**Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity**

The University of Florida (UF) applicant provides specific assurance that she has reviewed the proposed research proposal and has not identified any research integrity issues. The UF applicant also has reviewed UF conflict of interest policies and determined no such conflicts of interest exist that will bias the design, conduct, or reporting of research and evaluation. Furthermore, the proposed study will not be biased by any personal or financial conflicts of interest on the part of the applicant or on the part of UF.

The proposed study is in full compliance with UF conflict of interest policies and no potential personal or organizational conflicts of interest exist. The UF applicant has reached this conclusion after careful review of UF conflict of interest policies as outlined in the following document: <http://generalcounsel.ufl.edu/media/generalcounselufledu/documents/COI.pdf>. Prior to the grant period, the UF applicant will be required to complete the UF Disclosure of Outside Activities and Financial Interests form to ensure no activities exist that would pose potential personal or financial conflicts of interest for this proposed project. Furthermore, employees of the state of Florida are bound by the Code of Ethics established by the Florida Legislature protecting against any conflict of interest and providing procedures for standards of conduct. Finally, any violation of the state’s Code of Ethics may be grounds for various penalties imposed under state law.