Definitions:

***** - Memorandum letters are accepted for Graduation Dates within 3 months of confirmation. This letter has to be certified by the Registrar of the school of the candidate. Transcripts will still be needed once graduation commences. As well Memorandums are accepted from Non US institutions due to length of time it takes to acquire transcripts.

Temporary Researchers: These researchers are those who have research as their principal assignment. Research faculty are typically supported by a variety of mechanisms (internal and external sources); however, the majority of salary support is derived from grant and contract funds obtained by the research faculty member. Research Faculty are not eligible for tenure. These appointments are benefits eligible and whose appointments could last up to one year or longer. These researchers will not be processed through the Position Vacancy Announcement posting of the University System. These researchers are not eligible for the promotional process through the President’s Office.

Regular Researchers: These researchers are those who have research as their principal assignment. Research faculty are typically supported by a variety of mechanisms (internal and external sources); however, the majority of salary support is derived from grant and contract funds obtained by the research faculty member. Research Faculty are not eligible for tenure. These appointments are benefits eligible and are processed through the Position Vacancy Announcement posting through the University System. These researchers are eligible for the regular promotional process through the President’s Office. These researchers do have voting rights in the faculty senate.

Postdoctoral Fellows: Appointees should have been recently awarded a PhD or equivalent doctorate (e.g. Sc.D., M.D., DVM) in an appropriate field, typically within the past five years. The appointment should involve substantial, full-time research or scholarship under the supervision of a faculty mentor, the results of which are expected to be published. The appointment should be viewed as preparatory for a full-time academic and/or research career and as such are temporary in nature. It is recommended that postdoctoral fellows be appointed as full time, with term of at least one year and up to 3 years.

Visiting Research Students: These are students who are typically registered in a degree program at another university (U.S. or abroad) who undertake research opportunities of mutual interest to Georgia Tech, the visiting student and their home institution. These appointments are usually 2 months to 12 months in nature. The proposed visit is to conduct research to fulfill degree requirements set forth by the home institution. These positions are not eligible for benefits. Students from abroad must participate in the J-1 Student Intern program. No Visiting Research Student may be in the B-1, Visitor for Business, or Visa Waiver Business (VWB) categories.

Visiting Research Faculty: Visiting faculty are senior scholars and distinguished visitors who typically hold a doctoral degree or the foreign equivalent and who hold an appointment comparable to those of Georgia Tech faculty, and are usually on temporary leave from their universities or research centers. They visit the campus for relatively short periods of time, usually no longer than a year, serve as senior researchers, collaborate on research projects and publications with faculty members, and pursue independent research. Ordinarily, visiting faculty are self-supported, or have adequate supporting funds. These positions may or may not be benefits eligible due to percent time worked (50% time or higher for 6 months or longer). No faculty senate voting rights eligibility.

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