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## **Conflict of interest and disqualification – Innovation Fund Denmark**

**According to the Danish Public Administration Act you are disqualified relative to a specific case, if:**

- You have a particular personal or financial interest in the outcome of a case or if you have represented any person in the same case with such interests.
- You are married or closely related to a person that has particular or financial interest in the outcome of the case or represents any person with such interests.
- You have previously – or in the current decision – have represented someone has particular or financial interest in the outcome of the case.
- You are involved in the management of or are otherwise closely associated with any company, partnership, association or other private legal entity with a particular interest in the outcome of the case.
- The case concerns a complaint about or exercise of the control or supervision of another public authority, and the person previously served with that authority and assisted in making the decision or implementing the measures at issue in the case.
- There are other grounds for questioning your impartiality (see below)

In addition to the Public Administration Act, Innovation Fund Denmark has adopted the following principles for disqualification on a decision pertaining to a case. In questions where doubt arises regarding, disqualification, the person in question will leave the room while the question is decided.

If employment at the same public organization (faculty, research unit, institute etc.) as the applicant, you are disqualified if:

- The application is within the same research area as yours.
- You are in a management position at a public organization (Dean, Rector or similar) or member of a managing body of a public organization, faculty, PH.D school, Institute etc. and the public institution in question is an applicant or a person in the application is under your management.
- The applicant/case has importance for your place of employment, your personal employment or research groups you participate in or recently was a part of.

If employment (including management and board positions) in the same private unit as a participant of an application, you are disqualified, if the application has importance for your private unit.

In case of application round with 10 or less applicants:

- You are disqualified in relation to an application, you will also be considered disqualified in relation to the other applications if 10 or less applications are competing. If the application you are disqualified for is ruled out of the application process, you can participate in the decision of the remaining applications.