

## Who can be granted the Principal Investigator role in IRISS?

### Current Faculty Members

The University of Calgary only permits faculty members to be granted Principal Investigator (PI) access in the IRISS application.

### Other Appointments

Faculty members whose appointment does not include research responsibilities, e.g., Sessional Instructor, Clinical Lecturer, should confirm with their Department Head/Dean that they are able to conduct research.

For short-term appointments, you may only be granted PI status if your appointment is longer than 6 months unless you are able to confirm one of the following:

- research will be completed prior to the end of your appointment; or
- you are in the process of obtaining an extension to your appointment.

### Trainees

## Can a trainee (students, postdoctoral scholars) be granted PI status on an ethics application?

Trainees, including undergraduate and graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars, are not eligible to be named as PI on an ethics application. This is standard practice at Canadian universities.

The Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS2) defines Principal Investigator as: “The researcher who is responsible for the ethical conduct of the research, and for the actions of any member of the research team at a local site.”

Additionally, trainees lack authority, experience, and a long-term affiliation with the University, which limits their ability to independently manage a research project involving human participants.

### External Researchers

Researchers external to the university may be granted PI status, on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to the REB for further information.