Georgia State University Policy

4.00.12 Principal Investigator/Project Director Eligibility

Policy Summary

Faculty holding full-time tenure track and full-time non-tenure track positions and staff holding full-time, non-temporary positions ("permanent full-time") are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators/Project Directors on Sponsored Projects. Others may be eligible under specific conditions.

Full Policy Text

1. Faculty holding full-time tenure track and full-time non-tenure track positions and staff holding full-time, non-temporary positions (permanent full-time) are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators/Project Directors on Sponsored Projects.

2. An individual who is employed by the University but not on a permanent full time basis (e.g., temporary contract, adjunct faculty, postdoctoral fellows, faculty holding positions that are less than full-time) is eligible to serve as a Principal Investigator/Project Director on Sponsored Projects if one of the following conditions is met:

   - A permanent full-time faculty or staff member is named as Co-Principal Investigator/Co-Project Director and accepts responsibility for ensuring that the Sponsored Project’s requirements are met; or
   - The chair or director of the department through which the work will be conducted accepts responsibility for ensuring that the Sponsored Project’s requirements are met at the time the grant proposal is submitted.

3. A student may serve as a Principal Investigator/Project Director, if allowable by the sponsor, provided a permanent full-time faculty or staff member is named as Co-Principal Investigator/Co-Project Director or mentor and accepts responsibility for ensuring that the Sponsored Project’s requirements are met.

4. Exceptions to this policy can be made and require approval of the appropriate department chair, college Dean, and the Vice President for Research.
Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority:  
University Senate

Responsible Office(s):  
Senate Committee on Research  
University Research Services and Administration (Dalberg Hall, 3-3500)

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History

Approving Body: Senate

Rationale or Purpose

Georgia State University is dedicated to teaching, research, and the extension of knowledge to the public. The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance for the definition and eligibility of Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators (also designated Project Directors and Co-Project Directors by some granting agencies) of proposals submitted for sponsored support. Eligibility to act as a Principal Investigator/Project Director and Co-Principal Investigator/Co-Project Director on sponsored projects is afforded to faculty and staff as described below.

Additional Information

A Principal Investigator/Project Director is primarily responsible for the preparation and intellectual content of the proposal, for determining the intellectual direction of the research and scholarship once the study is funded and underway, for the administrative and financial management of the project, and for the training of students and staff involved in the project.

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Additional Helpful Resources