# The Office of Research and Economic Development's Mission

ORED enables, supports, performs and promotes research and scholarly and creative activities that address the needs and expectations of the state, region and world.

## OUR VISION

University of Idaho research and scholarly and creative activities will expand knowledge, provide solutions, foster an enhanced quality of life and cultivate an educated 21<sup>st</sup> century citizenry.

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# University of Idaho

# Conflicts of Interest (COI)

How the Office of Research Assurances (ORA) can help insulate your potential conflicts.





### **Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest refers to an individual's involvement in activities in which financial or other personal considerations may directly and significantly affect an employee's professional judgement in exercising any university duty or responsibility.

### FSH 6240 Conflicts of Interest or Commitment

FSH 6240 is the policy that governs conflicts of interest or commitment for official university purposes.

The full text for FSH 6240 can be accessed at:

http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/fs h/6240.html

### FSH 5600 & 5650

FSH 5650 addresses financial conflicts of interest in public health service (PHS) research while FSH 5600 addresses non-PHS research. These policies require investigators to disclose relevant significant financial interests (SFI) via the Vandals Electronic Research Administration System.

### Vandals Electronic Research Administration System or VERAS

VERAS is the method in which faculty and staff are able to disclose significant financial interests electronically. The use of this system aids in determining if any significant financial interests possessed have the potential to become a conflict of interest.

If there is a potential for a conflict, a management plan is created to insulate the university member from such a conflict.

### How ORA can help

The COI compliance coordinator assists the University of Idaho community in creating effective COI management plans and ensures all questions or concerns are accurately communicated and addressed.

### Who has Significant Financial Interests (SFIs)

SFIs are wide and varied and should not be considered a negative. SFIs are merely markers that indicate a need for greater consideration when performing certain duties such as research or procurement.

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