GW Policy on Principal Investigators

GW requires that individuals who will serve as the principal investigator (PI) of human subjects research (HSR) studies meet certain criteria. Only the following individuals may serve as PIs of HSR studies reviewed by the GW IRBs.

- Regular service Faculty member
  - Full Professor
  - Assistant Professor
  - Associate Professor
  - Research Scientists
  - Research Professors

The following may not serve as PI
- GW Staff not holding a Faculty appointment
- Limited service Faculty
  - Lecturers
  - Adjunct
  - Professor Emeritus
- Residents
- Fellows
- Clinical Professors
- Students
  - Undergraduate students
  - Masters students
  - Doctoral candidates

Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Associate Vice President of Research Integrity and Compliance for non-sponsored research, or the Associate Vice President for Research for Sponsored Research.

Please see the Policy on Principal Investigator Responsibilities (HRP-004) for a description of PI responsibilities.