

Lacuna Fund: Our Voice on Data

Conflict of Interest Policy

In the event that a member of the Steering Committee (SC) or Technical Advisory Panels (TAPs) is an interested party or could reasonably be perceived to have an interest in the outcome of a decision, the member must immediately disclose the potential conflict in writing, to be reflected in minutes or another form of written record. If the SC or TAP determines that the person is an interested party, they must abstain from decision-making on the matter, with the exception of providing information.

Steering Committee Restrictions

- Steering Committee members are not eligible to apply for funding during their tenure on the Committee.
- Steering Committee members will recuse themselves from any decisions referred by a TAP related to a call for proposals for which their organization submitted an application.

Technical Advisory Panels Restrictions and Allowances

Technical Advisory Panel members may not submit a proposal in response to an RFP for which they are a reviewer.

A Technical Advisory Panel member must recuse themselves from review of an individual proposal if:

- The proposal originates from the TAP member's institution.
- The TAP member has a major role in the proposed project.
- The TAP member has served in an advisory capacity for the development of the proposal or has submitted a letter of support for the proposal.
- The reviewer has an indirect interest in the proposal or the proposing institution.

A TAP member may apply for funding in another domain or in future rounds.

A Technical Advisory Panel member may participate in the review of an individual proposal if:

- A proposal originates from an institution where a TAP member has collaborators, but those collaborators are not listed on the proposal.
- The TAP member freely contributes data or collection methods to the same database or initiative.
- The TAP member is a member of a research network that involves a person with a major role in a proposed project.
- The TAP member has contributed to a large multi-authored publication with a person with a major role in a proposed project.