



Definition of Interests

- 1. Scientific** meaning situations where an individual has a professional scientific interest. This includes situations where the individual has:
A **direct (disqualifying) interest** in an application, including where the individual is an applicant, co-applicant, or sponsor of a fellow within the same evaluation round and/or has been involved in the preparation of an application
An **indirect (non-disqualifying) interest** in an application, including where the individual holds or is currently seeking funding for research on the subject matter; is a direct competitor of the applicant(s); is a current collaborator or has collaborated with any of the applicants in the past three years as evidenced by joint publications or joint grants or is planning to do so; is supervising or has supervised the doctoral work of any of the applicants; has provided a personal recommendation or letter of support to an applicant or has provided advice or input to an application or proposal.
- 2. Financial interest:** economic stake or share in a body with an interest in the subject matter. This includes stocks, equities, or bonds; intellectual property rights (royalties, patents, copyright) and any other situation that may result in financial benefit, direct or indirect, from a decision made by EDCTP.
- 3. Member of a managing body or equivalent structure:** participation in the internal decision-making (board member, trustee, or director) of a public or private entity with an interest in the subject matter.
- 4. Member of a scientific advisory body:** participation in the activities of a scientific advisory body (permanent or ad hoc) managed by a body with an interest in the subject matter.
- 5. Employment:** any form of regular occupation or business, part-time or full-time, paid, or unpaid, including self-employment (consultancy), in any body with an interest in the subject matter.
- 6. Ad hoc or occasional consultancy** meaning any ad hoc or occasional activity in which the concerned person provides advice or services to a body with an interest in the subject matter. This includes services provided on an honorary basis (for free or without payment of fees).
- 7. Interests of family members and other personal involvement** meaning interests in the subject matter held by partners or persons dependent on the individual submitting the DoI, as well as close personal ties that may result in bias.
- 8. Other memberships or affiliations:** any membership or affiliation not falling under the definitions provided above that is relevant for the purpose of this policy, to any organisation or body with an interest in the subject matter, including professional organisations.
- 9. Other relevant interests** meaning any interest not falling under the definitions above and relevant for the purposes of this policy.