

Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement

Verification of External Reviewers' Arm's Length Status

External Reviewers must be at arm's length from the program under review and not be predisposed to view the program or unit either positively or negatively. Examples of what may violate the arm's length requirement:

- A previous member of the program or department under review (including being a course instructor or visiting professor).
- A previous student of the program under review.
- Close family/friend relationship with a member of the program.
- Close family member who is or was recently a student of the program under review.
- A regular co-author and research collaborator with a member of the program, within the past seven years, and especially if that collaboration is ongoing.
- A regular or repeated external examiner of dissertations by graduate students in the program.
- The graduate supervisor, or supervisee, of one or more members of the program.

| Academic Unit: |
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| Name of Program: |
| To be completed by each External Reviewer |
| By signing below, I verify that to the best of my knowledge I am at arm's length, personally and professionally, from this program and any of its personnel. |
| Name: |
| Signature: |
| Date: |