

Proposer Acknowledgement of Reviewer Expectations

I acknowledge that proposals submitted to competitions managed by the ORSP Division of Research Development (RD) will be subject to an evaluation process that may involve reviewers within ORSP RD, the broader UM community, or external consultants. I understand *proposals* to include also Preproposals, Letters of Intent, Concept Papers, Applications, and other types of proposals.

I understand that any UM personnel reviewing such proposals will have previously agreed:

- 1) to disclose potential conflicts of interest in reviewing proposals;
- 2) to protect the confidentiality of applicants and proposal content, as well as reviewer identities and review process details; and
- 3) to refrain from using insider information accessed for their own benefit, or for the benefit of others.

I understand that where external consultants are enlisted in the review process, they too will have agreed to disclose conflicts of interest, protect confidentiality, and refrain from using insider information.

I understand as well that I may identify internal and external individuals who I would like to be considered as reviewers based on their qualifications or expertise, and in that such cases ORSP RD may or may not consider trying to enlist one or more of these individuals. I understand as well that I may identify internal or external individuals that I would like to request be *excluded* from reviewing my proposal, and that ORSP RD will take such requests under consideration, and treat them with sensitivity. For competitions managed through the Ole Miss InfoReady Review portal, the "Comments to Administrator(s)" Text Box is a good place to enter such requests, to make sure they are seen by (only) the competition Administrator(s).