



NYU

**COLLEGE OF GLOBAL
PUBLIC HEALTH**

**College of Global Public Health
Policy on Tobacco Funding and Affiliation**

I. Summary

More than 8 million people around the world die annually from tobacco use. In the US, more than 16 million people live with at least one disease caused by smoking. Tobacco industries and manufacturers of tobacco products operate in a manner that is contrary to the College of Global Public Health's (GPH) mission to improve health, and advance health equity worldwide through research and education.

GPH is committed to assuring that its policies regarding tobacco reflect its mission and role as a leader in education, research, and public health. Entering into any affiliation with a Tobacco Company (as defined below), including receipt of gifts, grants, contracts, financial support and in-kind support, is inconsistent with that mission and is prohibited.

II. Policy Scope and Applicability

This Policy applies to all members of the GPH community, including employees, officers, faculty, research staff, post-doctoral fellows, students, trainees, consultants, and agents of GPH.

III. Definitions

A. "Affiliation" means:

- being employed by or contracted to any Tobacco Company or Tobacco Company Associate,
- receiving honoraria, travel, conference or other financial support from any Tobacco Company or Tobacco Company Associate,
- receiving direct or indirect financial support for research, education or other services from a Tobacco Company or a Tobacco Company Associate, and
- owning a patent or proprietary interest in a technology or process for the consumption of tobacco or other tobacco use related products or initiatives.

B. "Tobacco Company" means any person, corporation or entity, including any repacker or relabeler, who:

- manufactures, fabricates, assembles, processes, or labels a tobacco product; or
- imports a finished tobacco product for sale or distribution in New York State.

C. "Tobacco Company Associate" means any Tobacco Company association or any other agents known to GPH to be acting for or in service of Tobacco Companies or Tobacco Company associations.

IV. Policy

GPH will not solicit or accept any funding or any other forms of support for research or other activities from, or enter into any Affiliation relationship with, any Tobacco Company, its affiliates, its subsidiaries or its parent company.

For the avoidance of any doubt, this Policy is not intended to restrict solicitations or acceptance of funding or any forms of support for research or other activities from, or restrict entering into any Affiliation relationship with:

- Legacies from tobacco industry investments (unless the names of a tobacco company or cigarette brand are associated with them).
- Funding from a trust or foundation established with assets related to the tobacco industry but no longer having any connection with the tobacco industry even though it may bear a name that (for historical reasons) is associated with the tobacco industry.

This policy is put in force in response to stipulations required by certain public health funding agencies. The policy can be modified or withdrawn at any time at NYU's discretion.

V. Administration

Any questions relating to this Policy should be directed to the GPH Office of Research, Office of Sponsored Programs Administration, or the Office of Development.

VI. Policy Enforcement

Violations of this Policy may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment or association with GPH, in accordance with GPH and New York University disciplinary policies and procedures applicable to the individual in question.

VII. Version History

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