

UCSF Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
PI Status Waiver Guidelines
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PI Status Waivers are requested by exception only and require Research Leadership approval. PI Status Waivers are required when people who are not eligible to be PIs per UCSF policy want to apply for grants. For example, Specialists are not PI eligible because this series is for academic appointees who apply their professional expertise to make scientific and scholarly contributions to research led by established investigators. If appropriate to their professional expertise, scientific and scholarly contributions to research, Specialists who seek to apply for extramural support/grants under a PI Status Waiver will be encouraged to pursue a Change in Series (CIS) to Professional Researchers to become PI eligible.

UCSF's policy states that academic appointees in the following title groups are eligible to submit proposals for extramural support:

1. Members of the Academic Senate, including emeriti. The Academic Senate Series includes: Professor (Ladder Rank), Professor In Residence, and Professor of Clinical X.
2. Appointees salaried at 50% or more in the Adjunct, Health Science Clinical Professor, or Professional Research Series.

Additionally, the following people may also apply for extramural support:

- Academic appointees under an affiliation agreement between UCSF and another Institution or Organization, such as Gladstone Institutes and the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center.
- Postdocs, Residents, and Fellows are allowed to apply for individual fellowships and career development awards without a PI Status Waiver. The applicant must have a mentor that has PI Status.

When people who are not PI-eligible want to apply for extramural awards, they are required to obtain the department's approval for a PI Status Waiver in advance of developing a proposal with RMS. The department will consider PI Status Waivers only under very extraordinary circumstances. The department's customary practice will be to encourage Specialists to pursue a CIS to the Professional Research Series as per above.