

External Grant Principal Investigator and Project Director Eligibility Criteria

The Principal Investigator (PI) or Project Director (PD) is responsible for the overall management and conduct of a sponsored project. The co-PI/PD has significant involvement in a project, but does not assume the same level of responsibility as the PI/PD.

Because of the significant level of responsibility to a sponsor and to SFA, the following eligibility criteria are established:

Eligible as a PI/PD

- Individuals with a full-time academic appointment as professor, associate professor, assistant professor, and librarian I-IV.
- Individuals with a full-time academic appointment as instructor with permission from the chair and dean.
- Administrative staff in a non-grant funded, continuing position at the level of director or higher, or at a non-director level with permission from the director and appropriate vice president.
- Individuals designated as research faculty in a non-grant funded, continuing position.

Eligible as a co-PI/PD

- Individuals with a full-time academic appointment as professor, associate professor, assistant professor, and librarian I-IV.
- Individuals with a full-time academic appointment as instructor and archivists with permission from the chair and dean or director.
- Administrative staff in a non-grant funded, continuing position at the level of director or higher, or at a non-director level with permission from the director and appropriate vice president.
- Individuals designated as research faculty in a non-grant funded, continuing position.
- Part-time administrative or academic staff with permission from the chair and dean.
- Researchers affiliated with other universities may serve as co-PIs in collaborative projects.

Not eligible

- Individuals in fixed-term positions.
- Graduate or undergraduate students.
- Adjunct or other part-time faculty, lecturers, or visiting faculty.
- Retired faculty.

Note: Exceptions to the above guidelines may be approved in exceptional circumstances and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.