



Dalhousie Medicine

# Guidelines for Industry Relationships



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# Summary of guidelines

## Guidelines for industry relationships:

The guidelines for the relationship between the Faculty of Medicine and health related industries (pharmaceutical and biomedical industries, governments, not for profit organizations, disease-related funding agencies and advocacy groups) have been developed by the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University to serve as a resource to guide well managed relationships. These guidelines are not intended to discourage appropriate interactions as the benefits of these relationships are recognized. These guidelines are to promote consistent approaches for the various constituencies of the Faculty of Medicine.

1. **Gifts** – gifts from industry representatives regardless of the nature or value of the gift should not be accepted.
2. **Meals** – with the exception of modest meals and refreshments in connection with accepted programming, industry supplied food and meals are considered personal gifts and should not be accepted.
3. **Educational funds and industry sponsored scholarships:**
  - a. All scholarships and other educational funds from industry should be directed centrally to the administration of the affiliated health care centre or Faculty of Medicine. Expectations and deliverables must be clearly stated at the outset and demonstrated afterward.
  - b. The industry sponsor cannot influence either the educational curriculum or the selection of the trainee.
  - c. Faculty, residents, student and trainees should not directly accept travel funds from industry other than that for legitimate reimbursement or contractual services.

## 4. Support for Continuing Medical Education (CME) educational activities:

- a. All CME/CPD programs involving Dalhousie faculty should be accredited by the Faculty of Medicine CME office, the appropriate national specialty society, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the local chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada.
- b. Direct commercial funding for specific CME courses or activity is not allowed, however, support from industry for CME may be accepted by the Dalhousie University office of CME in accordance with the CMA regulations.

## 5. Participation in industry sponsored programs, advisory boards or consulting:

- a. When participating in advisory or consulting boards it is expected that the exact deliverables of the arrangement will be clear and contractual. There should be full transparency and disclosure. University faculty must be in compliance with Dalhousie University's policy on conflict of interest in all facets of their professional work.

## 6. Site access by industry representatives:

Industry representatives are not permitted in any patient care or non-patient care area except to provide in-service training on devices and/or other equipment and only by appointment in keeping with the policy of the health facility. Training is limited to devices and innovation that require on-site demonstration and or education and will be temporally limited.

## 7. Ghost writing:

Presentations, publications, slides or media products of any kind should not be ghost written by any party, industry or otherwise. Authorship indicates responsibility for the content and full participation in the work and preparation of the document.

*Please note that this pamphlet is for information only and it does not represent the full text of the guidelines for the relationship between the Faculty of Medicine and health related industries. The complete guidelines and related policies can be located below:*

**Industry guidelines for the relationship between the Faculty of Medicine and health related industries**

[www.medicine.dal.ca/about/guidelines.html](http://www.medicine.dal.ca/about/guidelines.html)

**Dalhousie University policy on conflict of interest**

[senate.dal.ca/files/policies/conflict\\_of\\_interest.pdf](http://senate.dal.ca/files/policies/conflict_of_interest.pdf)

**Dalhousie University purchasing policy**

[purchasing.dal.ca/policies/purchasing\\_policy](http://purchasing.dal.ca/policies/purchasing_policy)



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