



ICRF Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator Guidelines

Please note the following regarding Principal Investigators and Co-Investigators in ICRF Grants:

1. ICRF Grants allow for only one (1) Principal Investigator (PI).

An ICRF project may only have **one (1) Principal Investigator (PI)**. As stated in the ICRF General Grant Guidelines:

- Only one (1) application per PI will be accepted for each submission deadline.
- An individual may be PI on only one (1) ICRF grant at any given time. Thus, a PI currently funded by ICRF may apply for another ICRF grant only if the start date is after the current funding period ends.

In addition, as stated in the Policies Governing ICRF Project Grants:

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be an established independent researcher who has demonstrated ability to lead a research team, as evident in the Biosketch and Publication Record. The PI is responsible for the scientific direction, integrity, and conduct of the research, including the study design, data management, and timely reporting. Additional Co-Investigators may be named, but it is the PI who is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the research, and all communication with ICRF is to be conducted solely via the PI.

Please note that a researcher with an ongoing ICRF grant maybe be a **co-investigator (Co-I)** in one additional new ICRF grant application. A researcher seeking support may submit their own ICRF grant application (as a PI) and also be listed as a Co-Investigator (Co-I) on one additional Principal Investigator's application. A researcher that is not a recipient of an ICRF grant may be listed as a Co-Investigator on two ICRF grant applications.

2. Distinction Between a Co-Investigator and a Collaborator in an ICRF Grant:

A **Co-Investigator (Co-I)** is a senior researcher and key personnel member who devotes significant, specified effort on a project, contributing broadly to its scientific direction. A **Collaborator** brings unique, distinct expertise (e.g., a specific technique or a specific task) and is involved in project execution, but has less overall project oversight than a Co-I.

3. Inclusion of Co-Investigators in an ICRF Research Professorship Grant application:

An ICRF Research Professorship Grant is an individual-based grant. As the application for a Research Professorship Grant entails applying for a 3-year Project Grant, an applicant may include a Co-Investigator on the Project Grant element. ICRF leaves that to the applicant's discretion. If a researcher who is a co-I on an ICRF grant is then awarded an ICRF Professorship, that status would then need to be revisited before the award is accepted.

For further questions or clarification, please refer to the General Guidelines Governing ICRF Grants or Grant-Specific Policies available on our website and in Proposal Central or contact grants@icrfonline.org.