



## POLICY ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission (Commission) grants funds to academic institutions, government agencies, and private corporations through research contracts. A Principal Investigator (PI) for each research project must be designated; the PI must be a permanent employee of the institution receiving the funds who can be held accountable for ensuring the work is completed as outlined in the contract.

For this reason, the Commission does not permit post-doctoral researchers or Ph.D. students to serve as PIs on projects unless the contracted institution has its own policy that provides accountability for post-doctoral researchers or Ph.D. students as PIs, and the institution assumes full responsibility for ensuring completion and delivery of contract deliverables. Master's students are not eligible to serve as PIs in any situation.

If requested by the Commission, PIs may be required to produce documentation of official institution policies.

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