Graduate Faculty Membership Criteria

Data Scholarship Program

The Graduate Faculty Committee for the Data Scholarship Program shall consist of the director/co-directors of the Data Scholarship Program, core faculty, and the program director of the master's program in Applied Statistics.

Appointment process: Regular Graduate Faculty Appointment will follow the criteria outlined in this document. Nominations for special member (SM) appointments will originate from the Graduate faculty committee.

Appointment criteria:

Graduate Faculty Appointment	Appointment Criteria
RM0 SM authority to teach graduate classes	The faculty member must have a Ph.D. in the field of Statistics, Data Science or related fields/relevant experience.
RM1 SM authority to serve on master's committees	The faculty member must have a Ph.D. in the field of Statistics, Data Science or related fields/relevant experience.
RM2 SM authority to chair non-thesis master's committees	The faculty member must have a Ph.D. in the field of Statistics, Data Science or related fields/relevant experience.

Criteria for SM status:

Nominations for Special Member status will be considered on an ad hoc basis. For those nominees who have not attained a PhD in the degree areas above must satisfy the "tested experience" required, stipulated and outlined in the Graduate Faculty Charter under **Tested Experience**.

"In limited cases, other factors, including but not limited to equivalent experience, may be considered as a substitute for the appropriate terminal degree or portions thereof. This experience is defined by the Higher Learning Commission as "tested experience", in that it "includes a breadth and depth of experience outside of the classroom in real-world situations relevant to the discipline in which the faculty member would be teaching." It is not based on years of teaching experience."

Tested Experience for Data Scholarship Program

To qualify for SM status under tested experience a nominee should show experience in the application of statistical procedures or data analytics at the advanced level in professional positions. This could be demonstrated by work experience, past projects, and/or depth of knowledge in the field. The program director will evaluate the past experience and depth of knowledge in statistical procedures and data analytics before appointing them to teach in the program.

<u>Graduate Faculty Status Recission</u>

Graduate faculty members have an academic responsibility to remain current in their discipline. As outlined in the Graduate Faculty Charter (Article IV, Section 3.c.), in "certain cases, such as those of professional incompetence, dishonesty, or failure to fulfill professional duties related to Graduate Faculty membership, a member may have some or all privileges on the Graduate Faculty rescinded prior to the end of the term of appointment. This is an exceptional event and should be undertaken only after other administrative remedies have failed."

Possible grounds for recission of a Graduate Faculty Appointment for Data Scholarship Program include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) failure to fulfill assigned teaching responsibilities

2) repeated issues with teaching performance

3) failure to adhere to Graduate College policies or University policies relating to graduate education

Approved by graduate dean, March 11, 2025.