

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA**

**INTELLECTUAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF IRB MEMBERS**

**POLICY:** Any time a current IRB member has a personal stake in a proposal being reviewed by the IRB, that member must declare that a conflict of interest exists.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. A conflict of interest will be declared to exist if a current IRB member:
  - a. Is the Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator on a proposal presented to the IRB for consideration;
  - b. Is the Faculty advisor on a student proposal presented to the IRB for consideration;
  - c. Is a member of the research team on a proposal presented to the IRB for consideration;
  - d. Stands to gain personally and/or professionally from a proposal presented to the IRB for consideration; or
  - e. Any other situation or relationship that could create a potential conflict of interest.
2. If a conflict of interest involving one or more current IRB members is declared to exist, the member(s) in conflict may remain present at the meeting for discussion of the proposal. The member(s) in conflict will then be excused from the meeting to permit additional discussion and vote on the proposal by the remaining members.

In the event that the Chair is in conflict, the Vice Chair or a designated ad hoc Chair will conduct the discussion/vote in the Chair's absence.

APPROVED:   
Chair, UM IRB

DATE: 11/12/03