FH Appendix 2: Promotion Guidelines:
College of Engineering and Science (COES) - Research

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Conditions for Promotion Consideration:

- A COES faculty member may be considered for promotion to Associate Research Professor or Full Research Professor after a minimum of five years at their current rank. Faculty members who join Florida Tech mid-career may be eligible for an accelerated path to promotion if authorized by the Provost at the time of hiring.
- The promotion dossier must follow all guidelines provided in FH Appendix 1 Promotion Dossier Format.
- For three years prior to seeking promotion, the candidate should maintain a minimum average rating of “at expectations” or above in research as well as research-related teaching and service activities, as assigned by the Department Head and Dean. Any ratings below “at expectations” during that period may be accepted by the Dean if they are thoroughly explained and satisfactorily justified.
- Some candidates may have a teaching component. The balance between teaching load and scholarship will be determined by the Department Head and Dean.
- Meeting the conditions for promotion consideration does not guarantee promotion. The University Promotion Committee makes the final recommendation to the Provost and President based on the overall faculty performance as defined in the promotion criteria. The promotion criteria are periodically updated based on faculty performance metrics at target tier institutions.

Promotion to the Rank of Associate Research Professor

Candidates for promotion to the rank of Associate Research Professor must exhibit high-level performance in scholarship and research-related teaching and service.

Scholarship

A candidate must demonstrate a sustained, extramurally funded, ongoing, year-round research program, which results in a consistent record of:

- Indexed, peer-reviewed publications
- Citations and recognition of that work by recognized scholars and researchers in their field
- Invited talks and lectures at universities, research centers, and national conferences
- Externally funded research projects
- Supervision of doctoral candidates in their research program

The candidate’s body of scholarly work will be evaluated both internally according to University and College guidelines, as well as externally for impact by recognized experts in their field.

A successful candidate will typically:

- Produce a substantial publication record in quality journals and highly ranked conference proceedings within their field of specialty, with a reasonable number of indexed, peer-reviewed publications per year depending on the research area (typically a minimum average of 3 per year).
- Produce a strong record of publications with students supervised by the candidate
- Obtain average annual extramural funding (e.g., federal, state, industry funding) required to support a minimum of 75% of the faculty’s salary through fall and Spring, at least two graduate students, operation of a year-round research program, and the faculty’s summer salary.
- Fully support graduate students for multiple semesters with the candidate’s research funding.
- Served as major advisor for 2 or more Ph.D. students who have graduated or are candidates.
- Receive 3 strong letters of recommendation solicited from experts in their field.
- Deliver invited talks at major conferences and peer institutions.

The performance metrics of the successful candidate described above, such as number of publications and average annual extramural funding, may have some variability depending on the candidate’s specific field of scholarship, but is expected to be higher than regular faculty.

**Teaching**

For those candidates with a teaching component, the load distribution will be determined annually and on a case-by-case basis depending on departmental needs and faculty interest. A candidate must:

- Teach graduate and research-related undergraduate courses appropriate to the program
- Supervise and/or mentor undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral research

*A successful candidate will typically:*

- Integrate their areas of research expertise into new, or current, graduate level courses
- Mentor researchers and provide state-of-the-art training in advanced techniques and methodologies

**Service**

A candidate must:

- Actively serve on department, college, and university committees related to research activities
- Participate in professional activities within their field external to the university

*A successful candidate will typically:*

- Serve on MS thesis and PhD dissertation committees
- Actively participate on department, college and/or university committees related to research
- Serve on professional review committees (e.g. editorial boards, technical committees, reviewer for journals, session chairs in conferences)
- Participate on federal funding agency panels (e.g. NSF, DOD, NASA, NIH)

**Promotion to the Rank of Research Professor**

Candidates for promotion to the rank of Research Professor must demonstrate an international reputation for scholarship and impact in their field and research-related teaching and service.

**Scholarship**

A candidate must demonstrate a sustained, extramurally funded, on-going, year-round research program, which results in a consistent record of:

- Indexed, peer-reviewed publications
- Citations and recognition of that work by recognized scholars and researchers in their field
- Invited talks and lectures at universities, research centers, and major conferences
- Externally funded research projects
- Supervision of doctoral candidates in their research program

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- Produce a substantial publication record in quality journals and highly ranked conference proceedings within their field of specialty, with a reasonable number of indexed, peer-reviewed publications per year depending on the research area (typically a minimum average of 5 per year).
- Produce a strong record of publications with students supervised by the candidate.
- Obtain average annual extramural funding (e.g., federal, state, industry funding) required to support a minimum of 75% of the faculty’s salary through fall and Spring, at least four graduate students, operation of a year-round research program, and the faculty’s summer salary.
- Lead successful multi-investigator research grants and major infrastructure grants.
- Maintain a substantial group of graduate students with the candidate’s research funding.
- Served as major advisor for several Ph.D. students through graduation (typically at least 5).
- Receive 5 strong letters of recommendation for promotion, solicited from experts in their field.
- Deliver invited and keynote talks at major conferences and peer institutions.

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