

Graduate Faculty Appointment Criteria

Department of Biological Sciences

General Policy

The following are policy statements/criteria for membership on the Graduate Faculty. Faculty members are encouraged to review the University of New Orleans Faculty Handbook and the Graduate Coordinators' Handbook for additional information.

Graduate Faculty status may be granted in one of two categories: Associate Graduate Faculty Membership or Full Graduate Faculty Membership. For recommending candidates for degrees, both Full and Associate Members have voting rights.

Nominations to the Graduate Faculty shall be reserved for faculty who have a history of professional accomplishments which reflect a current familiarity with topics in those areas in which they teach, mentor or supervise graduate students.

Faculty recommended for Graduate Faculty status shall hold the highest degree appropriate to the field.

Each department shall designate whether a faculty member nominated for Associate Membership will be engaged in the supervision of graduate research, service on graduate committees, and/or teaching of graduate-level courses based on the criteria provided herein.

Associate Membership

Associate members of the Graduate Faculty are recommended for terms of one, two, or three years. Associate members can serve as Chair of, or as a member of graduate thesis/dissertation committees as well as teach graduate-level courses.

Requirements for Associate Membership

- Holds a Ph.D.
- Holds academic rank at UNO at the assistant professor level or above, either full-time or adjunct
- Meets the following respective criteria:

A. Criteria for Serving as a Major Professor for Master/Doctoral Study

1. The candidate has demonstrated success in teaching college/university graduate level courses.
2. The candidate has published journal articles, book chapters, monographs in professional publications, or books during the immediate past six-year period.
3. The candidate has demonstrated a commitment to professional development as evidenced by activities such as active participation at professional organizations, professional service, community service, participation on grants and contracts, and final reports to contractors/grantors.

B. Criteria for serving as a Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

1. The candidate has demonstrated success in teaching college/university graduate level courses.
2. The candidate has published journal articles, book chapters or monographs in professional publications for the immediate past six-year period.
3. The candidate has demonstrated a commitment to professional development as evidenced by activities such as active participation at professional organizations, professional service, community service, participation on grants and contracts.

C. Criteria for Teaching Graduate Level Courses

1. The candidate has demonstrated success in teaching college/university undergraduate level courses.
2. The candidate continues to demonstrate a commitment to professional development.
3. The candidate has a satisfactory publication record.

Requirements for Full Membership

- Holds the academic rank at UNO of Associate or Full Professor, with indeterminate tenure.
- Meets or exceeds all the criteria for Associate Member in Part A.

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