

## **POLICY ON MEMBERSHIP IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Election to graduate program membership is governed by the by-laws of the specific program. The by-laws of each departmentally- and group-based program must specify the detailed criteria for nomination, initial election and periodic review of membership. These criteria will generally be based on academic title, disciplinary research area, research accomplishments and contributions to the program. Thus, academicians from throughout the campus may be eligible for election to graduate program membership providing that they meet the following criteria:

1. Hold an appropriate academic title as (a) a member of the Academic Senate of the University of California (includes Professors, Lecturers with Security of Employment, Professors in Residence, Professors of Clinical “\_\_”, Professors Emeritus/a, and Research Professors), (b) Adjunct Professor, (c) Lecturer (without Security of Employment) or (d) Lecturer Without Salary. Academic staff with primary appointments as Cooperative Extension Specialists or in the Professional Research series are not eligible to be members of graduate programs unless they also hold an appropriate instructional title (normally Lecturer Without Salary). A program may restrict membership to Academic Senate titles by including appropriate language in its by-laws.
2. Have an active program of research or scholarship commensurate with the expectations of the University of California. This is essential if the faculty member is to provide appropriate research guidance to his/her graduate students.

Each elected member of a graduate program will normally have the full rights and privileges accorded to other members. However, members of departmentally-based graduate programs who do not hold academic appointments in that department may participate in graduate matters only, and will not have voting rights regarding department personnel actions, department budget decisions or undergraduate program matters. Graduate program members are expected to make contributions in the following ways in order to maintain their membership status:

1. Take an active role in the administration of the graduate program by serving on administrative committees, serving as a graduate adviser or serving as an administrative officer of the program.
2. Provide graduate level instruction and mentorship.
3. Serve on dissertation/thesis committees and qualifying/comprehensive examination committees. Service on advanced degree committees must be in accord with the separate Graduate Council “Guidelines for Service on Advanced Degree Committees”.