

# 15.01.01.S1 Principal Investigator Eligibility on Sponsored Agreements



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## Rule Summary

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This rule identifies the requirements for Principal Investigator (PI) eligibility on sponsored agreements, proposals, and projects.

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## Definitions

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## Rule

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### 1. ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI)

Eligibility to act as a System Offices PI, Co-PI, or Co-Investigator (Investigator) on a sponsored project is limited to employees whose primary employer is System Offices, who are in a budgeted position, with a position description aligned with research activity. For employees without research activity functions or whose primary employer is not a System Offices budgeted position, eligibility may be granted with the approval of the Vice Chancellor for Research via the Principal Investigator Eligibility Form. Individuals who are a Collaborator are not expected to meet the eligibility criteria to serve as Principal Investigator. A request for an eligibility exception may be made using the [Principal Investigator Eligibility Form](#).

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## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[System Policy 15.01, Research Agreements](#)

[System Regulation 15.01.01, Sponsored Agreements – Research and Other](#)

[Principal Investigator Eligibility Form](#)

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