

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH BOARD
and
OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION
Principal Investigator Qualification by Rank

RANK	QUALIFIES AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR / CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	REQUIRES SPECIAL URB APPROVAL
MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY		
President and Academic Officers	X	
Professor	X	
Associate Professor	X	
Assistant Professor	X	
Instructor	X (Full-time only)	
Lecturer with rank of Professor	X (Full-time only)	
Lecturer	X (Full-time only)	
Lecturer with Continuing Appointment	X (Full-time only)	
Senior Lecturer	X (Full-time only)	
All other faculty / visiting faculty ranks		X

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH STAFF		
Professional Research Staff – CAMPUS		
Senior Research _____ (by discipline, i.e. Chemist, Engineer, Physicist, etc.)	X	
Research Scholar/Research _____ (by discipline, i.e. Chemist, Engineer, Physicist, etc.)	X	
Associate Research Scholars *	X *	
Professional Research Staff – PPPL		
Principal Research Physicist, Senior Managing	X	
Principal Research Physicist, Managing	X	
Principal Research Physicist	X	
Research Physicist	X	
All other research staff ranks–Campus or PPPL		X

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING STAFF–PPPL		
Senior Managing Engineer	X	
Managing Engineer	X	
Principal Engineer	X	
Senior Engineer	X	

PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL STAFF		
Senior Professional Specialist	X **	
All other tech. staff ranks – Campus or PPPL		X

VISITING PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH STAFF		X
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* If graduate students are involved in the project, a faculty member or other individual authorized to supervise graduate students must fulfill the appropriate advising responsibilities. The submitting department is obligated to assure compliance with this policy.

** If the appointing department specifically requests PI status at the time the appointment/promotion request is presented to the C/7, and it is approved by the C/7, these individuals may serve as PI or co-PI without special URB approval. In all other situations, special URB approval must be requested / obtained.