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## Department of Pediatrics

# NEWS FLASH

### **Kualii Conflict of Interest (COI) launched on January 21, 2020, moving from paper based to electronic submission**

The new Kualii COI system:



- Determines which conflict of interest regulations the researcher needs to complete, taking all the guesswork out of the historical paper forms
- Sends an email to the researcher with a direct link to Kualii COI embedded in the email
- Allows researchers to assign specific support staff as “delegates” to assist. The researcher must still verify, certify and sign.



View the short video with information about the new system.

<https://esr.ucsd.edu/projects/kualii-coi/index.html>



Kualii COI Consultations are available with the COI Office. Here is a link to Session Dates and how to sign up.

<https://esr.ucsd.edu/projects/kualii-coi/training/office-hours.html>



Step-by-step tutorials will be posted on the COI website soon and will be accessible at <https://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/coi/kualii-coi.html>

## FAQ

**Q: What is the difference between Conflict of Interest (COI) and Conflict of Commitment (COC)**

**A:** A COC occurs when a University employee's commitment and time to an outside activity interferes with the employee's performance of University duties. COC electronic reporting system is OATS and you will continue reporting your COC through OATS annually.

A COI occurs when (1) an employee has a significant financial interest in a company that is providing funding for the employee's research or other University activity or (2) the research might directly and significantly affect the significant financial interest of an employee responsible for the conduct of the research project. The new electronic reporting system for COI is called Kualo COI.

**Q: Do I have to complete the electronic reporting of COI every time I submit a proposal or receive an award?**

A: The new system allows for a “Portfolio Concept” to store financial interest information for Federal Research (PHS and Non - PHS (9510)). You will receive automated email reminders to certify and declare at time of proposal and Notice of Award as well as annual disclosure expiration date.

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**Software enhancements in Kualo COI are still being developed.**

As you are using the new application, feel free to provide feedback by emailing Christine Moran at [clmoran@health.ucsd.edu](mailto:clmoran@health.ucsd.edu)

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