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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

## JÄVSDEKLARATION DECLARATION - Conflicts of interests

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### **Jävsdeklaration** **Declaration - conflicts of interest**

Gällande disputation/licentiatseminarium för doktoranden (namn):  
Concerning defence of doctoral thesis/licentiate seminar for doctoral student (name):

Handledargrupp:  
Supervisors:

I hereby declare that there are no grounds for my disqualification to participate as an external reviewer or in the examining committee at the public defence/licentiate seminar of the above named doctoral student as stated by the university guidelines for doctoral education (see next page).

I claim an exception to the 5-year-rule because:

Underskrift opponent/betygsnämndsledamot  
Signature external reviewer/member of examining committee

Namnförtydligande  
Clarification of signature

Datum  
Date

### **Citation from the university guidelines for doctoral education chapter 8.1:**

There must be no conflicts of interest between the external reviewer (opponent) or members of the examining committee and the doctoral student or supervisors. The following circumstances must particularly be taken into account in relation to the examining committee:

A conflict of interest exists if

- during the previous five years two persons have collaborated scientifically or have co-produced scientific knowledge. Joint publication is an example of co-production. Reasons can be given for excluding a conflict of interest, e.g. where collaboration occurred within a scientific consortium in which joint publication does not necessarily imply a conflict of interest;
- in cases of close collaboration, there could be a conflict of interest even if the collaboration took place longer than five years ago;
- a supervisor-doctoral student relationship has existed, regardless of how long ago.

The external reviewer and examining committee members are under a duty to report a conflict of interest in relation to a doctoral student or supervisors. When an application is submitted for the public defence of a doctoral thesis, the examining committee and the external reviewer should submit a signed declaration of conflicts of interest on the relevant form.

### **Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (Förvaltningslagen), § 11:**

The person charged with handling a matter is disqualified:

1. if the matter concerns himself or his spouse, parents, children, brothers or sisters or someone else who is closely related to him, or if he or someone closely related to him can expect extraordinary advantage or detriment from the outcome of the matter;
2. if he, or anyone closely related to him is the legal representative of someone that the matter concerns or of anyone that can expect extraordinary advantage or detriment from the outcome of the matter;
3. if the matter has been brought before the authority by an appeal against or the subordination of the decision of another authority or by reason of the supervision of another authority and he had taken part earlier under the auspices of the subordinate authority in the final handling of a matter concerning the same material issue;
4. if he as regards the material issue has served someone as a representative or has assisted him for payment; or
5. if there is some other special circumstance that is likely to undermine confidence in his impartiality in the matter.