1. PURPOSE
   1.1. This policy states who may serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) of human subjects research reviewed by the GW IRBs.

2. POLICY
   2.1. Only Regular Service Faculty Members may serve as PIs of human subjects research studies reviewed by the GW IRBs, including:
      2.1.1.1. Full Professor;
      2.1.1.2. Assistant Professor;
      2.1.1.3. Associate Professor;
      2.1.1.4. Research Scientists;
      2.1.1.5. Research Professors.
   2.2. The following may not serve as PI:
      2.2.1.1. GW Staff not holding a Faculty appointment;
      2.2.1.2. Limited service Faculty;
                2.2.1.2.1. Lecturers;
                2.2.1.2.2. Adjunct;
                2.2.1.2.3. Professor Emeritus.
      2.2.1.3. Residents;
      2.2.1.4. Fellows;
      2.2.1.5. Clinical Professors;
      2.2.1.6. Students;
                2.2.1.6.1. Undergraduate students;
                2.2.1.6.2. Masters students;
                2.2.1.6.3. Doctoral candidates.
   2.3. In order to request a PI exception for an individual not meeting the definition of a Regular Service Faculty Member, a completed and signed PI Exception Form (HRP-207) must be submitted with the IRB application for which the individual is requesting to serve as PI.
      2.3.1. HRP-207 must be accompanied by the proposed PI’s CV, letter of appointment, and any additional supporting documents.
      2.3.2. If the completed form with supporting documents is not submitted with the IRB application, the IRB application will be returned.
      2.3.3. The IRB Committee or a Chair Designee will determine if the request is granted.
   2.4. See the Policy on Principal Investigator Responsibilities (HRP-004) for a description of PI responsibilities.