

Joint Appointment
Department of Geosciences
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The title and rank of Joint Appointment is reserved for full-time faculty at the University of Arizona who have a primary appointment in another UA department, but have a strong interest in contributing to the activities of the Department of Geosciences. The title of Joint Appointment is made in recognition of faculty who participate in a meaningful way in the mission of the Department of Geosciences. This mission includes teaching, research, service and student advising.

Rights and Responsibilities of Joint Appointments

The Department of Geosciences has a broad multi-disciplinary mission. Many faculty in other departments at the University share research and teaching interests in Earth Sciences, and the rank of Joint Appointment is meant to recognize the valued contributions these individuals can make to the Department of Geosciences. Examples of contributions that could be considered for Joint Appointments include co-investigators on grants and contracts with Geosciences faculty, teaching of Geosciences course, significant support of Geoscience students (undergraduate or graduate), or the operation of shared instruments or facilities.

Joint Appointments are valued members of the Geosciences community, and in recognition of their contributions to the Department of Geosciences, Joint Appointments have certain rights and privileges. These rights and privileges, which must be approved by the Department Head, include serving on student committees and acting as advisors, serving on search committees, using Department of Geosciences facilities, and teaching Geosciences courses. Since Joint Appointments have a primary appointment in another University of Arizona department, the rank does not entitle Joint Appointments to voting rights within the Department of Geosciences. Thus, Joint Appointments will not cast votes for faculty hires, election of the Department Head, or the awarding of other Joint Appointments.

Procedure for the awarding of the title of Joint Appointments

Department of Geosciences faculty (Tenure and tenure eligible) may nominate a University of Arizona faculty for the title and rank of Joint Appointment. This nomination must include a CV and a description of the role the nominee will play in the Department of Geosciences. Furthermore, the nominee will give a Department of Geosciences colloquium on a topic of the nominee's choice. Awarding of the title and rank will be made by a vote (75%) by the Department of Geosciences faculty (tenure and tenure eligible faculty). The nominator will also serve as the sponsor of the Joint faculty. All Joint Appointments will be for a 5-year term. At the expiration of 5 years, the appointment will be reviewed by the sponsor and discussed by the rest of the faculty for continuation.