Guidelines for Selecting External Reviewers

The reviewers selected by the applicant should be able to evaluate the application in the language in which it is written and be free of any conflicts of interest with the applicant, co-applicant or collaborators listed on the application. The HBHL administration reserves the right to make the final selection of reviewers and may opt to not use any of the reviewers suggested by the applicant. The reviewers may be Canadian or international but must be from outside of McGill University.

A reviewer is considered to be in a conflict of interest if he/she:

- is involved in the proposed research;
- will receive professional or personal benefit resulting from the application under review;
- is in a position to gain financially/materially from the funding of the application;
- is a relative or close friend, or has a personal relationship with an applicant or co-applicant;
- has had long-standing scientific or personal differences with an applicant or co-applicant;
- or
- is closely affiliated professionally with an applicant or co-applicant, as a result of having, in the last 6 years:
  - had frequent and regular interactions with the applicant or any co-applicant in the course of their duties at their department, institution, organization or company;
  - been a supervisor or a trainee of the applicant or any co-applicant; or
  - collaborated in research or training, published or shared funding with the applicant or any co-applicant in the past 6 years, or plans to do so in the immediate future.