

**Purpose.** The criteria for faculty appointment to the Graduate Program in Neuroscience are intended to encourage participation by all faculty at the University of Mississippi Medical Center who have an interest in the neurosciences. Participating faculty in the Program in Neuroscience come from many different backgrounds and departments and have different levels of responsibility in research, teaching and service. Consequently, there are different ways for faculty to contribute to the Program in Neuroscience. These include seminar participation, classroom teaching, individual mentoring, research and/or participation on projects and committees to advance the aims of the Program.

**Criteria.** In view of the variety of faculty backgrounds and duties, the criteria for appointment to the faculty of the Program in Neuroscience include an interest in neuroscience and a willingness to commit at least 5 hours of service per year to the Program. An initial application should include:

1. Name of applicant.
2. Faculty rank or occupation title.
3. Research interests and relevance to neuroscience.
4. Teaching interests related to neuroscience.
5. Service (clinical or administrative) related to neuroscience.
6. Statement of reason for joining Program in Neuroscience faculty.
7. Curriculum vitae
8. Letter of recommendation from department head.

Upon receipt of these materials, the Steering Committee of the Program in Neuroscience will review the application. Upon approval, the faculty member will be added to the faculty directory for the Program on its web site and in the next published UMC Bulletin.

**Participation.** All faculty members of the Program in Neuroscience may participate in Program seminars, classes and administrative committees as well as serve as laboratory rotation advisors for graduate students. However, in order to mentor dissertation research of graduate students or to serve on dissertation advisory committees in the Program in Neuroscience, faculty must also be full members of the Graduate Faculty. See the UMC Faculty and Staff Handbook which can be found on the UMC intranet for requirements to join the Graduate Faculty.

**Review.** Periodically, we will review the participation of all Program faculty in neuroscience research, teaching and service. Faculty who have not maintained interest and/or participation in the Program in Neuroscience will be reclassified as inactive faculty. Inactive faculty do not appear in the directory on the Program website and are removed from the Program directory in the next published UMC Bulletin. Inactive faculty are welcome to increase their

participation in the Program and to request return to active status. Such requests are reviewed by the Steering Committee per the above criteria.