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To: SMPH CASI

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To be certain that individuals are aware of the relevant requirements and application procedures, I refer you to the campus policy regarding Permanent PI status (https://research.wisc.edu/respolcomp/pistatus/). This policy states that "Applications approved by the department or center shall be transmitted to the relevant School/College Dean for review and signature, and then to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Policy c/o Peggy Ziebarth.” In the SMPH, applications are submitted to and reviewed by the Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research, Biotechnology and Graduate Studies, currently Dr. Richard Moss (RLMoss@wisc.edu).

The qualifications for Permanent PI status are described in detail on the page accessed via the above link. The review of applications in my office focuses on the achievements of the applicant, as listed on that page, and evidence of promise for sustaining research productivity. In practice, successful applicants will have fulfilled the research accomplishment in item (I) under Criteria for Principal Investigator (PI) Status described in the campus policy, listed below.

I. successfully served at least twice as a Principal Investigator on nationally or internationally competitive grants and/or contracts awarded to and carried out to completion at UW–Madison (competitive renewals meet the criteria for two grants), or
II. successfully served at least once as Principal Investigator on a nationally or internationally competitive grant and/or contract having a duration of 5 years or more, or
III. secured and successfully administered at least 2 grants or contracts that are not nationally competitive but which show other compelling evidence of high achievement and recognition in his/her discipline.

The School of Medicine and Public Health does confer PI status to individuals who fulfill campus and SMPH requirements. There is no policy either written or in practice that prohibits such an action.