

CALS Policy Regarding Limited PI Status/Zero-dollar Appointees

Undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, visiting professors and visiting academic staff are not eligible to apply for Limited PI status. For these individuals, it is suggested that an appropriate faculty member serve as PI; the student, postdoctoral or visiting scholar can be listed as Co-Investigator. Exceptions will be granted when the “visiting” title is temporary pending resolution of a visa issue.

An anticipated change in status to Limited PI requires approval by the department/center and then by the Dean or Dean’s designee prior to the submission of a Limited PI status request, and should be documented in a brief memo on the Limited PI Status form accompanying the transmittal. The assumption implicit in this submission is that departments have had conversations within the unit that cover

- office and laboratory space that might be needed for the project
- personnel and fiscal management
- expectations of other departmental support needed.

On the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee (11/15/04), those with CALS unfunded appointments in titles otherwise eligible for Limited PI status are treated differently. For Limited PI status in CALS, those in titles such as researcher or scientist without a funded appointment (zero-dollar), will need to be listed as co-investigators. Those with funded appointments, even with small percentages, will be considered for Limited PI status following departmental considerations and recommendation.