

Principal Investigator Eligibility

Background

The title of Principal Investigator (PI) identifies the individual responsible for the conduct of a sponsored (funded) research project or non-sponsored (non-funded) research project. This responsibility includes the intellectual and day-to-day conduct of the project, fiscal accountability, administrative aspects, and the project's adherence to relevant policies and regulations. PIs must have a reasonable prospect of long-term employment at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Who may serve as a PI?

The policy of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is that only full-time academic faculty members (appointments at 50% or more) may serve as PIs. The University will not submit proposals for external funding or approve requests requiring compliance committee oversight without adherence to this policy.

Full-time members of the academic faculty, for purposes of this policy, include the following personnel titles:

Professor	Research Professor
Associate Professor	Research Associate Professor
Assistant Professor	Research Assistant Professor
Library Faculty	Center Directors
Emeritus Faculty	

Certain other titles are allowed to serve as PIs within the limitations described below. Exceptions to this policy may only be made with the prior approval of the Vice President for Research.

Exceptions

Exceptions can be granted and PI status conferred on a case-by-case basis for individual research projects. Requests for PI eligibility should be requested by completing the PI eligibility form and submitting per the instructions on the form. The request must also include the curriculum vitae or resume of the proposed PI.

Decisions

Serving as a PI at UNLV is a privilege and responsibility, therefore the ultimate decision regarding PI eligibility exceptions rests with the Vice President for Research (or designee in his/her absence). No other individual on campus can designate PIs. PI eligibility status for deemed or granted exceptions may also be revoked by the Vice President for Research at his or her discretion.