

**Policy on Membership in Graduate Programs**

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Election to graduate program membership is governed by the bylaws of the specific program. The bylaws of each department- 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. Academicicians may be eligible for election to graduate program membership providing that they have the following qualifications:

1. Appointees must be eligible to mentor graduate students as demonstrated by satisfying the requirements for service on advanced degree committees via categories 1 through 5 in the Graduate Council Policy on Service on Advanced Degree Committees (GC1998-01).
2. Appointees are expected to have an active program of research or scholarship commensurate with the expectations of the University of California.

Each elected member of a graduate program will have the full rights and privileges accorded to other members. However, members of department-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 one or more of 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 advisor 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 also be in accord with the Graduate Council Policy on Service on Advanced Degree Committees (GC1998-01).