

**Research and Scholarly Misconduct Policy
Appendix C**

**Sample Conflict of Interest Statement
for Research Misconduct Matters**

I. Policy Summary. The University of Arkansas Research and Scholarly Misconduct Policy (“the Policy“) provides, in part, as follows:

- # At each stage of handling an inquiry or subsequent investigation, all persons involved shall be vigilant to prevent any real or perceived conflict of interest, or personal conflicts or relationships between colleagues, from affecting the outcome of the proceedings and resolution of the charges.

- # Possible conflicts of interest may include co-authorship of work within the recent past with any of the individuals directly involved with the alleged misconduct, or professional or personal relationship with the respondent beyond that of mere acquaintances or colleagues.

- # Committee members shall not have had any personal, professional or financial involvement with the matters at issue in the investigation that might create an appearance of bias or actual bias.

- # If such relationships or involvement are present, the individual shall recuse himself or herself from any investigative or decisional role in the case.

II. Statement. I hereby state and affirm as follows:

- # I have reviewed the above policy summary and understand that if I have any questions regarding this policy or its application I may contact the University’s Research Integrity Officer.

- # To the best of my knowledge, based on my understanding of the matter to be considered, I am unaware of any facts or circumstances which may create an actual or apparent conflict of interest with regard to my participation.

- # I understand that if, at any time in the process, I become aware of any facts or circumstances which may create an actual or apparent conflict of interest with regard to this matter, I will notify the RIO and recuse myself from further participation.

Signed _____
Name (print or type) _____
Title or Position _____
Department or Unit _____

Date _____