Policy Title: Requirements for University of Nevada, Reno Principal Investigators

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Individuals meeting the following criteria may serve as a principal investigator (PI) for grants, contracts, and/or research protocols involving animals, human subjects, recombinant DNA and biological agents at the University of Nevada, Reno (University or UNR) when such individuals are deemed to possess the requisite training, skill, commitment and expertise:

1. Faculty at the University with renewable appointments as defined in the University Administrative Manual (UAM) Section 2,511.

2. Postdoctoral Fellows at the University as defined in the University Administrative Manual (UAM) Section 2,636 with a supervising faculty, as defined in number 1, included on the transmittal in InfoEd.

3. Visiting faculty or scientists during the time they are on the University payroll.

4. Full-time classified staff at the University, with signature approval from the appropriate dean and the vice president for research and innovation. To request such approval, complete a Request for Approval to Serve as Principal Investigator for Sponsored Project form, obtain the requisite signatures and submit the signed original to the research compliance program manager.

5. Emeritus faculty in residence at the University who wish to continue their research programs, with signature approval from the appropriate dean and the vice president for research and innovation. To request such approval, complete a Request for Approval to Serve as Principal Investigator for Sponsored Project form, obtain the requisite signatures and submit the signed original to the research compliance program manager.

6. Students submitting applications for which the funding agency requires a student to be the sole PI and the application to be submitted through the institution, with approval from the appropriate dean and vice president for research and innovation. To request such approval, complete a Request for Approval to Serve as Principal Investigator for Sponsored Project form, obtain the requisite signature, and submit the original to the research compliance program manager. A full-time faculty member must serve as mentor or faculty advisor.
Individuals who are not eligible to serve as PI include the following:

1. Adjunct faculty who are not emeritus faculty.
2. Emeritus faculty who are not in residence at UNR.
3. Letters of appointment.
4. Temporary faculty.

The vice president for research and innovation retains the right to reject, suspend or remove any proposed PI or co-investigator(s) in applications for externally sponsored funding.