

POLICY STATEMENT ON PERCENT SALARY FOR PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS PAID EXCLUSIVELY FROM FEDERAL AWARDS

Effective July 1, 2012, Principal Investigators may receive no more than 97% of their salary from federal awards, including federal flow through-funding. This Policy applies to all Principal Investigators whose salary is derived entirely from federal awards. This Policy does not apply to Principal Investigators who receive partial funding from other sources (e.g. State of California, industry, non-profits).

As a result of a review by cognizant federal agencies, the University must ensure that activities that are considered part of a Principal Investigator's institutional responsibilities and that do not directly benefit a Federal award are ineligible for direct support from federal extramural awards.

Academic Research appointees, in series such as Research Scientist, Adjunct Professor and Professor In-Residence; and series such as Project Scientists who are Principal Investigators by exception, shall not charge as part of their institutional base salary for 100% extramurally sponsored research, non-award related activities such as public service, non grant-related administrative duties, grant-writing, peer-review of papers and proposals, etc. during the period of the award. Discretionary fund sources such as core university funds may be used to supplement up to 100% of salary. Non-federal awards may be charged only when there is a corresponding direct benefit to the project for the salary charged.

Business Officers, in conjunction with their respective Deans and/or Chairs, should establish practices that average all activities of the academic research appointees on federally sponsored activities on an annual basis as a means to comply with this policy.

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