

## **Conflicts of interest for research funding committee/panel members Management guidance**

Where an Awards Panel member is an applicant or co-applicant on a grant application, they should not participate in any discussion or scoring of that application. They should not learn the identity of its referees and must leave the meeting when the application is assessed.

Where a Chair of the Awards Panel is an applicant or co-applicant on a grant application, they should not be involved in that round of meetings. Crohn's & Colitis UK will appoint another individual to chair the meeting to prevent any undue influence.

Awards Panel members who could be seen as a direct competitor of the applicant (e.g. they are funded or applying for funding on a similar project to the proposal under discussion) or have collaborated or published with the applicant within the past three years, or work in the same institution, should declare an interest. They may be asked to withdraw from the meeting for that application, or may be allowed to stay, but should not score or vote on the outcome of that application. The Chair(s) will decide on an appropriate course of action.

Awards Panel members who themselves are, or have a family member who is/has, been under the care of an applicant or co-applicant may be asked to withdraw from the meeting for that application, or may be allowed to stay, but not score or vote on the outcome of that application. The Chair(s) will decide on an appropriate course of action.

Awards Panel members who may stand to gain financially from an application being awarded should not participate in any discussion or scoring of that application and will be asked to leave the meeting when that application is assessed.