## Financial Interests in Sponsored Programs

## 1. Summary

In order to protect the integrity/objectivity of certain federally sponsored programs, all Old Dominion University investigators who have financial interests that in some manner might influence or appear to influence the conduct of those projects must: a) inform the Office of Research of this fact at the time of proposal submission, and b) prior to acceptance of the awards, develop acceptable strategies to manage those conflicts.

## 2. Purpose

This policy and procedures to implement it are designed to minimize the probability that the objectivity of activities at this institution sponsored by certain federal agencies will be adversely affected by personal financial interests of individuals involved in the design, conduct, supervision or

requiring the documentation referred to in this policy. Each investigator so identified must attest to the absence of a relevant significant financial interest or disclose the existence of any relevant significant financial interest. Each investigator who discloses a significant financial interest will notify the principal investigator that a disclosure has been made.

Sponsored Programs is unrelated to, and in no way supersedes, the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act or the Conflict of Interest Policy.

## Certifications

The vice president for research shall make such certifications to federal agencies as are required by regulation in regard to this