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.