

OLIN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Principal Investigator Eligibility

The title of Principal Investigator (PI) identifies the individual responsible for the conduct of a sponsored project. This responsibility includes the intellectual conduct of the project, fiscal accountability, administrative aspects, and the adherence to relevant policies and regulations. Under the terms and conditions of the award, a PI accepts sponsored funding on behalf of Olin College. For that reason, PIs must have a reasonable prospect of long-term employment at the College.

Definitions

Principal Investigator (PI) means the individual with primary responsibility for and in charge of a sponsored project. PIs may also be referred to as Project Directors or other titles by the external sponsors. Regardless of the term used by the sponsor, this policy will apply to all individuals in the role of PI.

Individuals may choose to share the responsibilities described herein as Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs). Co-PIs must meet the same eligibility requirements as PIs.

Eligibility

Eligible. Eligibility to serve as a PI is a privilege limited to those with appropriate qualifications and appointment at the College. It is Olin College's policy that only those holding appropriate appointments as on-going, full-time employees serve as PI's since there must be direct accountability to the College, in addition to the external sponsor and any governmental regulators.

Provided they meet the sponsor's criteria, the following individuals at Olin College are eligible to serve as PIs on externally sponsored projects:

- Assistant professors
- Associate professors
- Professors

Ineligible. The following individuals at Olin College are NOT eligible to serve as PIs on externally sponsored projects.

- Visitors (in all designations), Instructors, and short-term (less than two years) employees cannot serve as the PI on grants submitted through Olin College.
- Graduate and undergraduate students.

Please contact OSP with any questions.