

## Article XX. PI Eligibility

Upon prior approval by the University, and according to the policies of the department and school or college, employees may serve as principal investigators on proposals submitted by the University to potential sponsors. Within ~~three (3)~~ ~~four (4)~~ ~~six (6)~~ ~~nine (9)~~ months of ratification, Each department, school, or college employing members of this bargaining unit shall have a pathway by which employees are able to ~~achieve~~ request principal investigator (PI) status. This shall take the form of ~~have~~ a written policy ~~which~~ ~~that~~ describes the requirements ~~and include a timely approval process~~ which must be met in order for ~~allow~~ employees to ~~serve~~ be considered as principal investigators (PI). Requirements may include classification. ~~Applications~~ Requests to be considered for PI eligibility ~~must be submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance of any proposal submission and~~ will be processed in a timely manner and will be responded to in writing by ~~for~~ eligibility will be processed timely and the department, school, or college. ~~shall provide a written explanation for any denial. When applications are denied, the department, school, or college shall provide a written explanation for the denial and provide a copy to the Union.~~

Employees in the Research Scientist/Engineer-2, Research Scientist/Engineer-3, and Research Scientist/Engineer-4 job titles shall be eligible to serve as Senior / Key Personnel, including Principal Investigators (PIs), Co-Investigators, and co-Principal Investigators (co-PI), and mentors. Eligibility to serve as a principal investigator does not guarantee a proposal developed by the PI-eligible individual will be approved by the University for submission to a potential sponsor. Further, the University may exercise its discretion in designating the PI for any proposal, irrespective of the contributions to the development of the proposal.

A department, school, or unit may determine that other RSE titles receive PI status and each school shall have documented procedures available electronically.