

Conflict of Interest Policy

A conflict of interest is any instance where a Young Scientists Journal (YSJ) member is involved in another group, organization, or cause that has overlapping interests and activities as the YSJ. Generally (but not only), the conflict of interest is an issue when:

- The YSJ member uses their position in YSJ to recruit YSJ members or promote the other cause they are involved in
- The YSJ member uses YSJ resources, connections, materials, etc. to further their other cause (including use of GSuite account for meetings, file storage, etc.)

Any member who has a possible conflict of interest is required to disclose the details to the Chief Editor for review.

Members who are found to be violating the conflict of interest policy will be removed from the YSJ.

Examples of Conflicts would include:

1. Joining the YSJ and starting another STEM journal for people between 12-20
2. Using YSJ email lists for non-YSJ purposes
3. Using YSJ resources, softwares, and licenses for non-YSJ purposes
4. Sharing confidential information including undisclosed details of conferences, partners, sponsors, team members, business development plans, and statistics of submissions and departments

Examples of acceptable things would include:

1. Starting a hackathon or non journal project
2. Starting a specialized science blog/journal in a specific area

General reasons: A conflict of interest policy is common across many larger organizations such as companies.

1. We want to avoid someone using YSJ resources (even unintentionally or secretly) for the other organization
2. If you will be in a STEM research, tutoring org, etc. we would rather you focus your efforts in one place rather than split up, especially if both orgs are doing the exact same thing