



**Morgan State University**  
**School of Graduate Studies**

**INSTRUCTION for Deans**  
**Graduate Faculty Designation**

**Preface**

The designation of Graduate Faculty at Morgan State University is governed by the **Academic Affairs Policy on the Designation of Graduate Faculty** approved August 27, 2018 (this document is attached). The policy document provides definitions, expectations, limitations, and general guidelines for nomination and designation. The policy establishes the eligibility for membership and specifies responsibilities and privileges of membership.

**Who Qualifies?**

There are two designations of Graduate Faculty at Morgan State University, **Full Graduate Faculty** and **Affiliate Graduate Faculty**. Full Graduate Faculty must be tenured in a department with a graduate program. Affiliate Graduate Faculty encompasses all other faculty at Morgan—not yet tenured, contractual, professors of practice, research faculty, adjuncts, lecturers, professional staff who have faculty-comparable qualifications, etc. The complete details of the eligibility are described in Section 4: “Designation Levels” of the MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY ON THE DESIGNATION OF GRADUATE FACULTY (Hereafter, “Policy”).

**What does the Designation Mean?**

“Section 7. Responsibilities, Privileges, and Instructional Load” of the Policy includes a listing of the responsibilities expected of a member of the Graduate Faculty. The designation governs teaching, advising, and research support—including being a committee member or chair. Graduate Faculty are expected to participate in the broader graduate community as well. **Most important, the designation of Graduate Faculty will be required for a faculty member to receive a reduced instructional load. However, this policy does not govern load determination**

**Instructions for College or School Dean:**

Action by Academic Dean overseeing the candidates’ assigned department (governing candidate’s anticipated graduate program of service, if non-instructional):

- a. Review; and, if needed, you may request additional documentation.
- b. Attach additional documentation provided by the candidate or other relevant source (See **Addendum 5** for attachments).
- c. You may also add comments in a text box provided.
- d. Determine and then select Support or Decline to Support.
- e. To forward to the next step, simply sign the form and select “finish.”

You will be able to review the documents when the process has been completed. The School of Graduate Studies will provide a detailed listing of all Graduate Faculty in your School. There is no reason to print the form at this time.

## Graduate Faculty Designation Instructions

### Addendum 5: Instructions for Attaching Additional Information/Documentation

On occasion, the nominating coordinator, the Department Chair, the Academic Dean, or the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies may request additional information from the candidate or from another source. The requestor can attach that information as a document at a designated clip available only to the specific administrator. All reviewers will be able to examine the additional information, but each will have only one discrete place to make the attachment. Also, the Dean will only be able to place comments or add documents in the area appropriate to the administrative designation.

The area for comments and attaching any additional documents looks like this:

**AREA RESERVED FOR COMMENTS FROM THE DEAN OF THE ACADEMIC UNIT IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE SERVES/SEEKS TO SERVE:**

	Please attach your letter of support, additional items that you request from the Candidate, Letters of Clarification, etc. to the right as desired.	
Optional		

The attachable file can be word, PDF, text, and others supported by DocuSign.

If more information is requested, do be attentive to the content. Confidential information should not be attached to the document, as the form will be reviewed by a large number of individuals.

For additional information, the attachment is the responsibility of the individual making the attachment.



# GRADUATE FACULTY DESIGNATION Process Diagram

This process is intended for the purpose of nominating an Instructional and Non-Instructional member of Morgan State University to become further designated as a member of the Graduate Faculty at Morgan State University.

Start Here...

Instructional Candidate in a department w/ graduate program

Instructional Candidate in a department w/o graduate program

Non-Instructional Candidate

Incl. support letter from direct Supervisor

End Here...

## Designation as GRADUATE FACULTY



Provost

Final Assessment & Determination

Dean, School of Graduate Studies  
Evaluation

Assistant Dean, Grad. Studies  
Records Nom. & Verifies Eligibility

Academic Dean  
Evaluation



Department  
Chair  
Evaluation



Form Evaluated by Program Director of the Academic Unit in which the Candidate Serves/Seeks to serve  
**OFFICIAL NOMINATION MADE**

Candidate to Complete  
**GRADUATE FACULTY DESIGNATION Nomination Form**

Information about the Department / Program / Unit in which the Candidate is employed

Information about the Candidate

Executive Summary Data

- # of Graduate Students served as Academic Advisor
- # of Graduate Students served as Research Advisor
- # of Master's Projects served as Chair
- # of Master's Projects served as a Comm. Member
- # of Master's Theses served as Chair
- # of Master's Theses served as Comm. Member
- # of Doctoral Dissertations served as a Chair
- # of Doctoral Dissertations served as Comm. Member
- # of Graduate Courses taught

Candidate Statements  
(250 words +/- each)

- Graduate-Level Teaching, research, and/or Scholarly experience, and future dedication
- Guiding Master's-Level Theses/Projects and/or Doctoral Dissertations
- Performing Service to the University's Graduate Community

Attachments

- NSF-Style Biosketch
- Curriculum Vita
- List of Courses Taught
- List of Academic Advisees
- List of Committee Memberships for Graduate Student Master's Projects, Theses, and Dissertations
- List of Chair Responsibilities for Graduate Student Master's Projects, Theses, and Dissertations
- List of Service Provided to the University's Graduate Community
- Letter of Support from Direct Supervisor (for Non-Instructional Candidates Only)

Approved by Academic Affairs Dean's Council on August 27, 2018

## MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY ON THE DESIGNATION OF GRADUATE FACULTY

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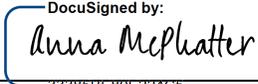
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**References:** Morgan State University Guidelines on Graduate Faculty Designation in Faculty Handbook (v.2009)

***Supersedes all prior policies and guidelines defining Graduate Faculty.***

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# Morgan State University Academic Affairs Policy on the Designation of Graduate Faculty

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the **MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY ON THE DESIGNATION OF GRADUATE FACULTY** is to establish standards for designating qualified faculty as members of the “Graduate Faculty” in the University. These standards are intended to ensure the ongoing success of graduate education by identifying faculty who maintain robust levels of research, scholarship, and/or creative activity, support delivery of high quality graduate-level courses, actively engage in scholarly advising of graduate students, and are fully engaged in the graduate community at Morgan State University.

## 2. Definitions

The following definitions of certain terms are used in this Policy.

- 2.1. *School*: Shall individually or collectively mean Morgan State University’s College of Liberal Arts, School of Architecture and Planning, School of Business and Management, School of Community Health and Policy, School of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, School of Education and Urban Studies, School of Engineering, School of Global Journalism and Communication, School of Graduate Studies, and School of Social Work.
- 2.2. *University*: Shall mean Morgan State University.
- 2.3. *Provost*: Shall mean Morgan State University’s Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- 2.4. *Graduate Council*: The body of designated graduate faculty, graduate coordinators, and administrative officers as designated by Deans of the Schools.

## 3. Policy Statement

Morgan State University is committed to recruit, develop, and retain the most qualified faculty to teach and to guide the research of students admitted to the School of Graduate Studies. Such faculty are expected to be actively engaged in research, publication, teaching graduate courses, guiding research for master’s theses and doctoral dissertations, and performing service to the University. Faculty who meet these criteria and other requirements outlined in this policy are eligible to be recognized by the University with the designation of “*Graduate Faculty*.”

## 4. Designation Levels

The designation as Graduate Faculty shall be at *Full* or *Affiliate* levels.

### 4.1. Full Graduate Faculty

For designation as Full Graduate Faculty, one must be a tenured faculty member at the University in the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. For Full designation the

faculty member must possess the terminal degree in the discipline in which they are teaching at the University. In addition, the tenured faculty member must have an ongoing research program and have (or be scheduled to have) graduate teaching and advising assignments. This designation is restricted to tenured faculty who have a locus of appointment in a department with a graduate program.

#### **4.2. Affiliate Graduate Faculty**

For the Affiliate Graduate Faculty designation, the individual must possess the appropriate credential in the discipline or in an appropriately related discipline at the University. For designation as Affiliate Graduate Faculty, one may have a faculty appointment at the University (see Morgan State University Policy and Procedures for Appointment, Promotion, Tenure for all faculty ranks). Faculty who are tenured and hold appointments in departments that do not have graduate programs are only eligible for Affiliate status.

#### **4.3. Restriction of the Designation to Morgan Faculty**

Any individual with the appropriate credentials and experience may be assigned to serve in one of the roles of graduate faculty (such as serving as committee member) upon the appropriate review and approval of the program, academic dean, and dean of the School of Graduate Studies. However, the designation of Graduate Faculty (Affiliate or Full) is reserved for individuals appointed as faculty in accordance with University policy.

### **5. Designation Procedure**

Designation as Graduate Faculty is not conferred by default upon appointment and/or receiving tenure or promotion at the University. Faculty members seeking to teach graduate courses on a recurring basis and to advise master's and doctoral students must follow the "Graduate Faculty Designation Guidelines and Procedures" and apply for such designation. The Dean of the School shall recommend the appropriate designation to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies who shall review and forward the nomination packet with recommendation to the Provost who, in turn, shall review and grant the official designation, if warranted.

The School of Graduate Studies shall maintain a record of the members of the Graduate Faculty, their designations, and their terms of appointment. This record shall be published on the Graduate Catalog and any of its derivatives as appropriate.

### **6. Term**

Graduate Faculty designations are for renewable five (5) year terms beyond the initial term of appointment, or for the duration of the appointment at the University whichever ends first. Graduate Faculty wishing to renew their designation for another term must apply for renewal following the "Graduate Faculty Designation Guidelines and

Procedures.” If the faculty member’s faculty appointment at the University is terminated or not renewed for any reason, this designation is terminated automatically.

## **7. Responsibilities, Privileges, and Instructional Load**

The instructional load requirement for Graduate Faculty members is set in accordance with the University's workload related policies, as may be amended by University governing bodies. Any designations in the workload policy referring to Graduate Faculty require the official designation as recorded by the School of Graduate Studies.

### **7.1. Responsibilities**

In addition to the university-wide service requirements, Graduate Faculty must participate in the committees of the Graduate Council. The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies will assess the overall committee service needs and distribute a notice of needed participants for the standing committees of the Graduate Council and any Ad Hoc committees or Task Force committees in each year. The Dean shall maintain a record of that participation.

Graduate Faculty are also expected to sustain a program of research, scholarship, and/or creative activity appropriate to the discipline of the faculty appointment. This research is expected to be at a level of prominence consistent with the research mission of the University.

Graduate Faculty must participate in graduate student advisement, thesis and dissertation committees (where appropriate), comprehensive and/or qualifying exam administration, and in general, the work of preparing graduate students for success.

### **7.2. Privileges**

The designation of Graduate Faculty shall convey the following privileges to its members:

- i) teach graduate level courses;
- ii) serve as members/reviewers on graduate students' project, thesis, or dissertation committees;
- iii) serve as Chair in the master's committees and/or master's thesis research committees;
- iv) serve as Chair in the doctoral committees and/or doctoral dissertation research committees;
- v) vote on matters submitted to the graduate faculty.

Full Graduate Faculty members are eligible to engage in items i) through v) as governed by the specific regulations and procedures for each.

Affiliate Graduate Faculty members are eligible to engage in items i) and ii) as governed by the specific regulations and procedures for each. With the recommendation of the Department Chair and Dean of the School, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies can extend the responsibilities of an Affiliate Graduate Faculty to items iii) and iv) (serving as chair of committees). This added responsibility must apply to a specific case and not be a permanent arrangement (i.e., permission to chair a dissertation is granted for chairing a specific dissertation). Voting rights (item v, above) cannot be extended to Affiliate Graduate Faculty. Per Section 4.3 above, any individual without faculty status is eligible to be appointed to serve in one of the roles and can only be assigned to serve that role in a specific case. Each instance requires approval as articulated above in Section 4.3.

### **7.3. Instructional Load**

To be eligible for the reduced Graduate Faculty teaching load based on the University's workload related policies, a faculty member must have current official designation as a member of the Graduate Faculty. The absence of the designation does not bar the faculty from teaching a graduate course.

## **8. Removal of Graduate Faculty Designation**

The designation of Graduate Faculty member may be revoked by the Provost upon recommendation of the Department Chair and/or the School Dean and/or the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. This recommendation shall be based on the circumstances where in the faculty member has failed to perform the duties expected of a Graduate Faculty member and may also involve evidence of inappropriate academic conduct and/or inappropriate professional ethics that includes, but is not necessarily limited to, fraud, fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other violations of University Policy. In appropriate circumstances, Graduate Faculty members designated as Full Graduate Faculty may be reduced to Affiliate Graduate Faculty designation.

## **9. Appeal Procedure**

Appeals of the decision of the Provost to deny the designation of a nominee as Graduate Faculty, and appeals of the decision to revoke the status of one previously designated as Graduate Faculty, shall be directed in writing by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies will then implement the appeals process as outlined in the "Graduate Faculty Designation Guidelines and Procedures."