

PHSA Research Conflict of Interest

Permitted Interest Examples

The following are examples of permitted interests. They do not need to be declared or managed, as the external interest or outside relationship is not related to an individual's PHSA responsibilities or research.

External Relationship + PHSA Responsibilities

- A physician volunteers his time with an environmental non-profit organization.

External Equity + PHSA Responsibilities

- A nurse invests in an industry that produces insulin pumps. She earns over \$10,000 in a year from her stock investment. She doesn't have a relationship with PHSA purchases, prescriptions, or have a PHSA leadership role. She isn't involved in any diabetes studies or in any study relating to that industry's products, and doesn't treat patients with diabetes.

Sponsored Meals + Research Interests

- A research associate attends a lunch seminar with sandwiches put on by Pharma, but he doesn't have the ability to influence the outcomes, procurement choices, or hiring decisions about that Pharma or a related individual or industry.

External Relationship + Research Interests

- A researcher sits on a board for an animal rescue centre.

External Equity + PHSA Responsibilities

- A physician owns stock in Pharma that produces ultrasound equipment. He has no influence over procurement decisions and does not conduct research in a field that involves use of these technologies.

External Interest + PHSA Responsibilities

- A researcher has an appointment at a university.

Student Role at PHSA

- Students are not required to submit a conflict of interest declaration at PHSA unless they have a known external interest or outside relationship related to their research or PHSA responsibilities.

Questions or concerns? Please contact your manager/supervisor or PHSA's Research and Academic Services (researchadministration@phsa.ca).