

MSU Conflict of Interest Web Site: <http://coi.msu.edu/>

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Town Halls Slides: [http://vprgs.msu.edu/sites/default/files/COI%20Town%20Hall%20Presentation%20-%20Summer%202012\\_1.pdf](http://vprgs.msu.edu/sites/default/files/COI%20Town%20Hall%20Presentation%20-%20Summer%202012_1.pdf)

On-line Training: <http://goo.gl/ZvqRu>

OSP/CGA Web Portal: <https://www.cga.msu.edu/>

	PHS Investigators	NSF Investigator	All other Investigators
<b>Am I considered to be an Investigator?</b>	It depends. An <b>Investigator</b> refers to the PI(s), PD(s), Senior/Key Personnel, and any other person, regardless of title or position, who is deemed responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research.		Yes, if you are listed as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator at the top of a new eTransmittal.
<b>Are others considered to be Investigators?</b>	Yes. Individuals responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research for subgrantees, contractors, consortium participants, collaborators, or as consultants, are also considered to be Investigators.		Yes, as required by the sponsor.
<b>Am I required to complete MSU's Training (<a href="#">On-line</a> or Town Hall Workshop)?</b>	YES	Recommended	NO
<b>Am I required to complete an Annual Disclosure?</b>	<a href="#">YES</a>		Not at this time, but you can if you wish.
<b>When do I need to complete my Annual Disclosure?</b>	Prior to submission of a new proposal, receipt of a new award action, or September 30, 2012.		Any time if you elect to do so.
<b>When will I next be asked to complete an Annual Disclosure?</b>	In February 2013; to establish a calendar year disclosure cycle -- the previous year (01/01/12) through the current year (12/31/13).		January 2015, unless approved earlier by the President.
<b>Will I be asked if I have a Personal Financial Interest related to a new eTransmittal or Award Action?</b>	YES, if you are deemed to be an Investigator. If you answer "Yes", a list of Entities included on your Annual Disclosure will be provided to select from as being related to the new eTransmittal or Award Action.		YES, if you are a PI or Co-PI. If you answer "Yes", a list of previously disclosed Entities from earlier eTransmittals will be provided to select from.
<b>What do I need to Disclose?</b>	The name of Entities and Organizations (along with explanatory details) in which you have a personal Significant Financial Interest (SFI) and Opportunities for Tangible Personal Benefit for both Annual Disclosures (NSF & PHS Investigators) and Transactional Disclosures (other PIs and Co-PIs).		
<b>What constitutes a SFI?</b>	See Pages <b>16-20</b> of <a href="#">Town Hall Slides</a>	See Pages <b>16-19</b> of <a href="#">Town Hall Slides</a>	
<b>Do I need to disclose SFIs from non-profit entities?</b>	YES	NO	
<b>Do I need to disclose SFIs from foreign entities?</b>	YES	YES if the Entity is For-Profit.	
<b>Is a Gift related to my institutional responsibilities and paid by an outside Entity a SFI?</b>	Yes, if it has a value of greater than \$250. All gifts from Entities related to your institutional responsibilities must be disclosed within 30 days.		
<b>What constitutes Sponsored/Reimbursed Travel?</b>	See Page 21 of <a href="#">Town Hall Slides</a> ; there is no <i>de minimus</i> value	Not Applicable	
<b>Do I need to disclose Sponsored/Reimbursed Travel from non-profit entities?</b>	YES	Not as defined on Page 21 of <a href="#">Town Hall Slides</a> .	
<b>Do I need to disclose Sponsored/Reimbursed Travel from domestic for-profit entities?</b>	YES	YES if the value exceeds \$250. It is a Gift.	
<b>Do I need to disclose Sponsored/Reimbursed Travel from foreign entities?</b>	YES	YES if the value exceeds \$250 and the Entity is For-Profit. It is a Gift.	
<b>Am I required to update or revise my disclosed personal financial interests?</b>	Yes. Investigators must update ANY disclosure within 30 days of discovering or acquiring (e.g., through purchase, marriage, or inheritance) a new SFI or a change in a personal interest (e.g., change in the details of a SFI or a new Sponsored/Reimbursed Travel by PHS investigators) that is related to their Institutional Responsibilities.		