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# GS12: DECLARATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST 2023-2026

When Internal and External Examiner(s) are being nominated, due cognisance should be taken of any potential conflicts of interest (COI), including those of a personal or professional nature (or both).

The term ‘conflict of interest’ is defined as **a situation** **in which someone cannot or is potentially compromised in making a**[**fair**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/fair)[**decision**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/decision)**because they will be**[**affected**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/affected)**by the**[**result**](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/result)**’ and as ‘compromise of a person’s objectivity when that person has a vested interest in the outcome of a study.**

**COI occurs when the person could benefit financially or in other ways (e.g., promotion, prestige) from some aspect of a study, report, or other professional activity. However, the person may not actually benefit financially or otherwise from the result. COIs can emerge from bias (which can be conscious or unconscious).**

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**Section A: To be completed by the proposed internal/external examiner**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Institutional Affiliation** |  |
| **Institutional Address** |  |
| **Name of Research Student** |  |
| **Faculty and Department** |  |
| **Date and Location of Proposed Viva** |  |

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| **Section B - Declaration and Signature by Proposed Examiner**  **I confirm that there is no conflict of interest which could compromise the conduct of this viva examination and/or the result.**  **Signed:** | |  | |
| **Print Name** |  | |
| **Date** |  | |