

### **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 \$15,000 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. The status of new investigator is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage during the review process. Identifying new investigators serves three main purposes: 1. It is an administrative tool the commission uses to gauge the program 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 commission 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. If the commission must choose between two proposals of equal quality and one is from a new investigator, the new investigator project would likely gain approval for funding.