

GULF RESEARCH PROGRAM

CONFLICT OF INTEREST and ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR GRP GRANTS OR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The terms of the Agreements governing the use of the Gulf Research Program's endowment require that the Program be conducted based on scientific merit and integrity. Further, the Agreements require that appointments to boards, committees and panels shall be in accordance with conflicts of interest principles similar to those under that section of the Federal Advisory Committee that extends to the National Academy of Sciences and the Academies' implementing procedures. The GRP takes these stewardship responsibilities seriously as it engages volunteers for advice and oversight and seeks to ensure that its management of external funding opportunities is fair and transparent. The following guidelines allow the GRP to meet its responsibilities under the Agreements and protect the reputation of the Program and those who participate in it from real or perceived conflicts of interest. While observing these guidelines, the GRP will also evaluate the merits of each application on a case by case basis to ensure fairness and appropriateness throughout the application and selection process for GRP grants and funding opportunities.

GRP Division Committee

GRP Division Committee members are not eligible to receive GRP grants or other funding opportunities during the tenure of their appointment and for a period of two years following the final day of their appointment to the Committee.

GRP Program Boards

GRP Board members are not eligible to receive GRP grants or other funding opportunities that emerge from the board on which they sit during the tenure of their board appointment and for a period of two years following the final day of their appointment to that board. (Ex. members of the Board on Gulf Education and Engagement (BGEE) are not eligible for BGEE grants while they are BGEE board members and not for a period of two years after they rotate off).

GRP Board members are eligible to receive GRP grants or funding opportunities that emerge from other GRP program boards, as long as the board member has not consulted or participated in any conversations that advise or influence the grant or funding opportunity. (Ex. members of the Gulf Health and Resilience Board can receive a GRP grant that emerged from BGEE, as long as they did not participate in the development or review of the grant RFA).

GRP Standing Committees

GRP Standing Committee members are not eligible to receive grants or other funding opportunities that emerge from the Standing Committee on which they sit during the tenure of their committee appointment and for a period of two years following the final day of their appointment to that committee. Standing Committee members are eligible for GRP grants or funding opportunities that emerge outside of their standing committee, as long as they have not participated in the development or review of the grant or funding opportunity.

Committee Members of Track A Consensus Studies

Track A consensus studies are those studies that provide specific advice to the GRP on a topic, programmatic or strategic issues, or where GRP should invest its resources. Committee members on Track A consensus studies are not eligible to receive GRP grants or funding opportunities that emerge from the study during the tenure of their appointment to the committee and for a period of three years following the final day of their appointment.

Committee Members of Track B Consensus Studies

Track B consensus studies have statements of task that seek consensus on an issue, a topic, or produce generic advice. They do not provide direct advice to the GRP. Committee members on Track B consensus studies are generally not eligible to receive GRP grants or funding opportunities that emerge from the study during the tenure of their appointment to the committee and for a period of two years following the final day of their appointment. The GRP will review the merit of each application on a case by case basis.