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Competing interest

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Definitions

Personal stake

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A [personal stake](#) that interferes with the impartial enactment of a professional role.

Curator note: The definition was adapted from the PLOS definition. <https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/s/competing-interests>

Elaboration: Competing interests carry no implication of wrong-doing and are often unavoidable. However, they must be disclosed and in some cases may preclude someone from performing a particular role.