

UW Tacoma
Principal Investigator Policy
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All permanent UW Tacoma full-time faculty and Research Scientists at grade 10 or above are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators, co-Principal Investigators, Principal Directors, and co-Principal Directors on any project that is administered by the University of Washington Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP).

A Principal Investigator (PI) is an individual who has the primary responsibility for the design, execution, and management of a research project and who will be involved in the project in a significant manner. A Project Director (PD) is an individual who has the primary responsibility for the design, execution, and management of a training or public service project and who will be involved in the project in a significant manner.

The primary responsibility held by PIs and PDs may not be delegated explicitly or implicitly to individuals who are not eligible in their own right to serve as Principal Investigator or Project Director. The UW Tacoma eligibility requirements for Co-PIs and co-PDs are the same as those for PIs and PDs.

Participation in funded projects is permitted at the discretion of the faculty member's Dean or Director (or designee).

Affiliated Faculty, Temporary Faculty, and Research Scientists at grade 9 can request permission from their Deans or Directors (or designees) to serve as PIs or PDs, with approval limited to a specific project or duration.

Research Scientists at grade 8 or below, and Post-Doctoral Research Associates are not eligible to serve as a PI or PD.

UW Tacoma employees holding titles other than the ones specified in this policy should consult the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research to discuss their eligibility to serve as a PI or PD on a proposed or funded project.

An external sponsor or an academic unit may define eligibility requirements that are more restrictive than the UW Tacoma PI Policy.