

Self-assessment questionnaire on links of interest for a member of the jury for a thesis defence

A situation of interference between various interests likely **to influence or appear to influence the independent, impartial and objective exercise of a function constitutes a conflict of interest**. The notion of a **link of interest** is broader and covers all the professional, financial, institutional, family, intellectual or moral links that bring together two people.

The purpose of this self-assessment questionnaire is to answer frequently asked questions on potential situations of conflicts or links of interest that may sometimes be encountered by members of a thesis defence jury, and more specifically for external members.

The list of situations envisaged is not exhaustive and, among the situations listed, exceptions and special cases may be encountered.

If you are a member of **a jury for a thesis defence**, except in special cases, you must ask the doctoral school to replace you in situations marked with a . It is recommended to consult the doctoral school in situations marked with a as well as in case of a situation not listed.

Questionnaire

Professional and hierarchical links

I have or I had conflicting or degraded professional or hierarchical relations with the doctoral candidate or his or her thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team,

or I am in a professional relationship that may limit or appear to limit my freedom of judgment and my independence in relation to the thesis supervisor of the doctoral candidate or a member of the supervisory team, for one of the following reasons:

He or she is a guarantor or a member of my HDR Jury, a member of a selection committee for a position for which I am applying or to support a project that I am defending

He or she is the director of my department, of my research unit...

I am currently involved in a collaborative research project in which the doctoral candidate or his or her thesis director or a member of the supervisory team participates

I was, less than five years before the monitoring committee.

I am employed by a company that

Collaborates with the research unit where the thesis has been prepared (ex: CIFRE)

Employs the doctoral candidate

I have or had other professional ties with the doctoral candidate or with his or her thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team (colleague, laboratory member, teaching responsibilities, etc.)

Intellectual links

I am a co-author of a publication or a patent of the doctoral candidate,

I was the thesis supervisor of the thesis director or of a member of the supervisory team,

- I am a co-author of publications or patents of the thesis supervisor or of a member of the supervisory team (assessment in particular with regard to the different practices according to the disciplines and the length of time since the last co-publication)
- I have co-organized scientific and intellectual events with the doctoral candidate or with his or her thesis supervisor or with a member of the supervisory team (conferences, seminars, etc.)
- I myself have been the doctoral candidate's supervisor in the past during internships, projects, etc.
- I was a doctoral candidate of the thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team

Personal links:

- I have or I had conflicting or degraded personal relations with the doctoral candidate or his or her thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team,
- I am from the family or have or had a close family relationship with the doctoral candidate or his or her thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team,
- I have already taken strong public positions regarding the doctoral candidate or his or her thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team,
- I have or recently had intimate and/or emotional ties with the doctoral candidate or his or her thesis supervisor or a member of the supervisory team.