

**Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI)
Conflict of Interest Policy**

For Awardees

GoMRI awardees are required to complete a GoMRI Conflict of Interest form either in conjunction with the execution of a Grant Agreement or as part of their Proposal, depending on the terms of the RFP.

GoMRI will follow NSF's policy and require that all 'investigators' complete the Conflict of Interest form annually or as new reportable significant financial interests are obtained.

According to NSF, the term 'investigator' means the principal investigator, co-principal investigators/co-project directors, and any other person at the institution who is responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of research or educational activities funded or proposed for funding by NSF.

GoMRI requires awardees to submit in conjunction with their Annual Report, due 60 days after the end of each project year:

1. Verification that the Conflict of Interest forms currently on file with GoMRI are still valid
2. Submit any new Conflict of Interest forms needed
3. Inform GoMRI if any Conflict of Interest forms currently on file with GoMRI are no longer valid or necessary for the project.

GoMRI also requires awardees to complete the Conflict of Interest form as new reportable significant financial interests are obtained.

The GoMRI AU will provide a report of conflicts and compliance with the Conflict of Interest Policy to the Research Board annually, within 90 days after the end of each project year.

The GoMRI Research Board will determine how to address any reported conflicts on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, the GoMRI Research Board will determine how to address any non-compliance with the Conflict of Interest Policy on a case-by-case basis.