Declaration of Interests:

Applicants

Thrombosis expects applicants for Thrombosis UK funding to observe the highest standards of integrity, honesty and professionalism and to embed good practice in every aspect of their work.

As part of this, any private, personal or commercial interests relating to an application for funding to Thrombosis UK must be declared in a covering letter included as an application attachment.

Thrombosis UK define a conflict of interest as a situation in which a person named on the application is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their capacity as grant holder, or has interests which might influence their objectivity in conducting the research or reporting the findings.

What interests should be declared?

Applicants should declare:
Any interests that anyone named on the application has with any individual, organisation, project partner or supplier involved in the research, or any interest that might be perceived to influence the applicant’s objectivity in conducting the research.

Where the applicant considers that an interest does give rise to a clear conflict, a proposed plan for managing that conflict should be included in the covering letter.

Interests to declare:
- Personal Remuneration from organisations or project partners involved in the proposed research (other than the named employing organisation) including consultancies, directorships, honoraria (both past and present) from organisations other than that listed within the application as the employer.
- Significant Shareholdings or other Financial Interests in organisations which are involved in or might benefit from the research. Include the name of the company and the nature of the interests.
- Research support (financial or in kind) from commercial organisations involved in the grant or which might benefit from the outcome of the research that are not mentioned in the application.
- Also include ownership of intellectual property whose value may be affected by the outcome of the research.
- Un-remunerated involvement with any organisation named on the application or which might benefit from the research or its outcomes. This may include non-executive and advisory positions, directorships and other positions of authority.
- Political/pressure group associations. Any relevant political/pressure group associations of the applicants (including paid posts and high-profile unpaid roles) should be declared.
- Family: Declarations should also include any relevant known interests of immediate family members and any persons living in the same household.

Managing Conflicts

Interests declared will be scrutinised by Thrombosis UK staff and Trustees.

Conditions relating to how conflicts should be managed may be attached to awards.

Thrombosis UK include a requirement for research organisations to have effective processes in place to manage conflicts of interest. If new conflicts arise once an award has been made these should be declared to Thrombosis UK with comment on how they will be managed.