Recognized Roles for STScI Proposals/Projects

- **Authorizing Official (AO)**: The AO is the individual who is legally responsible to accept grants on behalf of the grantee institution.

- **Certifying Official (CO)**: The CO is the individual responsible for the financial reporting on behalf of the grantee institution.

- **Program Administrative Principal Investigator (Program Admin PI)**: The Program Admin PI is the primary administrative contact for program-related correspondence and has overall fiduciary responsibility for the program.

- **Program Science Principal Investigator (Program Science PI)**: The Program Science PI is responsible for leading the overall investigation, proper conduct of the research, and informing the community of the results.

- **Grant Administrative Principal Investigator (Grant Admin PI)**: The Grant Admin PI has fiduciary responsibility at the grant level, and ensures that grant administrative requirements are met, such as the submission of interim and final performance reports.

- **Grant Science Principal Investigator (Grant Science PI)**: The Grant Science PI is responsible for scientific performance at the grant level.

- **Principal Investigator (PI)**: Generic term for a principal investigator at the program or grant level.

- **Co-Investigator (Co-I)**: Any other individual contributing to the science who is actively involved in the proposal. Co-investigators may or may not receive funding.

- **Senior Faculty**: An individual with teaching responsibilities at an institution.

- **Senior Researcher/Management**: An individual affiliated with an institution who does not teach.

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