



PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (PEP)

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The core business of the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) is to provide funding for capacity building for developing country researchers. At the same time, one of the organization's defining characteristics is the pre-eminent role played by developing country individuals and institutions in its governance, administration and scientific leadership. It is natural that these individuals and members of these institutions would wish to participate in PEP calls for proposals. PEP has adopted an extremely transparent proposal selection process to ensure that decisions are made fairly and on purely objective grounds, and in a way that can be understood by all involved. Every effort must be made to ensure that there is no real or perceived conflict of interest in the allocation of PEP grants to safeguard the long-term reputation and viability of PEP.

Building on these principles, PEP establishes the following guidelines regarding its conflict of interest policy:

1. PEP staff, TRG members, resource persons, and research fellows cannot participate in PEP's competitive calls for proposals. If a PEP partner or collaborating institution is coordinating a specific TRG within a program, staff members of the partner/collaborating institution cannot submit proposals to the TRG coordinated by their institution.
2. All TRG members are required to disclose to the TRG research director and Executive Director any real or apparent conflict of interest. The other members of the TRG, with the approval of the Executive Director, will determine whether the conflict is real. If a conflict of interest is found, the other TRG members, with the approval of the Executive Director, will require that the member withdraws from the evaluation of that proposal.

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