

## *Confirmation of absence of conflicts of interest External member of a doctoral thesis jury*

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“**Conflict of interest**” refers to any potential, actual or apparent situation where an individual's personal or business interests, or the interests of a related person, conflict with the interests of their organization, partners or other interest holders, as well as any situation that compromises or is likely to compromise the individual's loyalty, duties, obligations or judgement in the course of their duties.

A “**related person**” means any person who is related by blood, parentage, adoption or any marital status (spouse), including the spouse's children.

An “**interest**” is that which one seeks, on behalf of which one acts or which one tries to satisfy or achieve. Interests can be of various kinds, including **financial** (e.g. shares in a company, capital gain, salary received for a given mandate, gift, promotion, royalties received, etc.), **material** (e.g. access to scarce resources, use of computer services, obtaining equipment, time to use equipment, premises, etc.), **human** (e.g. maintaining an interpersonal relationship, access to influential people, etc.) or **symbolic** (e.g. invitation to a prestigious event, signing of a publication, promise of an honorary title, obtaining a prize or position, etc.).

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Date

Signature

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