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Dear CDF Stakeholder:

We have recently been asked the following question, and felt it would be useful to share the answer with all Stakeholders:

Q: Can you please confirm whether, as in previous years, a faculty member can be a PI on their own grant and a Resident grant?

A: This is a question that we debated at some length, but at least for this year with the new 2-year grants system, a faculty member can be a PI on one and only one grant. Thus, if a resident wishes to submit a grant, they would need to find another faculty member to be the PI on their grant—that is, a PI who is not themselves planning to submit *their own* grant. This may not be ideal but one of the goals was to achieve an outcome of ‘one PI, one two-year grant’.

Also (as you will see on the revised application form) we wanted to eliminate any ambiguity about the question: "On a resident-initiated grant application, who is actually the PI?" by having the PI's (i.e. faculty-member's) name always stated on the very first line of the application, no matter if it is a resident-initiated grant or a more usual faculty-initialed grant.

We recognize that in making changes to the grants program there may be some ‘growing pains’, and it may not be possible to satisfy all stakeholders on the first iteration. Again, we would welcome any comments and feedback that you might have.

Yours sincerely,

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