



Definitions

Co-Investigator

An individual involved with the PD/PI in the scientific development or execution of a project. The Co-Investigator is usually employed by or affiliated with WU or one of our consortiums. A Co-Investigator typically devotes a specified percentage of time to the project and is considered Key Personnel (Biosketches required). The designation of a Co-Investigator does not imply a multiple PD/PI project.

Collaborator

The role type “Collaborator” is not a standard role used by the NIH, but it is an option if the PI does not wish to use the OSC role to describe an individual. If used, this role is typically a WU employee with no effort (very rarely would this role have effort). Collaborators may be considered Key Personnel, in which case Biosketches would be required.

Consultant

An individual who provides professional advice or services for a fee, but is usually not a WU employee. (In unusual situations, an individual may be both a consultant and an employee, receiving compensation for some services as a consultant and for other work as a salaried employee. Please see Emily if this is the case.) Consultants also include firms that provide professional advice or services. Paid consultants must establish written guidelines indicating the conditions of payment of consulting fees (see Emily for these forms). Consultants are considered Key Personnel (Biosketches required).

Co-PI

The role type, “Co-PI” is no longer used by the NIH. Someone being considered for this role should be considered 1) a PI (Multi-PI project rules apply) or 2) a Co-Investigator.

Key Personnel

The PD/PI and other individuals who contribute to the scientific development or execution of a project in a substantive, measurable way, whether or not they request salaries or compensation.

Mentor

This role is reserved for Mentors of Fellows on Fellows’ grant applications. Mentors usually have no effort but are considered Key Personnel (Biosketches required).

Other Significant Contributors (OSCs)

Individuals who have committed to contribute to the scientific development or execution of the project, but are not committing any measurable effort to the project. OSCs are typically presented at “effort of zero person months” but are still considered Key Personnel (Biosketches required). *Individuals with measurable effort may not be listed as Other Significant Contributors.*

PD/PI

The individual(s) designated by WU to have the appropriate level of authority and responsibility to direct the project or program to be supported by the award. We may designate multiple individuals as PD/Pis who share the authority and responsibility for leading and directing the project, intellectually and logistically. When multiple PD/Pis are named, each is responsible and accountable to WU or to a collaborating organization for the proper conduct of the project or program including the submission of all required reports. The presence of more than one PD/PI on an application or award diminishes neither the responsibility nor the accountability of any individual PD/PI.

Contact PD/PI

When multiple PIs are designated, NIH requires that WU identify one of the PD/Pis as the Contact PD/PI to serve as a primary point of contact. *Serving as Contact PD/PI confers no special authorities or responsibilities within the project team.*