

GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA
SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
(Adopted by the ECE Faculty on December 7, 1994 –
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The Graduate College has various levels of faculty membership. For tenure/tenure track faculty these are:

- M0 Can teach graduate courses.
- M1 Can teach graduate courses, serve on Master's committees, direct Master's theses.
- M2 Includes all the privileges of M1, and in addition can serve on doctoral committees.
- M3 Includes all the privileges of M2, and in addition can direct doctoral dissertations.

There is also a Special Member category, appropriate for part-time, visiting and adjunct faculty members.

The Graduate College requires that appointment to Graduate Faculty membership be for specific time periods.

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- M0 Faculty appointments may be recommended by the Director of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
- M1 Faculty appointments may be recommended by the Director of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
- M2 Faculty member must hold a doctoral degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering or an allied field.
- M3 The faculty member must hold a doctoral degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering or an allied field.
 - 1. The faculty member who is eligible to direct a doctoral dissertation for the first time will have had one refereed journal paper published or accepted for publication (no substitutions are allowed).
 - 2. ECE faculty who have been granted membership status of M3 on the Graduate Faculty will be eligible to direct doctoral dissertations provided that over the preceding five (5) years they have:
 - a. Two refereed journal papers published or accepted for publication (no substitutions are allowed), and
 - b. Scholarly achievement in at least two of the following five categories:
 - 1. at least two papers presented or accepted for presentation at national and international conferences. They may be substituted by tutorial papers or book chapters.
 - 2. At least one scholarly book or monograph.
 - 3. At least one funded external grant or contract to support research activities.
 - 4. At least one patent issued.
 - 5. Publication of (or acceptance of) a third refereed journal paper.

SPECIAL MEMBER: Qualified individuals who are **not tenure/tenure track members** may be recommended for a Special Member appointment by the ECE Graduate Committee and at the discretion of the Director of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for a limited specific purpose (for example, to serve on a doctoral committee).

All regular M0 through M3 appointments shall be for a maximum of five years. Appointments for durations shorter than a five year term may be recommended by the Director. Special Member appointments shall be for a maximum of two years.

The following Graduate Council policies should be noted:

1. An upgrade in status, say from M2 to M3, can be recommended at any time. For example, a new faculty member may be upgraded from M2 to M3 as soon as the M3 publication requirement is met.
2. If a member is to be lowered in status, say from M3 to M2, that member should be given a one year probationary extension in his/her current status, and that member should be advised in writing of the activities required for removal of the probationary status. A member may waive the probationary extension if he/she so desires.
3. Graduate faculty membership status only affects appointments to new master's or doctoral committees. Committees that are already constituted are not affected by changes in status of members.