

Conflict of Commitment in Research

This conflict of commitment in research policy has been adopted by the University and is not subject to external requirements.

Investigators' external activities should not interfere with the primary professional commitment of their time and intellectual energies to the education and research programs of The Rockefeller University.

Up to fifty-two (52) days per year may be devoted to external activities provided that an investigator's University work is not adversely affected. Government service and service with not-for-profit institutions do not count against the guideline stated here.

Subject to prior approval, University doctoral students and postdoctoral appointees may engage in extramural activities for compensation, if those activities will further or enhance career growth (e.g., research, scientific advising, teaching, or clinical employment), not negatively impact on future growth (e.g., requiring non-compete clause), and generally not utilize the facilities, equipment, or funds of the University. Careful consideration will be given to a request to engage in an extramural activity for a company in which a Head of Laboratory has a significant financial interest (as defined in the University's Policy on Financial Conflict of Interest¹