

University Radiation Safety Committee

Monitors the use, purchase, and disposal of radioactive materials.

On its website (<http://orsp.louisiana.edu>), the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs maintains information about each committee, contact information for the committee chairperson and links to committee policies, procedures, forms, and required training.

For unfunded or university funded projects involving human subjects, non-human animal subjects, radiation/radioactive materials or biohazards, the researcher must submit an application to and receive clearance from the appropriate review committee prior study initiation.

When a researcher submits a proposal to an external funding agency for a project involving human subjects, non-human animal subjects, radiation/radioactive materials or biohazards, review committee applications should be submitted at the proposal stage. Some funding agencies such as NSF, NIH, and other DHHS programs require that application be submitted to the review committee at the time of official proposal submission, indicating either approved or pending status on the proposal documents. In almost all cases, sponsors require submission of a letter of approval from the appropriate review committee before an award can be made.

The Graduate Faculty

Appointment to the Graduate Faculty recognizes significant scholarly accomplishments and confers on a faculty member the authority to direct theses and dissertations and to serve on advisory committees for graduate students, and the right to participate in the governance of graduate education at the departmental, college, and university levels. Also, the departmental graduate coordinators must be members of the Graduate Faculty. Such appointments are made by the Graduate Council in accordance with the following policies.

1. The primary criterion for Graduate Faculty membership is a consistent record of significant scholarly activities. Typically, such activities are evidenced by peer-reviewed publications such as papers in strong professional journals or in refereed conference proceedings, books or book chapters by scholarly publishers, or creative works published in appropriate venues. Acknowledging that the nature of scholarly activities recognized within the academic community varies among academic disciplines, the Council is informed in its membership decisions by specific guidelines developed by each academic college and approved by the Council. A faculty member new to the University who has completed a terminal degree within the previous three years is typically awarded an initial appointment.
2. The term of appointment to the Graduate Faculty is five years. The Council may, in unusual circumstances and at its discretion, make an appointment for a shorter term.
3. Applications for Graduate Faculty membership are reviewed by the department head and academic dean, and (independently) by the college's peer review committee. The resulting recommendations are reviewed by the Council's Committee on Graduate Faculty, which in turn makes recommendations to the Council.
4. A faculty member, through the Chair of the Graduate Council, may request that the Council reconsider its initial decision about his or her application for membership. If the Council still denies membership, then an appeal of the Council's final decision may be made in writing to its chairperson. Such an appeal will be heard by a committee consisting of five graduate faculty members, three selected by the Chair of the Council and two selected by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. The faculty members appointed to the appeals committee shall be from departments other than that of which the appellant is a member, and shall not have participated in any previous review of the application.
5. Additional information, including procedures and deadlines for submitting applications, can

be obtained on-line at the Graduate School's home page or from department and college offices.

6. Academic deans and department heads holding faculty rank who are not regular members of the Graduate Faculty are appointed as associate members. Associate membership does not authorize direction of theses or dissertations, or service on student advisory committees.