

NNPDF Scientific Advisory Board Conflict of Interest Policy

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation provides guidance to the NNPDF Board of Directors on scientific matters and related issues. The SAB does not set policy, but serves in an advisory capacity to the foundation. We recognize and value the need for transparency in our work and have adopted the following principles to ensure this:

Annual conflict of interest declarations will be completed by all SAB members and posted on the NNPDF website.

All SAB members will publically declare conflicts of interest in presentations at NNPDF meetings. The SAB recommends that all presentations at NNPDF Meetings, by any person, include a slide declaring conflicts of interest.

The SAB conflict on interest policy on research grant reviews is as follows:

1. SAB members from the same institution as an applicant for a research grant will not review that grant submission, as has always been the case.
2. SAB members who have worked previously with applicants as a trainee or a mentor, have an on-going collaboration with an applicant, or have published with an applicant during the last 3 years will not review those grants.
3. If a trainee working with an SAB member submits a grant for research funding, then that SAB member is recused from all grant reviews for that review cycle. If the grant is funded, then the SAB member is recused from grant reviews for the duration of NNPDF funding.

The SAB will release minutes of its annual meeting.