



Artificial Intelligence Safety Fund (AISF)

Conflict of Interest Policy

The term “conflict of interest” includes any circumstances that could cast doubt on the ability to act with total objectivity regarding the selection of grantees. In the event that an applicant, technical reviewer, or other AISF stakeholder has a financial or other interest in, or could reasonably be perceived to have an interest in, the outcome of a decision, the individual must immediately disclose the potential conflict in writing to Meridian, to be reflected in minutes or another form of written record. Consistent with this policy, Meridian will make recusal determinations.

Technical Reviews | Restrictions and Allowances

Technical Reviewers who evaluate AISF grant applications may not submit or be part of a team that submits a proposal or serve as an advisor for proposal development in response to an RFP for which they are a reviewer. Technical Reviewers may not directly benefit from an RFP for which they are a reviewer (e.g., they may not receive grant funds; they may not commission a dataset for commercial use). A Technical Reviewer may apply for funding in rounds for which they are not a reviewer.

Technical Reviewers must recuse themselves from review of an individual proposal if:

- The proposal originates from their institution.
- They otherwise have direct interest in the proposal.
- They have an indirect interest¹ in the proposal or the proposing institution.

Technical Reviewers may participate in the review of an individual proposal if:

- A proposal originates from an institution where they have collaborators, but those collaborators are not listed on the proposal.
- They freely contribute research to the proposing institution.
- They are a member of a research network that involves a person with a major role in a proposed project.
- They have contributed to a large multi-authored publication with a person with a major role in a proposed project.

¹ “Indirect interest” includes having a close relationship with or being related to the individual(s) submitting the proposal.