

**COPING WITH DEATH OR DISABILITY OF A
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI)**

POLICY

In the event of death or incapacitating disability of a principal investigator who is responsible for a research program at Western, it is imperative that Research Development & Services be notified immediately in order to ensure compliance with granting agency or contract regulations.

Affected individuals (laboratory personnel including trainees) should be informed of the consequences on their work and/or employment status and arrangements should be made as soon as possible for alternate supervision of personnel. Such arrangements should be decided at the level of the department or school, with the knowledge and approval of the Dean or Associate Dean (Research) of the Faculty.

Where a major installation or research facility is involved, a management plan should be in place that includes identification in advance of an interim PI who can take on leadership of the research in the event the original PI must be replaced.

RD&S Contact: Grants & Contracts Facilitator ext 84503

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