

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL ASSESSMENT JURY

Please complete this form and submit it to the TGDE of the program concerned, or to the “président rapporteur” of the dissertation or thesis jury.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE JURY MEMBER

First and last name: _____

Title: _____

Faculty/Department/Unit or Institution: _____

STATEMENT OF THE JURY MEMBER

Please check the box that corresponds to your situation:

- ☐ I believe that I am not in a real conflict of interest with the supervisor and/or co-director, and with the student (please see the checklist on the next page).
- ☐ I am in a potential or apparent¹ conflict of interest with the director and/or co-director, and/or with the student.

Describe the potential or apparent conflict of interest and explain how this conflict has no real impact on the validity of your application.

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Date: _____

¹ The presence of a potential or apparent conflict of interest does not immediately disqualify the member of the jury. An example of an appearance of conflict of interest could be, for example, being a co-signatory of an article or co-holding a grant with the research director, when no direct link exists between the article or the grant and the student's research project.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CHECKLIST FOR REVIEWERS OF DISSERTATIONS AND THESIS

Before agreeing to serve as a reviewer for a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, please review the list of questions below to determine whether there are any conflicts of interest that could be perceived as detrimental to your review. If your answer to any of these questions is "yes", you probably have a conflict of interest and should decline the invitation, or check the potential or apparent conflict of interest box and complete the paragraph to explain how this conflict has no real impact on your application.

All evaluators, except the research director and co-directors

- Have you co-authored or conducted research in direct collaboration with the student in the last five years?
- Have you co-authored or had a research collaboration with the supervisor and/or co-director of research on a topic directly related to the dissertation or thesis in the last five years?
- In the past five years, have you been evaluated or been evaluated by the student's supervisor and/or co-supervisor (ex.: if you are the supervisor's former student or research supervisor student research)?
- Do you have a significant emotional or financial connection with the student or research supervisor? Example:
 - A past or present spouse.
 - A close family member.
 - A past or present business partner.
- Do you knowingly have a financial interest in an entity that could benefit from the research project of the dissertation or thesis?
- Have you entered into (or intend to enter into) negotiations with the student or research supervisor relating to future employment or supervision?
- Have you engaged in any other activity that could be perceived as a conflict of interest or that could affect your impartiality?

External examiner only (doctoral theses)

- Have you had, in the last five years, or do you currently have an affiliation (including as a student) with the student's academic unit²?
- Have you held a university position (visiting professor, for example) at the University of Montréal (including Polytechnique and HEC) in the last five years?
- Have you already read the thesis, in whole or in part, before submitting it?

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² The academic unit designates a department, a school, an institute or a faculty, as the case may be.