Joining the Graduate Faculty Organization (GFO)
Why Join the GFO?

• Being a GFO member offers you access to quality graduate students, which is important to the success of any faculty member’s research.

• To sponsor a graduate student in your lab for a rotation or to become a Thesis Advisor the faculty member must be a member of the College of Graduate Studies’ Graduate Faculty Organization.
Other Benefits of GFO Membership

Being a member of the GFO allows you to:

- Serve on Thesis Advisory Committees, Qualifying Exam Committees and/or Student Thesis Committees

- Vote on Curriculum Issues pertaining to the program your appointment is in (ex. Curriculum requirements, course content, etc.)

- Serve, if elected, as a representative to Graduate Council, GFO, or other Graduate School Committees

- Vote in the election for the GFO Officers
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• To become a member of the GFO, join the faculty in a Basic Science Department as an adjunct or regular faculty member.

• If you are in a clinical department, you should first talk to the Program Director and Chair of the Department in which you would like to obtain an adjunct appointment:
  – **Biochemistry & Molecular Biology**
    • (Dr. Patricia Kane, Chair; Dr. Xin Jie Chen, Program Director)
  – **Cell & Developmental Biology**
    • (Dr. Joseph Sanger, Chair; Dr. Christopher Turner, Program Director)
  – **Microbiology & Immunology**
    • (Dr. Steven Taffet, Interim Chair; Dr. Jennifer Moffat, Program Director)
  – **Neuroscience & Physiology**
    • (Dr. Barry Knox, Chair; Dr. Rick Matthews, Program Director)
  – **Pharmacology**
    • (Dr. Richard Wojcikiewicz, Interim Chair, Dr. Ying Huang, Program Director)
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- Nominations are made to the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and should include:
  - A Letter of Nomination from the Nominee’s Department Chair and/or Program Director
  - The Nominee’s Curriculum Vitae

- All nominations to the GFO are approved by Graduate Council (an advisory body to the Dean).
  - A majority of “yes” votes from Graduate Council is required for approval

- Once approved, the Nominee and Department Chair will be notified of the appointment to the Graduate Faculty Organization.