



A Program Director’s Guide to the SIU SOM Policies on Industry Relations

The SIU Policies on Industry Relations contain a number of provisions that are applicable to residents. The applicable policies were revised in September 2020, and are named as follows: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment; Gifts, Gratuities and Business Courtesies; Non-Monetary Compensation and Medical Staff Incidental Benefits; and the Vendor Access Policy.

- Resident/Fellow interactions with industry should occur only for educational purposes and only with personal faculty supervision.
- Faculty may not involve residents or fellows in industry-sponsored research outside of SIU School of Medicine or in faculty start-up companies without a management plan approved by the department chair and the Conflict of Interest Committee.
- **All** of the proscriptions and protocols regarding gifts and industry related meals, travel and lodging outlined in the policy apply to residents and fellows in the same manner as faculty, with the following two exceptions:
 1. Meals provided by hospitals, health systems, or government agencies (i.e. VA, US Military) for the purposes of recruiting residents for future healthcare employment are allowable under the policy and do not require advance approval.
 2. Industry-Sponsored Scholarships and Other Educational Funds.

Residents and Fellows who are employed in their residencies and fellowships by an affiliated teaching hospital must obtain approval for any industry-sponsored scholarships and other educational funding (*including funding for travel to educational events*) from their teaching hospital employer according to the policies and procedures of the hospital. These requests must be reviewed and approved in advance via the following steps.

1. The program director must review the request and approve only if the activity is of educational value and presents no actual or perceived conflict of interest which might be associated with the funding. Scholarships or support from educational programs which receive indirect industry support via unrestricted grants are acceptable, but programs in which a trainee may receive any reimbursement or other support directly from industry are not. Program directors should consult with the SIUSOM Ethics Officer with questions.
2. The program director should submit a brief description of the educational program and an approval request letter, using the attached template, to the appropriate individual as outlined below:

Resident/Fellow Employer	Submit Request to:
Alton Memorial Hospital	Jennifer Rodgers, OGME
Memorial Medical Center	Jennifer Rodgers, OGME
St. John’s Hospital	Dr. Gurpreet Mander, CMO Gurpreet.Mander@hshs.org
Southern Illinois Healthcare	April Holmes-Peters, SIH Director of Compliance april.holmes-peters@sih.net
Decatur Memorial Hospital	Jennifer Rodgers, OGME
Blessing Hospital	Jennifer Rodgers, OGME



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[Representative]
[Employing Hospital]

Dear [Representative],

I have reviewed the requested educational event for resident name. I believe it to have high educational merit.

Monetary support and/or reimbursement to the trainee will come from _____.
The resident or fellow will receive no direct reimbursement from industry. Any industry support of the event is via an unrestricted grant to the event sponsors.

I perceive no actual or perceived conflict of interest.

Sincerely,

Program Director

Approved,

[Representative] Date
On behalf of: [Employing Hospital]