



## MERRIMACK COLLEGE

### Principal Investigator Eligibility

A Principal Investigator (“PI”) is defined as an employee who takes responsibility for the completion of a funded project, the scope, budget and conditions for which are described in an award, mutually agreed to by the sponsor and Merrimack College.

A PI will fall into at least one of the following descriptive categories: --

- (a) A person affiliated with Merrimack College by virtue of holding a current, active letter of appointment from a department (e.g. Chemistry Department, Library, etc.) or a school or organized research unit (e.g. School of Liberal Arts, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Center for the Environment, etc.);
- (b) A person who is a salaried member of Merrimack College administration (Provost, Vice Provosts, Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors, Chairs, etc.);
- (c) A person who has retired from Merrimack College and on whom the College has conferred “Emeritus” status;
- (d) A person who has been offered a letter of appointment, but who has not yet become an employee, and whose appointment will be effective on or after the effective date of a sponsored project; or
- (e) A person who, due to unique, documented circumstances, has been granted PI status by the President or Provost, in order to fulfill the College’s mission.

Graduate and undergraduate **students** do not hold letters of appointment and are not allowed to be considered as a PI. The student’s advisor **MUST** be listed as PI on these proposals and the student can be listed as Senior Personnel.

Some agencies require that the activities that they support be led by persons holding the title of Project Director or Program Director. The term PI shall also include persons designated by sponsor agencies as Project Directors or Program Directors.