

Training Faculty Policy Statement

The following serves as the Department of Genetics policy for qualifications, consideration and acceptance of non-departmental training faculty. The faculty member must:

1. Have at least a secondary appointment in the Department of Genetics.
2. Have the rank of Assistant Professor or higher and be a member of the Graduate Faculty.
3. Have served as the main faculty advisor for at least three graduate students in either the PhD or Masters programs and have experience in training rotating students and summer interns.
4. Established collaborations with members of the Genetics faculty (including publications and presentations)
5. Have a Department of Genetics faculty member (collaborator) serve as the co-mentor for the student.
6. Participate in departmental functions for the duration of training, including attending the Department of Genetics seminar series.
7. Grant submission(s) via Genetics department if the Genetic student(s) are involved in the proposed work
8. Comply with the departmental requirements of the graduate program in Genetics and submitting timely progress reports to the Graduate Oversight Committee.

For consideration the interested individual will submit a written application to the Graduate Student Oversight committee. In addition to providing their LSU-formatted CV, the application will include a statement from faculty member describing the following:

1. Information regarding the putative student to be trained including:
 - a. Student's name
 - b. Student's grades to date
 - c. Project to be undertaken in the lab
 - d. Expected timeline for the completion of the project.
2. Information regarding the training mentor:
 - a. Qualifications to serve as mentor
 - b. Statement of reasons why the faculty member wants to serve as a training faculty and why the student would benefit from receiving training through the Department of Genetics in contrast to their primary appointed department
 - c. Description of how they plan to participate in the activities of the department as outlined above
 - d. Letter of approval from the faculty member's primary department chair

The Graduate Student Oversight committee will read and review all applications and develop a recommendation. The chair of the Graduate Student Oversight committee will put forward this recommendation to the Genetics faculty at the next scheduled faculty meeting. Approval will be determined by a vote of the entire Department of Genetics faculty.