

Graduate Faculty  
Appointment and Reappointment  
Criteria and Standards  
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I. Levels of Membership

The Physics Department will recognize 2 levels of membership on the Graduate Faculty.

The responsibilities for Physics Department Graduate Faculty members at Level 2 and Level 1 are as follows:

- Level 2:   a.) Teach at the 6000, 7000 and 8000 level  
              b.) Serve and direct masters advisory committees  
              c.) Serve and direct doctoral committees.
- Level 1:   a.) Teach at the 6000, 7000 and 8000 level  
              b.) Serve and direct masters advisory committees  
              c.) Serve on doctoral committees

II. Criteria and Standards for Initial Appointment and Reappointment

A person will become a member of the Graduate Faculty upon recommendation by the Graduate School when the following criteria are satisfied as verified by the Department Head

Level 2

1. A Level 2 member must have a research-based doctoral degree, usually a Ph.D. or an Sc.D., in physics or a closely related discipline. If this degree is not held, exceptional achievement is expected in research or other relevant creative activity that establishes the faculty member as a recognized authority or leader in physics. In these unusual cases, determination of exceptional achievement will be made at the time of hire by faculty vote as provided by Physics Department By-Laws.
2. A Level 2 member must have a faculty appointment at the rank of assistant professor or higher.
3. A Level 2 member must have published or have had accepted for publication at least three research articles in referred journals.

### Level 1

1. A Level 1 member must have a research-based doctoral degree, usually a Ph.D. or an Sc.D., in physics or a closely related discipline. If this degree is not held exceptional achievement is expected in research or other relevant creative activity that establishes the member as a recognized authority or leader in physics. In these unusual cases, determination of exceptional achievement will be made by the Department Head.
2. A faculty appointment is not required for Level 1 membership. This allows for visiting faculty and research associates to teach graduate level courses in their area of expertise.
3. A Level 1 member must have published or have had accepted for publication at least three research articles in referred journals.

Reappointment as a member of the Graduate Faculty at both Level 1 and Level 2 in the Physics Department requires that the member have published or have had accepted for publication at least three research articles in referred journals.

### III. Term of Appointment

The length of term on the Graduate Faculty at both Level 1 and Level 2 in the Physics Department is seven (7) years.

### IV. Procedures for Nomination: Initial Appointment and Reappointment

Initial Appointment: A faculty member will be considered for Graduate Faculty membership during the hiring search. It is expected that anyone selected for a tenure-track faculty position will meet the criteria for Graduate Faculty status.

Reappointment: The Department Head will review all faculty every seven years to see if they meet the requirements of membership on the Graduate Faculty and then advise the Graduate School that they be recommended for approval.

Exceptions to the above criteria, responsibilities, and reappointment procedure in individual cases will be made only by a majority vote of the Graduate Faculty in the Physics Department.