

INUK Conflict of Interest Policy

1. The INUK Preliminary Questionnaire will ask applicants to list the names and convictions of any co-defendants on the charges for which the applicant claims innocence.
2. Internal evaluation materials relating to multi-defendant cases, whether in electronic or paper form, will be marked in a consistent and easily identifiable manner, facilitating the early identification of potential conflicts by other clinical students as well as future University of Bristol Innocence Project students and staff.
3. Once alerted to the existence of co-defendants, either by an applicant's initial submission or other documentation (e.g. appellate opinion, trial transcripts), clinical students and staff will conduct a preliminary search of clinic databases to determine whether any of an applicant's co-defendants have previously applied to the University of Bristol Innocence Project.
4. Upon discovering that a new applicant and a former applicant are co-defendants, clinical students and staff will pause their evaluation of the new case and notify the Director of the University of Bristol Innocence Project.
5. In consultation with the Director of the University of Bristol Innocence Project, students and staff will determine an appropriate course of action, guided by the specific facts of the situation, taking into account the extent of any information already obtained about the prior application to the University of Bristol Innocence Project by the co-defendant.