

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON RESIDENT AND FELLOW PARTICIPATION IN IAI-FUNDED PROJECTS

Residents and fellows enrolled in Graduate Medical Education (GME) training positions at OSF may participate in Innovation Academic Incubator (IAI)-funded projects, provided they meet all eligibility criteria and institutional requirements. Their participation is subject to the following conditions:

1. Principal Investigator (PI) Eligibility:

- Fellows are eligible to serve as the PI on IAI-funded projects only if they provide a letter on institutional letterhead from their program or fellowship director confirming sufficient release from clinical responsibilities throughout the funding period to lead and administer all aspects of the project.
- Residents may not serve as the PI but may participate in a leadership capacity under the supervision of an eligible faculty member.

2. Mentorship Requirements:

- Residents and fellows serving as key personnel on an IAI-funded project must have a faculty mentor who meets PI eligibility criteria.
- The mentor is responsible for overseeing project execution, ensuring feasibility given the trainee's clinical commitments, and providing necessary guidance on project administration and reporting.

3. Time Release & Clinical Commitments:

- All applicants in GME roles must demonstrate adequate time release from clinical duties to fulfill the expectations of the funded project.
- The time release commitment must be documented and approved by the GME program leadership prior to grant submission.

4. Salary & Compensation Restrictions:

- Residents and fellows may not receive salary or stipend support from IAI funding.
- However, project funds may be used to support research expenses, educational resources, and travel directly related to the project.

5. Additional Considerations:

- Participation in an IAI-funded project must not interfere with ACGME duty hour restrictions or clinical education requirements.
- All applications involving GME trainees must be reviewed for feasibility by the relevant OSF GME leadership prior to submission.

This policy ensures that GME trainees have meaningful opportunities to contribute to innovation projects while maintaining compliance with institutional and accreditation standards.