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VISITING PROFESSOR
(Revised 6/24)

I. Definition

The Visiting prefix is used to designate one who:

1. Is appointed temporarily to perform the duties of the title to which the prefix is attached; and
2. Either has held, is on leave from, or is retired from an academic or research position at another educational institution; or whose research, creative activities or professional achievement makes a visiting appointment appropriate.
3. Fits both of the above criteria and is appointed through Summer Session. Summer Session Visiting appointments are covered by separate policies and procedures (Office of Summer Sessions Summer Visiting Faculty Appointment and Review Policies and Procedures, June 12, 2001)

See APM 230 for System-wide policy on Visiting titles.

II. Appointment Criteria

A Visiting Professor who is on leave or retired from another institution, will normally be appointed at the same rank and step as the individual's title at the home educational institution.

The criteria for evaluation shall be the same as for the corresponding regular title. Because the appointment is temporary, reasonable flexibility may be employed in the application of these criteria. Care should be taken to inform the appointee of the provisions of IV below.

Appointment of an individual who has never held a comparable academic or research position elsewhere is subject to CAP review and the approval of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel. Such appointment requests must meet the following criteria:

1. The appointee will have formal teaching responsibilities and will make identifiable contributions to the department through research and service.
2. Appointment as Visiting Associate Professor or Visiting Professor will require proof of professional achievements equivalent to those of UCSB faculty of the same ranks.
3. Appointments as Visiting Assistant Professor may be recommended for special fellowship programs for recent Ph.D.'s, such as the Mathematics Visiting Assistant Professor program or other national, UC, or local fellowship programs. Appointments also may be recommended to cover short-term faculty vacancies, such as those caused by retirements, leaves of absence, or temporary faculty administrative assignments. The appointee in such cases must participate in the research mission of the department and typically will contribute to the graduate program through teaching or related activities.

Appointment of an individual who does not either 1) currently hold a comparable academic or research position or 2) is retired from a comparable academic or research position will require an open search.

III. Term of Appointment

Each appointment or reappointment with a Visiting prefix shall not exceed one year. The total period of consecutive service shall not exceed two years.

In the case of Visiting Assistant Professor Programs in Mathematics or similar disciplines where curriculum-driven justification supports the need, the total period of consecutive service may be extended to three years.

If the appointee is later considered for transfer to a corresponding appointment in the regular series, the proposal for such transfer shall be treated as a new appointment subject to full customary review.

IV. Compensation

The salary for a visiting position is negotiated. While the salary does not have to be on-scale on the corresponding regular series scale, the salary may not be below the minimum rate for the rank. For example, a Visiting Professor may not be paid below the Professor Step I rate. Because these salaries are negotiated on an individual basis, they are not subject to range adjustments. For travel expense reimbursement, see APM 230-20h.

Visiting appointments may also be made without salary.

V. Appointment process

Requests for appointment in the Visiting Professor series must include a Departmental letter of recommendation, a UCSB Biography form and either a CV or Bio-bibliography. The Departmental letter must indicate the courses to be taught, the pay rate, the term of the appointment and information concerning the individual's current academic appointment. The JPF# from UCRecruit should also be included if a search was conducted.

For reappointment as a Visiting Professor, evaluation of past teaching is also necessary. ESCI scores (Spring 2024 and earlier) or SET reports (Summer 2024 and later) and, if possible, student comments should be included with the request.

VI. Restrictions

1. An appointee with a visiting title is not a member of the Academic Senate.
2. Sabbatical leave credit may be accrued if the visiting position is immediately followed by employment as a faculty member in the regular ladder series (APM 740-11b).
3. Neither tenure nor security of employment is acquired, although eligible service with certain visiting titles is credited under the University's eight-year limit (APM 133).

VII. Approval Authority

Action

Authority

Appointments up to 6 quarters
Beyond 6 quarters

Dean
Associate Vice Chancellor

Appointments with no prior
comparable academic appointment:

Initial appointment
Reappointment up to 6 quarters
Beyond 6 quarters

Associate Vice Chancellor
Dean
Associate Vice Chancellor