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### **Conflict of Interest Guidelines - External Examiners for Doctoral Theses**

No external examiner with a conflict of interest may participate in any part of a doctoral thesis examination. An external examiner is considered to have a conflict of interest with a thesis if he/she:

- is from the same immediate department, institution, organization or company as the student and/or his/her supervisor, and who interacts with student and/or supervisor in the course of his/her duties at the department, institution, organization or company;
- has collaborated, been a co-applicant for external funding or published with the student and/or supervisor, within the last five years;
- has been a student of the supervisor or supervisor of the student within the last ten years;
- is a close personal friend or relative of the student and/or supervisor;
- has had long-standing scientific or personal differences with the student and/or supervisor;
- is in a position to gain or lose financially from the outcome of the examination; or
- for some other reason feels that he/she cannot provide an objective review of the thesis.

#### **Declaration:**

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to adhere to the Conflict of Interest guidelines as described above.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

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