

## FAEPA'S POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN RESEARCH FUNDED BY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Executive Director of FUNDAÇÃO DE APOIO AO ENSINO PESQUISA E ASSISTÊNCIA DO HOSPITAL DAS CLÍNICAS DA FACULDADE DE MEDICINA DE RIBEIRÃO PRETO DA UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO - FAEPA, exercising his authority and power and

considering the need for identifying, managing, reducing, or eliminating conflicts of interest during the development of Research Projects within FAEPA and funded by national and international organizations,

considering the large number of interactions between researchers, universities, health services, and pharmaceutical industries during research development, and considering that these interactions may generate various conflicts of interest that will require that FAEPA devote special attention to their correct management and the preservation of rights, and considering that these interactions will demand the adoption of an internal policy geared toward encouraging ethical commitment and morally appropriate conduct to prevent professional conduct from being influenced by secondary interests,

considering the feasibility of preventing situations that directly or indirectly jeopardize the participants' or collaborators' performance, affecting the research work transparency, credibility, and quality,

## **DECIDES THAT**

Article I. Any personal or professional act or relationship will be considered a conflict of interest if it involves the researcher or any participant in the project and denotes self-interest, secondary to the established purposes, and is capable of impairing professional judgment and jeopardizing the regularity of the results and the main objective of the research.

Article II. To avoid jeopardizing the credibility and quality of the research work as well as the results of the studies funded by a national or international organization, the investigators must declare any actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest concerning the primary objectives of the research, especially interest involving a significant financial aspect or the existence of personal or professional relationships that could lead to the adoption of biased measures and prevent its appropriate management by FAEPA.

§1. As an internal measure adopted by FAEPA to ensure the transparent management of information, the transparency of the procedures, and the absence of research bias, the Principal Investigator will provide a Statement of Conflict of



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Interest by filling out the form attached to this document, and the form will be presented to the Funding Agency.

§2. Any secondary interests of the researcher or research participant arising from their personal or professional relationships, of academic or commercial nature, cannot influence the practice or integrity of the decisions and judgments during project development.

Article III. All the researchers and participants in the projects funded by national or international organizations will be subject to FAEPA's internal conflict of interest policies.

Article IV. FAEPA and all the researchers and participants in projects funded by the Public Health Service (PHS) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the National Institute of Health (NIH), whether directly funded or being under a cooperation agreement, must comply with CFR regulation 42, Part 50, Subpart F.

§ 1. Researchers must understand their responsibilities related to the Policies of PHS/NIH Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) and must complete the NIH tutorial available at

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/coi/tutorial2018/story\_html5.html

Article V. Contingencies not covered by this Policy will be handled by the Executive Director of FAEPA.

Article VI. This Policy will be effective on this date, and all and any provisions to the contrary are hereby revoked

Ribeirão Preto, March 31, 2022

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**Executive Director**