

# 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

Knowing changes everything.™

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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.