





Appendix A: Principal Investigator (PI) Eligibility for Externally Sponsored Awards

FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENT TYPE	REQUIREMENTS FOR PI ELIGIBILITY
Tenure track or tenured Assistant, Associate, Full Professor	PI Eligibility authorized by Policy.
Center/Museum/Research Center/Institute Directors	PI Eligibility authorized by Policy.
Library Faculty	PI Eligibility authorized by Policy.
Research Assistant/Associate/Full Professor	PI Eligibility authorized by Policy.
Research Staff (non-faculty)- Scientist/Senior Research Scientist/Research Fellow	PI Eligibility authorized by Policy.
Instructor, Adjunct Faculty, Visiting Faculty	Eligible by exception. Requires PI Exception Form. Term limited approval.
Emeritus Faculty	Emeritus faculty may seek approval from the appropriate Dean for a “Research” appointment prior to proposal submission if the salary for the individual is budgeted. Emeritus faculty who chooses not to be re-employed by the University may be hired in a volunteer position which would be a gratis position that does not have any financial or retirement implications. Requires PI Exception Form.
Post-Doctoral Fellow	Eligible by exception. Requires PI Exception Form. Term limited approval.
Incoming Faculty and Research Staff	Need documentation that an appointment to one of the “eligible titles” listed above has been offered to and has been accepted by the individual.
Affiliated Faculty	Can only serve as Co-Investigators.
Undergraduate and Graduate Student	PI Eligibility authorized by Policy restricted to fellowships, doctoral dissertation improvement, graduate fellowships, etc.

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 Automatically eligible per policy.	 Not eligible to serve as PI or co-PI.
 Additional approvals required.	 Eligible only for specific programs.