



Principal Investigator/Project Director for Externally Sponsored Grants

This statement covers Smith College eligibility criteria for serving as a principal investigator or project director for externally sponsored grants. Smith College considers a principal investigator/project director (PI/PD) to be an individual who directs and assumes responsibility for the preparation of proposals, performs research and/or oversees a program project during an award period, financially manages a budget, complies with requirements set forth in external grant award agreements, and complies with Smith College policies.

The following individuals may serve as PI/PD:

- Tenure track and tenured faculty members
- Faculty with lecturer appointments and visiting faculty; if appointment ends earlier than the proposed notification and/or award period of the grant, both the department chair and associate provost must approve prior to grant submission
- Emeriti faculty members (if grant salary is involved, contact the associate provost well in advance of proposal submission)
- Staff in regular college positions
- Individuals with research associate appointments from the Office of the Provost and Dean of Faculty (a tenured faculty member must serve as a co-PI/PD for internal, administrative purposes)

Other individuals not identified above will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the associate provost. Eligibility requirements and submission limits vary by sponsor and specific calls for proposals. Please check sponsor guidelines to determine if you are eligible to apply.