



## Great Lakes Fishery Commission

### Great Lakes Fishery Commission New Investigator Criteria – (You must meet all 5)

1. New investigators must be the Principal Investigator on the proposal, not a co-investigator.
2. New investigators are full-time employees who have been employed for less than or equal to 3 years at an institution within the Great Lakes basin or are researchers at institutions outside the Great Lakes basin.
3. New investigators may NOT be employed as graduate students.
4. New investigators may NOT have received funding directly from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission for previous research totaling more than \$20,000 USD.
5. New investigators may NOT have received two awards or more from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission as a new investigator.

### What does it mean to be a new investigator?

Proposals submitted by new investigators are evaluated by the same criteria as other proposals and compete for the same funds. Identifying new investigators serves three main purposes: 1) it is an administrative tool the Commission uses to gauge effectiveness in expanding the Great Lakes research community. The research board and the Commission desire in every project cycle to bring in new investigators to the funding stream. 2) Commission staff and review board members try to connect new investigators to existing resources and established research programs to facilitate communication among new and established researchers. 3.) Commission staff and review board members actively work with new investigators to improve unsuccessful applications for future resubmissions with the goal of a funded proposal.

