**Principal Investigator Eligibility Policy**

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 The college requires the following criteria for Principal Investigator (PI) eligibility on a sponsored project proposal:

1. CU Denver regular faculty (job code series 1100), clinical track faculty (job code series 1200), and research faculty (job codes series 1300) with a currently active appointment at the level of Instructor or above are eligible to be a PI on a sponsored project proposal.
2. The faculty member must have a requirement of conducting research as part of their offer letter.
3. The faculty member is expected to be on active payroll at the time of proposal submission and during the entire period of the grant performance.

Should a faculty member or any other member of the college who does not meet these criteria wish to submit a proposal for sponsored research, two options are available:

1. The faculty member can collaborate with another faculty member who does meet the criteria to serve as PI on the proposal, while the faculty member who does not meet the criteria may serve as co-PI or as senior personnel. The intent is that the collaboration is real, meaningful, and reflected in the research outcomes.
2. The faculty member may petition the dean of the college with reasons and evidence as to why they are a viable candidate for PI eligibility for a particular sponsored project proposal.