

Adjunct Faculty

Department of Geosciences

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The title and rank of Adjunct Faculty is reserved for professional scientists who are not faculty at the University of Arizona. The title of Adjunct Faculty is made in recognition of scientists who participate in a meaningful way in the mission of the Department of Geosciences. This mission includes teaching, research, and student advising. The title of Adjunct Professor is limited to individuals with the same tenure-track rank at a different academic institution. The title of Adjunct Researcher pertains to those falling outside this definition, such as those without formal academic affiliation or rank.

Rights and Responsibilities of Adjunct Faculty

The Department of Geosciences has a broad multi-disciplinary mission. Many scientists outside the University share research and teaching interests in Earth Sciences, and the rank of Adjunct Faculty is meant to recognize the valued contribution these individuals can make to the Department of Geosciences. Examples of contributions that could be considered for Adjunct Faculty include participation with Geosciences faculty in research projects, teaching of Geosciences courses, significant support of Geoscience students (undergraduate or graduate), or providing research opportunities outside the University of Arizona.

Adjunct Faculty are valued members of the Geoscience community, and in recognition of their contributions to the Department of Geosciences, Adjunct Faculty have certain rights and privileges. These rights and privileges, which must be approved by the Department Chair, include serving on student committees and acting as joint advisors, and helping teach Geoscience courses. Adjunct Faculty do not have voting rights within the Department of Geoscience. Thus, Adjunct Faculty will not cast votes for faculty hires, election of the Department Chair, or other issues requiring Faculty vote.

Procedure for the awarding of the title of Adjunct Faculty

A Department of Geosciences faculty member will nominate the appropriate candidate for the title and rank of Adjunct Faculty based on ongoing synergies and collaborations. This nomination must include a CV and a description of the role the nominee will play in the Department of Geosciences. Further, the nominee will give a Department of Geoscience colloquium on a topic of the nominee's choice. Awarding of the title and rank will be made by a vote of the Department of Geosciences faculty. All Adjunct Faculty need to have a sponsor (a faculty member in the department; usually the nominator); the term of Adjunct Faculty will be for a 5-year term. At the expiration of 5 years, the appointment will be reviewed by the chair, in consultation with the sponsor and the faculty, and evaluated for continuation.