



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 and laboratory instructor 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.
- Faculty with active external funding who are retiring with emeritus status may be eligible to continue to serve as a PI on a previously awarded grant for up to thirty-six months following retirement. Such arrangements will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the associate provost.
- Staff in permanent college positions. Limited term-staff may be considered on an individual basis.

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.