

ISEE guidelines on financial support¹

General considerations

Three overarching considerations shaping ISEE's acceptance of all donations, contracts or grants are:

- The ISEE will solicit and accept donations, contracts or grants for projects and activities that are consistent with its mission.
- Acceptance of donations, contracts or grants must enhance, and shall not impede, the ISEE's ability to act in the best interests of the public.
- The ISEE's name, logo and other intangible intellectual assets must be protected in the context of acknowledgement.

The ISEE will publicly acknowledge its gratitude for the support from and recognition of its generous contributors, whether they be a for-profit or non-profit corporate/business/other entity, or an individual.

Prevention of conflict of interest

The ISEE is required to have a disclosure process to identify and resolve any conflict of-interest before donor support is applied for and/or accepted. The process includes the submission and review of applications for proposed contributions of funding, which includes the written disclosure of any actual or perceived conflict-of-interest.

A conflict-of-interest is an affiliation or relationship, usually of a financial nature or professional and/or personal nature, with a commercial interest, organization or entity whose financial or other relationship with the ISEE could influence or be perceived to influence the impartiality of the Board or other ISEE Committee in its decision-making in a manner that could advance the interests of the funding or other entity for reasons other than scientific or the public good. Such a relationship constitutes a conflict-of-interest because it might bias an ISEE Board/Committee member's ability to objectively participate in decisions before the Board/Committee.

A conflict-of-interest may be actual or perceived. If a person might perceive a conflict-of-interest, then a conflict-of-interest exists. If there is potential for a perceived conflict-of-interest, then it must be treated the same as if a conflict-of-interest actually exists.

Donations will not be accepted from industries with well-established harmful public health impact (such as tobacco, weapons, pesticides, asbestos, coal and oil extraction). The list of excluded industries will be updated every 5-years. All other entities will be considered on a case by case basis and voted on by the ISEE Executive council after receiving recommendation from the ISEE Ethics and Philosophy Committee and Policy Committee.

The ISEE guidelines will develop additional text on specific aspects for financial contributions.

¹ The ISEE guidelines are based on the IJPC-SE guidelines. Part I: Guidelines for soliciting financial contributions, contracts or grants; Part II: Principles for guiding the IJPC-SE when considering any potential financial contribution, contract or grant, https://www.ijpc-se.org/documents/IJPC-SE_Financial_Contribution_Policy-June_8_2015_revision_approved_June_26_revised_Sep_16_2015.pdf