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In the offer of appointment as a visiting faculty member, the DEO establishes the salary, expectations, and benefits of the position, including office space and other perquisites. Since visiting appointments do not ordinarily carry the service expectations of tenure-track positions and since the College does not ordinarily support the research of visiting faculty, teaching expectations are at least 50% higher for visiting faculty than for tenure-track faculty. The teaching of visiting faculty is reviewed each year.

Visiting faculty ranks are the same as those for tenure-track positions: visiting instructor, visiting assistant professor, visiting associate professor, and visiting professor. The criteria for each rank are the same as those for tenure-track ranks.

Independent (Visiting) Scholar Status

The department may request independent scholar status for qualified individuals not associated with the University who will be in the vicinity for an extended period of time. Independent scholars have faculty library privileges and may apply for access to the computer center (including e-mail service), recreational services, and parking privileges. The department must specify the term of the appointment (one year or less). The DEO or a faculty member explicitly named in the request serves as the sponsor.

The DEO writes to the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs to request that independent scholar status be conferred, enclosing a curriculum vitae or other information verifying the qualifications of the individual for faculty-like privileges. The letter must specify the length of time for which this independent scholar status is requested—up to one year can be requested at a time. The Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs forwards the request, with an endorsement, to the Office of the Registrar. The card denoting independent scholar status has an expiration date, and renewal must be explicitly requested.