



Cleveland State University

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

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The College of Graduate Studies sets the levels of different graduate faculty membership and minimum requirements for each level. Academic Colleges, such as the College of Law, may set additional requirements and define terms specific to their college.

For faculty seeking appointment to the graduate faculty, membership criteria must be met within the preceding five years prior to the start of a new membership term. Graduate faculty at Level II or Level III may apply for membership at a higher level at any time once appropriate criteria are met. Graduate faculty membership applications will be reviewed based on a faculty member's accomplishments, not on the level of degrees offered by the faculty member's department. Provisional Level 1 membership is available to full-time faculty who received their terminal degree within two years of seeking appointment to the graduate faculty. Requests for exceptions to these guidelines for special situations, which may include, for example, exempting a specific faculty member or course, should be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the Graduate Council.

Requirements for Graduate Faculty Membership at the College of Law:

Level I:

- Terminal degree in discipline (which includes a Juris Doctor or foreign equivalent as well as other doctorates in relevant disciplines); and
- One of the following:
 - 2 peer-reviewed journal articles, plus 2 peer-reviewed scholarly works as defined by the college (which may include, but are not limited to, competitive grants, refereed book chapters, refereed conference proceeding papers or presentations, etc.)

OR

- 1 scholarly peer-reviewed book in faculty member's discipline

OR

- 4 equivalent externally-recognized publications (which includes articles published in student-edited law reviews or journals as well as bar journals) or 4 creative

activities appropriate to discipline (which includes serving as a presenter of a continuing legal experience (CLE) program approved by at least one state for attorney credit, authoring and filing amicus and other court briefs, and authoring contracts or other transactional documents)

For example, a professor with a Juris Doctor, who authored and filed one amicus brief, published one peer-reviewed journal article, and published two articles in student-edited law reviews or journals, qualifies for Level 1 graduate faculty membership. Likewise, a professor with a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline who published a book in that discipline also qualifies for Level 1 graduate faculty membership.

Level II:

- Terminal degree in discipline (see above); and
- One of the following:
 - 1 peer-reviewed journal article, plus 1 peer-reviewed scholarly work as defined by the college (which may include, but is not limited to, competitive grants, refereed book chapters, refereed conference proceeding papers or presentations, etc.)

OR

- 2 equivalent externally-recognized publications or 2 creative activities appropriate to discipline (see above); in line with the standard practice of American Bar Association-accredited law schools, in the case of Legal Writing Professors, Clinical Professors, and Adjunct Professors, none of whom are required to publish in their contracts, 2 years of professional experience (which includes law practice in any jurisdiction and teaching experience in relevant disciplines) is deemed equivalent to 2 publications or creative activities for purposes of Level II graduate faculty membership

For example, a professor with a foreign law degree who published two articles in student-edited law reviews or journals qualifies for Level 2 graduate faculty membership. Likewise, a professor with a Juris Doctor who served as a presenter of two CLE programs approved by Ohio for attorney credit or an Adjunct Professor with a Juris Doctor and 2 or more years of law practice experience also qualify for Level 2 graduate faculty membership.

Level III:

- Appropriate graduate degree; and
- 2 years of professional experience (which includes law practice in any jurisdiction and teaching experience in relevant disciplines)

For example, a professor with a Juris Doctor and two-years of law practice experience qualifies for Level 3 graduate faculty membership. Likewise, a professor with a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline and two years of teaching experience in that discipline also qualifies for Level 3 graduate faculty membership.

Provisional:

- Full-time faculty receiving their terminal degree within two (2) years of seeking Graduate Faculty membership, but who do not fulfill the peer approval requirement, may be recommended for an initial three (3) year membership term if they have submitted at least some evidence of their accomplishments or knowledge of their discipline for review and approval under the guidelines. At the termination of this initial membership period, continuation of Graduate Faculty membership will require compliance with the criteria stated herein.

Powers:

Level I:

- Teach graduate courses at all levels
- Direct doctoral dissertations
- Direct MS/MA theses or projects
- Serve on student committees at all levels

Level II:

- Teach graduate courses at all levels
- Direct MS/MA theses or projects
- Serve on student committees at all levels

Level III:

- Teach entry level (5XX) graduate courses
- Serve on MS/MA theses or project committees

Provisional:

- Same as Level I

Under normal circumstances, only Level I or Level II graduate faculty may serve as a Graduate Program Director.