

Graduate Interdisciplinary Program (GIDP) in Neuroscience

Criteria for Membership in the Graduate Faculty for the Neuroscience Graduate Program¹

A. Prologue:

- 1 As specified in UHAP Policy 3.1.04:

Members of the graduate faculty have special privileges and obligations within graduate education, especially related to thesis, dissertation and other culminating capstone project committee roles and membership, as well as graduate student advising and mentorship. Graduate faculty membership is automatically granted to tenured and tenure-track faculty and continuing-status and eligible academic professionals with faculty titles and may be granted selectively to career track faculty or others. The Graduate College, in coordination with the academic colleges and programs, oversees the criteria, processes, and procedures related to the granting, review, and in rare cases of unacceptable performance, the remediation or removal of graduate faculty membership to ensure the quality of graduate programs and delivery of graduate education

- 2 The Graduate College policies governing graduate faculty membership are set out here: <https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/graduate-faculty-policy>
- 3 Members of the Graduate Faculty are expected to maintain the “Responsibilities of Graduate Faculty”, as outlined in section 4.1 of the Graduate College policy.

B. Criteria for membership in the Graduate Faculty in the GIDP

The GIDP in Neuroscience recognizes a distinction between a broad-based community of neuroscience researchers with overlapping interests who benefit from campus-wide program activities (“Affiliated Faculty”), and the specific roles of UA faculty who run this GIDP and mentor its students (“Core GIDP Faculty”). Both membership types, but especially the GIDP Faculty category, have specific criteria and expectations.

To become a member of the Core Neuroscience GIDP faculty, the following criteria must be met:

¹ The policies set out in this document do not apply to special members, retired faculty without emeritus status and other faculty who have resigned as well as to academic experts who are not employees of the University of Arizona. For information on how these categories of potential committee members are may be included on committees, see section 1.2 of <https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/graduate-faculty-policy>

- i. Appointment to a tenure-track, tenured, continuing status, or career track faculty position at the University of Arizona.
- ii. Have an active research program in a neuroscience or neuroscience-related field (broadly defined) through which to supervise and mentor doctoral students (e.g., offer lab rotations and serve as major advisor).
- iii. Indication of willingness to participate in GIDP activities including recruiting, teaching, and GIDP committee work per written statement to the program Chair.
- iv. Research seminar presentation to Neuroscience community.
- v. Positive vote of Neuroscience GIDP faculty.
- vi. Meet expectations of membership.

C. Criteria for the endorsement to chair a Doctoral Committee.²

The following additional criteria are used to determine if a member of the Graduate Faculty in the GIDP in Neuroscience has the endorsement to chair doctoral committees. Faculty with the endorsement to chair doctoral committees are expected to maintain the responsibilities outlined in section 4.4 of the Graduate College policy.

- All members of the Graduate Faculty in the Neuroscience GIDP who have participated on at least one doctoral committee and are not the Major Advisor of the respective student shall have the endorsement to chair the doctoral committee.

See also section 1.1.5 of <https://grad.arizona.edu/policies/academic-policies/graduate-faculty-policy> for important information about the endorsement to chair criteria.

G. Vote on Membership in the GIDP in Neuroscience Graduate Faculty

In order to add a faculty member under sections E, the GIDP in Neuroscience shall forward a nomination for approval to the Graduate College Dean's office, including a current CV after a vote of the Neuroscience GIDP faculty that requires a simple majority of submitted votes.

Program Approval Graduate Faculty Criteria by faculty vote (40 votes, 39 yes, 1 no), March 5, 2021

GIDP office approval _____ Date _____

Graduate College Approval _____ Date _____

² Note that the Graduate College does not maintain a list of who is entitled to chair doctoral committees. It is the responsibility of each program to ensure that graduate committees are composed of program-approved members and are chaired by appropriately qualified faculty. The program does this verification when the DGS approves GradPath committee forms.