



Initiative d'excellence Paris Seine

Appel à propositions 2019

Confidentiality agreement

ENGAGEMENT AS AN EXPERT OR EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

Confidentiality

Through their functions, evaluation committee members and experts have access to inside information about individuals, organizations and scientific knowledge. Privileged and confidential information includes, but is not limited to, the identity of the researchers, their career path, the grant applications submitted, the deliberations and the decisions of the evaluation committees. This privileged information must remain confidential and only be exchanged with those to whom access has been authorized. As a member of an evaluation committee or expert, I commit myself to:

1. not to disclose, either during or after the mandate entrusted by the call for proposals 2019 Coordination Team Paris Seine Excellence Initiative - Support for Scientific Excellence and Internationalization, the information contained in the documentation used;
2. not to use the information communicated, nor the new concepts contained in the transmitted documentation, for purposes other than the assessment of the file;
3. not to reveal the content of the deliberations of the evaluation committee, the identity of the evaluators or the classification of the files;
4. Keep all documents submitted for evaluation in a secure place;
5. At the end of the mandate, return the documents or destroy them by an effective means (destruction of electronic files and shredding of paper files).

Conflicts of interests

The 2019 coordination team must ensure that evaluations are fair and that they are perceived as such. To achieve this, experts and evaluation committee members must review grant applications impartially. This impartiality may be threatened during a conflict of interest, real or apparent. In such a situation, the expert or the committee member risks having neither the objectivity nor the open-mindedness required to properly carry out his mandate.

In the general sense, a conflict of interest is a situation in which a person is likely to privilege, or appear to favor, his or her particular interest or that of his or her allies (relationship, friendship or business) to the detriment of another interest which it has as its function or for a mandate to preserve. Conflicts of interest may be financial, moral or psychological, or professional in nature.

As an expert or member of an evaluation committee, I commit myself to:

1. refrain from considering any application for which I would be in a real or apparent conflict of interest;

2. refrain from reviewing any applications submitted by researchers from my immediate environment, researchers with whom I have collaborated or published in the last five years, a former research student, a former research director, a researcher a member of my family or a friend, a researcher with whom I find myself in a situation of professional hostility;
3. disclose any real or perceived conflict of interest to the PAA 2018 Coordination Team;
4. In the event of uncertainty about the existence of such a conflict, I undertake to discuss it with the members of the committee or with the PAA 2018 coordination team who will decide the matter.

In addition, as a member of an evaluation committee, in case of conflict of interests, I undertake to:

1. withdraw from the proceedings room for the duration of the review of the application;
2. not to participate in the deliberations on this application when finalizing the applications.