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## GRADUATE FACULTY STATUS POLICY

Department of Family and Child Sciences

### Definition of Graduate Faculty Status

Membership in the Graduate faculty authorizes faculty to teach all graduate level courses, to sit on all graduate level committees, to chair all graduate student dissertation committees, and to participate fully in all components of graduate education, research, and service. Limitation or removal of any of these authorizations from individual GFS faculty is delegated to the unit level authority where such assignments are made.

To obtain graduate faculty status (GFS), they must be a tenured or tenure-earning faculty member, meeting the following nomination criteria:

An earned doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher learning; proven expertise in the teaching area; and demonstrated research activity as evidenced by peer reviewed publication. Applicants initiate the process through an application to the department chair (Appendix). The department chair then calls for a department vote among the faculty holding GFS. Approval at this level requires a 2/3 majority vote of the department faculty holding GFS. The nomination is then forwarded for approval to the Dean of the College and the Dean of The Graduate School.

### **Limitations/Restrictions:**

Faculty holding GFS are expected to actively engage in graduate education through teaching, mentoring and research supervision. They should show evidence of research-based scholarship and/or creative work resulting in peer-reviewed publications or equivalent work.

GFS faculty will be reviewed annually by the Department Chairperson. If a faculty member does not meet the expectations for GFS, GFS status will not be granted. A faculty member holding GFS status may be restricted from engaging in certain aspects of graduate education by the department chairperson or dean of the college.

**Appendix**

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE FACULTY STATUS**  
Department of Family and Child Sciences  
**FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

1. An earned doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.

INSTITUTION	DEGREE DATE	AWARDED MAJOR FIELD
_____	_____	_____
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2. Demonstrated research activity as evidenced by peer review publications in ranked journals. Attach a list of publications and reprints of no more than six significant publications.

3. An endorsement of the application by at least two-thirds of the GFS faculty of the department.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL TO BE AFFIXED BELOW**

Faculty Department Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_