



*Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR COMMISSION STAFF

- Policy Statement -

Commission staff members should be sensitive to personal situations which might present conflicts of interest in their relations with member and applying institutions. A conflict of interest exists if a Commission staff member

1. has been—within the last ten years—a compensated consultant, an appointee or employee of the institution, or recently has been a candidate for employment at the institution
2. is a graduate of the institution
3. has a close personal or familial relationship with persons at the institution or a strong bias regarding the institution
4. has any other relationship which would serve as an impediment to rendering an impartial, objective professional judgment regarding the accreditation of an institution.

Staff should inform the President of the Commission where a potential conflict of interest might exist.

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