

National Institutes of Health Multiple Principal Investigator

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Multiple Principal Investigator (PI) model is targeted to accommodate team-based science and recognized the contributions of team members for projects that do not fit the traditional single Principal Investigator/Project Director (PI/PD) model. The Multiple PI model does not replace the traditional single PI/PD model.

NIH Links

[NIH Multiple PI Site](#)

UAccess Research Proposal Document: All University of Arizona PIs will approve the online UAccess Research Proposal when the application is routed. The Contact PI should be listed as PI/Contact in the UAccess Research Proposal.

Award documents with multiple PIs will have a list of all PIs. Sponsored Projects Services' preaward section will obtain a revised UAccess Research Proposal if the award list includes names not previously listed on the proposal. They will review and keep a copy of the leadership plan with each proposal that lists multiple PIs.

The NIH specifically states that being named Contact PI does not imply any particular role within the leadership team other than being responsible for communication. The UA will treat the Contact PI as the communication lead, and the responsible person on the parent account. The other PIs will be responsible persons on their subaccount(s), if any.