

Faculty

The *faculty* of the University is defined as full-time members of the academic staff having the rank of instructor or higher (or equivalent ranks).

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIPS

Boyd Professors

Faculty members who are designated as Boyd Professors have attained both national and international distinction for outstanding teaching, research, or other creative achievement. The Boyd Professorship is the *highest professorial rank* awarded by the University.

Alumni Professors

Selection as an Alumni Professor is based on reputation for excellence in instruction, especially in undergraduate teaching; record of active and continuing interest and participation in areas of professor-student relations; dedication to an academic field; and outstanding professional relationships with other faculty and staff members.

LSU Foundation Professors

Like the Boyd Professorship and the Alumni Professorship, LSU Foundation Professorships are University-wide awards. Funded through the generosity of the LSU Foundation, these professorships are awarded by the University in recognition of exemplary distinction in research, scholarship, and the arts.

For a complete and up-to-date list of professorships, please see the Office of Academic Affairs Web site at www.lsu.edu/academicaffairs/faculty.

GRADUATE FACULTY

The *graduate faculty* is composed of members of the teaching, research, and extension faculties who have been so designated by the Chancellor, upon the recommendation of the graduate council acting upon appropriate nominations. Faculty members can qualify, depending on their qualifications, for the following types of graduate faculty membership: full, associate, research affiliate, or professional affiliate.

Full Member

Privileges and Responsibilities

- Determine policies of the Graduate School.
- Engage in all graduate education activities.
- Nominate faculty for membership on the graduate faculty.
- Chair a thesis or dissertation committee.

Terms and Criteria

- Newly appointed associate professors with tenure or tenure track in units offering work for graduate credit are normally appointed to a seven-year full member term.
- Newly appointed full professors with tenure or tenure track in units offering work for graduate credit are normally appointed to a seven-year full member term.
- Full professors extended full membership following a seven-year term will normally be extended permanent full member status.
- Full members of the graduate faculty must possess the highest degree appropriate to the field or unquestionable evidence of comparable achievement in the field.
- To maintain graduate faculty status full members must demonstrate a current and sustained record of scholarly or creative activities indicated by publications in recognized journals in the field, books, and exhibitions of performances.

Associate Member

Privileges and Responsibilities

- Engage in all graduate education activities.
- Chair a thesis or dissertation committee.

Terms and Criteria

- Newly appointed tenure-track assistant professors in units offering work for graduate credit are normally appointed to a non-renewable, six-year associate member term.
- Faculty members with at least seven years in rank as associate professor or full professor who do not maintain full membership may be eligible for a renewable, three-year associate member term in units offering work for graduate credit.
- Faculty members who hold the rank of adjunct assistant professor, adjunct associate professor, or adjunct full professor in a unit offering work for graduate credit are only eligible for a renewable, three-year associate member term.
- Associate members of the graduate faculty must possess the highest degree appropriate to the field or unquestionable evidence of comparable achievement in the field.
- To maintain graduate faculty status associate members must demonstrate a current and sustained record of scholarly or creative activities indicated by publications in recognized journals in the field, books, and exhibitions or performances.

Research Affiliate Member

Privileges and Responsibilities

- May serve as a member of thesis and dissertation committees but may not chair except by permission of the dean of the Graduate School.
- May engage in instructional activities at the masters and doctoral level.

Terms and Criteria

- Individuals nominated for research affiliate may be appointed to a renewable, three-year term.
 - Research affiliate membership is available to individuals whose appointments reside in units not offering work for graduate credit or whose appointments are not tenure track.
 - Research affiliate members must possess the highest degree appropriate to the field or unquestionable evidence of comparable achievement in the field.
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- To maintain graduate faculty status research affiliate members must demonstrate a current and sustained record of scholarly or creative activities indicated by publications in recognized journals in the field, books, and exhibitions or performances.

Professional Affiliate Member

Privileges and Responsibilities

- May engage in instructional activities at the masters level.
- May not engage in instructional activities at the doctoral level except by permission of the dean of the Graduate School.
- May serve as a member of thesis committees but may not normally chair except by permission of the dean of the Graduate School.

Terms and Criteria

- Individuals nominated for professional affiliate by units offering work for graduate credit may be appointed to a renewable, three-year term based on evidence of expertise or knowledge that is directly relevant and applicable to the professional program in which the individuals will be teaching.
- Expertise is defined in terms of *recent* activities recognized by the focal area as indicative of excellence. Appropriate indicators may include but are not limited to: terminal degrees in focal or relevant areas; professional certification; licensure; diplomas, or record of professional practice; and demonstrated professional excellence through performances, exhibitions, presentations, professional publications, or national awards.
- Normally, a person who is eligible for full or associate graduate faculty status is ineligible for professional affiliate status.
- Individuals whose professional activities are a function of their LSU employment are normally ineligible for professional affiliate status.

For a complete and up-to-date list of graduate faculty members, please see the Graduate School Web site at www.lsu.edu/gradschoolfaculty.
