

Lacuna Fund: Our Voice on Data

Conflict of Interest Policy

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In the event that a member of the Steering Committee (SC), Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs), proposal screeners, or partner reviewers has an interest in or could reasonably be perceived to have an interest in the outcome of a decision, the individual must immediately disclose the potential conflict in writing, to be reflected in minutes or another form of written record. If the SC or TAP determines that the person is an interested party, they must abstain from decision-making on the matter, with the exception of providing information.

Steering Committee Restrictions

- Steering Committee members are not eligible to apply for funding during their tenure on the Committee.
- Steering Committee members will recuse themselves from any decisions referred by a TAP related to a call for proposals for which their organization submitted an application.

Technical Advisory Panels and Proposal Reviewers | Restrictions and Allowances

Technical Advisory Panel members may not submit a proposal in response to an RFP for which they are a reviewer. A TAP member may apply for funding in another domain or in future rounds for which they are not a reviewer.

Technical Advisory Panel members and Partner Reviewers must recuse themselves from review of an individual proposal if:

- The proposal originates from their institution.
- They have served in an advisory capacity for the development of the proposal or have submitted a letter of support for the proposal.
- They have an indirect interest in the proposal or the proposing institution.

Technical Advisory Panel members and Partner Reviewers may participate in the review of an individual proposal if:

- A proposal originates from an institution where they have collaborators, but those collaborators are not listed on the proposal.
- They freely contribute data or collection methods to the same database or initiative.
- They are a member of a research network that involves a person with a major role in a proposed project.
- They have contributed to a large multi-authored publication with a person with a major role in a proposed project.