University policy defines "Principal Investigator (PI) Status" as the eligibility to submit proposals for research, training, or public service contracts or grants to extramural agencies, subject to approval of the appropriate department chair/Organized Research Unit (ORU) director or their appointed delegate.

Individuals who submit applications to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) must also hold PI Status.

Academic appointees in the following title groups are eligible to submit proposals for extramural support, provided that their paid appointments are at 50% or more:

- Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Instructor;
- Professor In Residence series;
- Professor of Clinical X series;
- Adjunct Professor series;
- Clinical Professor series;
- Professional Research series;
- Librarian series;
- Emeritus Professors

*For NIH multiple-PI proposal submissions, all PIs must meet the eligibility requirement or have an approved PI status waiver.

** Emeritus Professors are exempt from the 50% appointment rule.

To Request PI Status

Individuals who are not eligible for PI status by virtue of their appointments must be approved for PI status when submitting contract and grant proposals and/or applications to the IRB or IACUC. For contract and grant proposals, PI status is approved by the Chair or Chair Delegate in eProposal. For IRB or IACUC use the PI Status Waiver Form.