

## Conflict of interests: Rules for the review of projects

These are the conflict of interests Rules for the Expert Group Research of the ETH Domain ORD Programme.

The group applies the [SNSF conflict of interests guidance](#), with the additional constraint that at least one reviewer of each proposal does not work in the same institution as the applicant.

The guidance notably clarifies that reviewers face a conflict of interests if they:

- are an applicant for the project being proposed or are named as either project partner or partner in a cooperation project
- currently work or will work in the future in the same institute as the person concerned (or in the same or a closely associated organizational unit or in the same institution)
- have a close family or personal relationship with the person concerned (relative, spouse, partner, close friend)
- are currently, have recently been, or are set to become dependent professionally on the person concerned or in professional competition with that person
- have published jointly with the person concerned during the past five years, with such publication being an expression of close cooperation
- could be biased for other reasons.