

Principal Investigator Eligibility

For each sponsored project, one investigator is typically designated as the Principal Investigator. The Principal Investigator has absolute responsibility for the overall conduct of the sponsored project including all financial, administrative and compliance aspects of the project. Other individuals with significant involvement may be listed as Co-Principal Investigator. Guidelines for Principal and Co-Principal Investigators eligibility are listed in the table below:

Status	Eligible as a Principal Investigator	Eligible as a Principal Investigator with approval	Eligible as a Co-Principal Investigator	Not Eligible as a Principal Investigator or as a Co-Principal investigator
Tenured and tenure track faculty	X		X	
Non-tenure track faculty with an academic year appointment including senior lecturers, renewable term lecturers, academic year adjunct faculty, and research professors.		X	X	
Quarterly part-time faculty				X
Administrative or academic staff in a continuing position		X	X	
Staff in a fixed term position				X
Postdoctoral fellow				X
Graduate student				X
Undergraduate student				X
Non-University employee			X*	X*

*Researchers affiliated with other institutions may serve as Co-Principal Investigators.

A non-tenure track faculty member with an academic year appointment and an administrative or academic staff member in a continuing position may be an eligible Principal Investigator with the approval of the appropriate Dean or Vice President and the Associate Provost for Research and Faculty Affairs. Approval may be granted for individual or multiple projects when the following conditions are met:

- the proposed project is consistent with current job responsibilities and competencies as well as available resources including time allocation; and
- the proposed project will make a critical contribution to the goals of the College, School or Division.

If there are multiple investigators, then a tenured or tenure-track faculty member or a staff member in a continuing position should serve as the Principal Investigator and other faculty or staff members should be Co-Principal Investigators.

Questions regarding Principal Investigator eligibility should be directed to the Associate Provost for Research and Faculty Affairs.