

PROFESSOR OF THE GRADUATE DIVISION

Overview:

The Professor of the Graduate Division (PGD) is a program available to UCR retiring/retired faculty who are fully engaged in research and/or other departmental and campus activities and who wish to continue to contribute to UC and UCR with distinction after their retirement from official active faculty status. The program is modeled on a similar one at UC Berkeley, which has been in place since 1991.

Purpose:

To retain and encourage active participation of retiring faculty who are fully engaged in research and/or other departmental and campus activities and who wish to continue to contribute to UCR with distinction.

Privileges:

The PGD program carries benefits both to the individuals and to the campus, including:

1. PGD faculty will be identified (in the campus catalog and elsewhere) by the title “Professor of the Graduate Division” rather than “Professor Emeritus/a.”
2. PGD faculty will have the authority to seek outside grants and serve as PI, similar to that of active faculty.
3. PGD faculty can serve as dissertation supervisors and on graduate exam committees; PGD faculty could teach and engage in administrative service. (Note that arrangements for teaching under the UC retirement recall program are negotiated separately from the PGD program; not all retired faculty on recall will hold the title of PGD, and not all holding the title of PGD will be involved in the retirement recall program.)
4. PGD faculty have the departmental voting privileges of Emeriti/ae as established under Senate bylaw 55.
5. The title of PGD carries no remuneration. Office/ laboratory/ clinic/ studio space will be negotiated between the PGD faculty and department chair or research center leadership and dean.

Eligibility and Appointment Procedure:

1. To be eligible, retiring/retired faculty should have undergone a merit review during the last 4 years. (Requests, with justification, for exceptions to this eligibility criterion will be considered.)
2. The initial appointment will be for three years.
3. The applicant should submit the following materials for review:
 - a. A self-statement describing the perceived benefits to the candidate and contributions to the campus that will result from having a PGD appointment
 - b. An updated UC Bio-bibliography
 - c. A summary of scholarly activity during the past four years (publications, grant activity, presentations and invited talks, graduate student and/or postdoctoral training)
(The most recent personnel review file may be submitted if the review was held within the past 4 years)
4. Review steps*
 - a) A department review and vote on the proposed appointment, followed by a department letter that includes discussion of the candidate’s potential contributions and expected duties as PGD.
 - b) Recommendation from the dean and members of other units, if the candidate will be participating in activities outside the home unit.
 - c) Comments from the Graduate Dean.
 - d) Evaluation by the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Personnel.
 - e) Recommendation by the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel.
 - f) Appointment by the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

*Requests, with justification, for exceptions to these steps will be considered.

Reappointment Procedure

1. Faculty who currently hold the title of PGD may request reappointment for a subsequent 3-year term.
 - a. Candidate should submit a brief description of the contributions to the candidate and the campus that has resulted from the PGD appointment as well as the perceived benefits that will result from a continued appointment.
2. Review steps
 - a. Candidate's statement and documents are submitted to the department (see document checklist below).
 - b. Candidate's file including department recommendation with vote are forwarded to the Dean.
 - c. After recommendation from the dean and members of other units, if the candidate will be participating in activities outside the home unit – file is forwarded to the Academic Senate
 - d. Evaluation by the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Personnel
 - e. Recommendation by the Graduate Dean - file is forwarded to the Academic Personnel Office
 - f. Evaluation by the VPAP – file is forwarded to the EVCP
 - g. Final approval by the EVCP

Document Checklist:

- Statement of contributions & perceived benefits
- Current UC Biography and Bibliography *or* Current UC Biography and CV
- Summary of scholarly activity during the past three years:
 - List of publications
 - Grant Activity
 - Presentations and Invited Talks
 - Graduate Student and/or Postdoctoral Training
- Department Letter – must include department vote
- * Exception request & approval (if applicable)

*Exception requests for unusual circumstances should be included as part of the file.