

## **DECLARATION OF IMPARTIALITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **of a Member of the Evaluation Committee of the Estonian Research Council**

I, **NAME**, confirm that

- 1) I will carry out the work with complete independence and will represent neither the interests of the organisation that has appointed me nor my employer;
- 2) I will act in accordance with this Declaration as well as with the universally accepted principles of research ethics and good research practice;
- 3) I will inform the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee immediately if I discover any conflict of interest\*;
- 4) I will neither participate in making decisions and proposals with which I have a conflict of interest nor give my assessment and participate in the discussions regarding such cases;
- 5) I will not disclose any confidential information that has become known to me while carrying out the tasks of a member of the Evaluation Committee.

\*A conflict of interest is a situation in which a member of the Evaluation Committee or a related party is in a position to derive personal benefit from the actions taken or decisions made by him/her, or from the results he/she has the capacity to affect. The following situations in particular, but not exclusively, classify as a conflict of interest:

- 1) the member of the Evaluation Committee has been involved in the preparation of the application;
- 2) the Principal Investigator or the member of the (senior) research staff of the application is:
  - 2.1) a blood relative of him/her (parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild) or a relative of him/her by marriage (spouse or partner, or their parent, brother, sister or child);
  - 2.2) a person with whom he/she has a superior-subordinate relationship;
  - 2.3) a person with whom he/she has co-authored a research article in the past five years;
  - 2.4) a person whose doctoral work he/she has supervised in the past five years.

**Name of the member of the Evaluation Committee**

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