

# **Policy on Sponsored Projects and Principal Investigator Eligibility**

## **Salisbury University**

Effective December 1, 2016

### **I. Purpose**

This policy establishes the eligibility criteria for individuals who may serve as Principal Investigators (PIs) at Salisbury University (SU). This includes sponsored projects and research requiring Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval.

### **II. Applicability and Impact Statement**

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is the designated SU office authorized to submit proposals and negotiate awards. Once an award is made, SU assumes compliance obligations, performance expectations, and oversight responsibilities. PIs must have the expertise and resources necessary to meet award requirements and comply with SU, federal, and state regulations.

### **III. Policy**

#### **A. Eligibility Criteria**

To serve as a PI, an individual must possess appropriate academic or professional qualifications and have access to sufficient resources to complete the project while adhering to all applicable regulations.

#### **B. Automatic PI Status**

The following individuals automatically qualify for PI status: • Tenured or tenure-track faculty, including emeriti • Full-time non-tenure-track faculty • Full-time clinical faculty • Senior administrative staff with Director-level (or equivalent) responsibility

#### **C. Student Research and PI Restrictions**

Graduate and undergraduate students may not serve as PIs for sponsored projects or research involving human or animal subjects. Students must work under a faculty sponsor who serves as the PI of record. Faculty advisors must be listed as PI for theses, class projects, or independent studies

involving human or animal research.

## **D. Requirements for Submitting Proposals**

Eligible individuals must: • Hold a full-time appointment (Emeritus Faculty exempted) • Have PI status or serve as Co-PI with an eligible SU faculty PI • Possess required resources • Complete necessary compliance training and adhere to SU, USM, state, and sponsor regulations

## **E. Exceptions to PI Eligibility**

SU may grant PI status in exceptional cases (e.g., adjuncts, visiting faculty, staff, or graduate students). Requests must: • Include a written justification submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research • Be endorsed by the academic Dean when applicable • Undergo review by the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research • Be communicated by OSP to requesters and appropriate Deans Appeals may be made to the Provost.