



PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ELIGIBILITY POLICY

This Policy defines eligibility requirements and responsibilities of principal investigators (PI), co-principal investigators (Co-PI) and project directors (PD), each defined below, relative to CBU academic projects funded by external sources.

Grants, contracts, and other types of awards from external sources that support sponsored projects at CBU are legally binding agreements between sponsors and CBU. When CBU accepts a sponsored project award, CBU becomes legally responsible and accountable to the sponsor for compliance with terms and conditions of the award and with all applicable laws and regulations. Therefore, the PI is responsible to CBU for the overall management and conduct of the project.

To ensure that it can meet its contractual obligations to a sponsor, CBU limits eligibility of PI, Co-PI, or PD status to full-time tenure-track faculty members. Therefore only CBU full-time faculty tenure-track members are eligible to serve as PIs, Co-PIs or PDs on proposals submitted to any outside funding agency in support of research, training, or other sponsored activities.

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

Principal Investigator (PI): A principal investigator is a CBU full-time tenure-track faculty member who is responsible for conduct of a research, training, or service project supported by externally funded projects. The principal investigator is the primary researcher and must personally participate in the project to a significant degree.

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI): A CBU full-time tenure-track faculty member who is responsible for a portion of the design, scientific/technical/administrative conduct, or reporting of a research, training, or service project supported by externally funded projects.

Project Director (PD): A project director is a CBU full-time tenure-track faculty member who is the head of a training or service project. This title is equivalent to that of a Principal Investigator.

For questions related to this policy, please contact the Director of Research Initiatives at (951) 343-4827 or via email at ORI@calbaptist.edu.