

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND PLANT BIOLOGY
GRADUATE FACULTY CRITERIA

(M Status refers to the type of graduate committees a faculty member may chair)

CATEGORY <i>(Term may not exceed seven years unless noted otherwise)</i>	DEGREE(S) REQUIRED	RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITIES REQUIRED
M0 <i>May teach graduate courses</i>	Doctorate or equivalent in Plant Biology, Microbiology, or related areas, or specialized skill.	Continuous appointment or specialized technical training and skills (e.g., Electron Microscopy).
M1 <i>All the privileges of M0 and may serve on and chair master's degree committees</i>	Doctorate or equivalent in Plant Biology, Microbiology, or related areas.	Continuous appointment.
M2 <i>All the privileges of M1 and may serve on doctoral committees</i>	Doctorate or equivalent in Plant Biology, Microbiology, or related areas.	Continuous appointment.
M3 <i>All the privileges of M2 and may chair doctoral committees</i>	Doctorate or equivalent in Plant Biology, Microbiology, or related areas.	Continuous appointment and recommendation based on previous performance as dissertation advisor (if applicable) and evidence of scholarly achievement and an active research program, indicated by publication record, invited presentations (including national conferences), professional service, or grantsmanship.
SM (SPECIAL MEMBER) <i>Duties as approved by Graduate College Dean; Maximum term is two years</i>	Doctorate or equivalent in Plant Biology, Microbiology, or related areas.	Adjunct faculty may serve on graduate committees and teach graduate courses with department approval.

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MEMBERSHIP ON THE GRADUATE FACULTY

Recommendations for original appointment to and continuation of membership in the Graduate Faculty will originate with Committee A of the Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology, which will serve as the Graduate Faculty Committee. This committee will insure that the criteria described herein are consistently applied to maintain the highest standards of quality in the Graduate Faculty.

To be appointed to the Graduate Faculty, a new faculty member must have a doctoral degree, normally a Ph.D. degree, in Plant Biology, Microbiology, or a related field; and be on a fulltime tenure-track appointment or term appointment.

Recommendations for continuation on the Graduate Faculty will be based upon a thorough evaluation of evidence of scholarly achievement and professional performance in at least two of the following categories: (a) record of active publication during the last five years as evidenced by publications in refereed journals, (b) publication of scholarly books or review articles, (c) presentations at national or international research conferences, (d) research-related service such as being a member on editorial boards or reviewing for major extramural grant agencies, and receipt of grants or contracts to support research in the candidate's specialty. In addition, those graduate faculty members who have already directed graduate students will be judged for graduate faculty membership on their previous performance as thesis and dissertation directors.

Graduate faculty members may serve on graduate committees and teach Graduate courses. Only Graduate Faculty members on continuous appointment may direct Master's thesis and Doctoral dissertations. Adjunct Graduate faculty members must meet the same criteria as tenure-track faculty and have departmental approval to serve on graduate committees and teach graduate courses.