The Department of Energy released a new Interim Conflict of Interest Policy designed to prevent DOE-funded research from being affected by bias due to investigators' financial interests. The new policy requires training on FCOI and a disclosure of significant financial interest with more stringent requirements than the Report of Non-University Activities.

Who This Affects
Investigators, including research scientists, postdocs, and graduate research assistants.

What Is Required
Researchers need to:
(1) Complete FCOI training every four years.
(2) Disclose significant financial interests.

When to Disclose
Disclosures must be made at proposal submission and before working on a DOE project.

Where to Train & Disclose
All reporting requirements are made in START myDisclosures (myresearch.uillinois.edu/myDisclosures/).

Completing this requirement is necessary when applying for and accepting DOE awards. Learn more at go.illinois.edu/doe-coi-policy or contact Linda Lee Drozt at lklee1@illinois.edu.