Roles/Areas of responsibility of the Principal Investigators (PIs)

PIs’ discretion with the following exceptions:
- where human subject or vertebrate animal research are involved, one PI will be the responsible PI of record for the compliance committees; and
- One PI will be the Contact PI for NIH.

Fiscal and management coordination:

PIs’ discretion

Process for making decisions on scientific direction and allocation of resources:

PIs’ discretion

Data sharing and communication among investigators:

PIs’ discretion

Publication and intellectual property (if needed) policies:

Required Language:

*Publication authorship will be based upon the relative scientific contributions of the PIs and key personnel, as is currently handled in any collaboration.*

IP language should not be necessary unless PIs are at multiple institutions since patent ownership is determined by federal law. If there are multiple institutions involved, please contact the Office of Industrial Liaison for guidance since other IP determinations (filing, reporting etc.) must be determined prior to submission.

Procedures for resolving conflicts:

Required Language:

*If a potential conflict develops, the PIs shall meet and attempt to resolve the dispute. If they fail to resolve the dispute, the disagreement will be referred to a multiple PI arbitration committee composed of faculty of MSSM. Any Chairs, Institute Directors or Division Chiefs on the committee must recuse themselves if any of the PIs have appointments in their department, institute, or division, respectively. The committee will be co-chaired by the Deans for Basic Science and Translational Biomedical Research, and all PIs agree that any decisions made will be final and binding.*