

GRADUATE FACULTY

All Graduate Faculty must demonstrate commitment to the academic community, institution, discipline, and students. In addition, they must possess a high level of competence in teaching. At the Full level in particular, the faculty must demonstrate research capability and competence in directing independent investigation. Full membership must be approved by the Graduate Council. Colleges may propose more stringent local standards for membership: these are subject to ratification by the Graduate Council.

Categories and Requirements for Membership

Full Membership

Full members of the Graduate Faculty must meet all of the following:

1. be tenured or on a tenure track on the Texas A&M International faculty.
2. hold the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor.
3. have earned a doctorate or other terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline.
4. produce tangible evidence of continued productive scholarship, as normally defined within the discipline concerned.

Those fixed-term faculty who have a research focus can apply for full-time status on a five-year basis subject to a review of their research qualifications by the Graduate Council.

Full members of the Graduate Faculty are eligible to

1. direct doctoral dissertations, masters' theses, and other graduate research.
2. teach graduate level courses, including doctoral.
3. serve on graduate student committees, including doctoral.
4. sit on the Graduate Council and in that position help set policies for the Graduate School.
5. sit on standing and special committees of the Graduate Council.
6. serve as officers (secretary, etc.) of the Graduate Council.
7. chair standing committees of the Graduate Council.

Appointment to Full membership on the Graduate Faculty is for the duration of the faculty member's employment at Texas A&M International University, unless the faculty member earns below a score of "3" in research and/or teaching on the annual faculty evaluation summary form (e.g., PPE or applicable college evaluation instrument) for 2 consecutive years, in which case the College Dean will notify the Dean of the Graduate School and the faculty member will need to reapply for Full Membership to the Graduate Faculty. If the faculty member does not meet the requirements to serve as a Full member of the Graduate Faculty, they may apply for Temporary Membership.

External Membership

This category is for persons not on the TAMIU faculty.

External Members of the Graduate Faculty must

1. hold a terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline or, if a terminal degree is not held, have demonstrated such a level of distinction in their field as to make the degree irrelevant. In case of such exception, a letter of verification by the person making the nomination should be submitted to such effect.

External members of the Graduate Faculty are eligible to

1. co-chair master's level or doctoral student committees, depending on credentials and certification (ineligible to chair such committees).
2. teach master's level or doctoral courses, depending on credentials and certification.
3. serve on master's level or doctoral student committees, depending on credentials and certification.

Appointment to external membership on the Graduate Faculty is for a term of three academic years and will be subject to re-evaluation at the end of the term. This membership must be approved by the Graduate Council.

Temporary Membership

This category is for those who teach masters-level courses and are not otherwise involved in the departmental graduate programs.

Temporary members of the Graduate Faculty must

1. hold a terminal degree in the teaching discipline or a related discipline.

Temporary members of the Graduate Faculty are eligible to

1. teach master's level courses.
2. serve on master's level student committees as a committee member.

Review of the Temporary member's qualifications for possible advancement to a higher membership category shall be made by the Chair of the Department with the optional assistance of the Full members of the Graduate Faculty in that department. When an advancement appears to be warranted, the Department Chair shall recommend in writing such advancement to the Dean of the Graduate School and shall include a rationale for the recommendation, including tangible evidence of continued productive scholarship, as normally defined within the discipline concerned. College Deans will make this recommendation where Departmental Chairs do not exist.

Appointment to Temporary membership on the Graduate Faculty is for a term of three academic years and will be subject to re-evaluation at the end of the term. This membership needs to be approved only by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Procedures for Nomination to the Graduate Faculty

Nominations are received by the Dean of the Graduate School and kept on file. The Dean of the Graduate School will annually report to the Graduate Council the current membership in each category.

The Graduate Council will act to evaluate nominations which have been questioned. The Graduate Council will also hear complaints from faculty who feel they were not treated fairly in matters of graduate appointment.

The responsibility for keeping records of the terms of the various classes of members and notifying Department Chairs or College Deans of those faculty members up for periodic review or re-nomination will be that of the Dean of the Graduate School.