

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ELIGIBILITY

The Principal Investigator (PI) accepts overall responsibility for directing the research, the financial oversight of the award's funding, and compliance with relevant University policies and federal regulations as well as sponsor terms and conditions of an award.

Policy

Full-time academics with the title Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Research Professor, Associate Research Professor, or Assistant Research Professor are eligible to serve as PI on proposals submitted to any outside funding agency in support of research, training, or other sponsored activities.

In certain limited circumstances, an academic staff member not eligible for PI status as defined above may request PI eligibility using the procedures outlined under "Procedure to Request Principal Investigator Status" below. Circumstances in which approval of PI eligibility is required may include an individual with the title of Director would like to serve as PI for a project directly related to the mission and responsibility of their office.

Principal Investigator status is not afforded to Post-doctoral Researchers except in cases where a sponsoring agency expects it and a faculty mentor is named to monitor project progress.

Procedure to Request Principal Investigator Status

When approval of PI eligibility is required, the individual must request approval from the Vice Provost for Research. For consideration, the request:

- must be endorsed by the appropriate department Chair, Center Director and Dean,
- the requesting individual's CV must be attached, and
- the request must be made at least three (3) weeks prior to the proposal submission deadline.