Graduate Faculty

Faculty who excel in scholarship, teaching, and research are essential for graduate education. The title of Graduate Faculty recognizes the particular professorial role in graduate education.

At Eastern Washington University, the Graduate Faculty are responsible for conducting graduate education. Faculty members are eligible for recommendation for Graduate Faculty status if they:

1. Have demonstrated competence in teaching, scholarship, research or artistic creation, and/or skills appropriate to the faculty member's special field within the four-year period preceding the nomination; and
2. Hold an earned doctorate, or hold a degree other than the doctorate recognized by the faculty in their academic department as a terminal or professional degree.

Graduate Faculty Status

Graduate Faculty status is required to teach graduate courses, direct master’s theses, chair graduate committees, serve as a second member of a graduate committee, or serve as a field supervisor.

To attain Graduate Faculty status, the faculty member must be recommended through the appropriate departmental procedure, which may be more restrictive. The departmental standards and procedures used for recommending faculty for Graduate Faculty status must be approved by the appropriate college or school dean and be on file with the Office of Graduate Studies as a component of the department and/or college plan. These procedures should include the procedures to be followed within a department or a college or school to revoke Graduate Faculty status. The departmental standards and procedures within a college or school normally should be consistent across departments. The department forwards the list of recommended faculty along with a curriculum vitae and other requested documentation for each recommended faculty member to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The Graduate Faculty Review Committee of the Graduate Affairs Council, which consists of the Policy Development and Review Committee except for the Dean of Graduate Studies and the graduate student member, will evaluate the faculty recommended for Graduate Faculty status and forward a recommendation to the Dean of Graduate Studies. The Dean of Graduate Studies will review all evidence submitted and approve appointments to the Graduate Faculty.

A faculty member who is denied Graduate Faculty status by either the department or program, college or school, Graduate Faculty Review Committee, or the Dean of Graduate Studies can request a review by the Graduate Faculty Review Committee and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Appointments to the Graduate Faculty are reviewed every four years. Part-time and adjunct faculty must follow the above procedures on an annual basis.

The Dean of Graduate Studies has authority to review exceptions to the criteria and grant status to the applicant if a proven benefit to the department is demonstrated in the department’s recommendation.

Exemptions

Faculty who are endorsed by their departmental colleagues as having unique qualifying skills or experience needed by the department can be recommended as exemptions to this policy by the department chair to teach graduate courses, serve as a second or third member of a graduate committee, or serve as a field supervisor. The faculty that receive these exemptions can perform the listed duties but are not considered Graduate Faculty. Faculty receiving exemptions are reviewed every four years.

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