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1. PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance on who may serve as a Principal Investigator on a research project at Creighton University.

2. WHO MAY SERVE AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Per the definitions included in the current Creighton University Faculty Handbook, the following full-time faculty members, as defined in the current Creighton University Faculty Handbook, may serve as Principal Investigators on research projects at Creighton University:

- Teaching-Research Faculty
- Clinician-Educator Faculty
- Research Faculty
- Resident Faculty
- University Professors
- Affiliate Faculty*

The Principal Investigator must also possess the requisite training, skill, commitment, and expertise to perform the goals and objectives of the proposed research project.

Graduate students may be eligible to serve as Principal Investigators on dissertation grants, research fellowships, and similar types of sponsored projects, provided (a) the project sponsor considers the student to be the Principal Investigator, and (b) the project includes a formally designated mentor meeting the eligibility guidelines described above.

Professional staff members may be eligible to serve as Principal Investigators on research projects at Creighton University with the approval of the appropriate Dean or Director and the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship.

3. WHO MAY NOT SERVE AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

The following Creighton University faculty members may not serve as Principal Investigators on research projects at Creighton University, except under unusual circumstances and with the approval of the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship:

- Adjunct Faculty
- Special Faculty
- Contributed-Service Faculty
- Visiting Faculty
- Emeritus Faculty
- Instructors

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* Arrangements for financial management, regulatory approvals (human subjects, animals, biological materials, export control, conflict of interest, etc.), monitoring, and auditing must be addressed prior to submission of the application to the sponsor.