

Statement of Principal Investigator Eligibility

When Centenary College of Louisiana submits proposals to external sponsors and accepts awards for sponsored projects, the institution assumes significant financial and legal obligations. Sponsors fund projects based in part on the professional expertise of the Principal Investigators or approved Project Director (hereinafter referred to simply as "PI") submitting a proposal; however, the formal award is made to, and the obligations are assumed by, Centenary College. Under the general oversight and authority of Centenary College, the title of PI identifies the individual responsible for the conduct of the project. This responsibility includes the intellectual conduct of the project, technical compliance, completion of the programmatic work, fiscal stewardship of sponsor funds, and compliance with administrative requirements of the project. For these reasons, PIs must have a reasonable prospect of long-term employment at Centenary College.

The following Statement of Principal Investigator Eligibility provides institutional requirements for individuals who may serve as a PI on an externally sponsored project at Centenary College. Exceptions to this policy may be made only with the prior approval of the appropriate Cabinet member. PI eligibility status must be met at the time of the grant application, unless specifically permitted by the published guidelines of the funding mechanism, or the application is accompanied by a letter from the appropriate Cabinet member specifying that the applicant will be eligible as a PI at the time of award.

Any full-time member of the Centenary faculty or staff may be identified as a PI for sponsored activities. Visiting or adjunct faculty wishing to serve as PIs must have a term of appointment equal to or in excess of the project period of the proposed grant.

In some cases, a sponsoring agency may have restrictions on who may serve as a PI on a particular project or program that are more restrictive than the Centenary College policy. As warranted, the cognizant Cabinet member will review circumstances on a case-by-case basis to ensure that restrictions are followed and allow exceptions as appropriate.

Individuals allowed to serve as PI on sponsored activities are required to comply with Centenary College's business practices, policies, and procedures.