would like to remind the University Research Community that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Public Health Service (PHS) regulations on Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for which PHS Funding is Sought (42 C.F.R. Part 50, Subpart F) and Responsible Prospective Contractors (45 C.F.R. Part 94) that went into effect on August 24th, 2012 mandate Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Training requirements for all Public Health Service funded investigators.

In accordance with the above referenced regulations as well as our institutional policy on Conflicts of Interest in Research (Policy 2370.005) each PHS funded Investigator must complete training regarding financial conflicts of interest:

- (1) prior to engaging in any PHS-funded research and
- (2) at least every four years thereafter; and
- (3) immediately when any of the following circumstances apply:
 - a. the Investigator requirements of this policy are revised;
 - b. an Investigator is new to an Institution; or
 - c. FIU finds that an Investigator is not in compliance with this policy or a management plan.

In an effort to facilitate FCOI training the university provides online FCOI training at <http://research.fiu.edu/coi/training/>. A list of PHS funded agencies, as well as non PHS funded agencies that have adopted the PHS FCOI training standards is available at <http://research.fiu.edu/coi/>.

If there are any additional questions regarding FCOI Training then please feel free to contact your Pre Award representative (<http://research.fiu.edu/dor/pages/staff-directory.html>) at 305-348-2494 for further assistance.