



## GUIDANCE RELATED TO GIFTS AND GIVEAWAYS

The Office of General Counsel recognizes that issues related to gifts and giveaways can be tricky. Please reach out to our office or the Office of University Compliance if you have any questions.

### Gifts

The University's [Conflict of Interest Statement](#)

of the event or survey and on the target audience. Providing a high value gift to employees is problematic when the employees could otherwise be required to participate in an event, such as training; on the other hand, providing an expensive gift in order to have students or the public participate in high-priority events may be acceptable. Each situation must be evaluated based on these factors; please contact the Office of General Counsel or the Office of University Compliance if you plan to give away an item of significant value.

Because student organization funds are public funds, this rule also applies to student organization giveaways. It does not apply to giveaways that are paid for by a private entity, so long as the private entity is not a vendor.