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This handbook does not constitute a contract of employment nor a promise of any kind. HMS/HSDM reserves the right to change the policies and procedures in this Handbook unilaterally and without notice, with the exception of Faculty Bylaws (section 2) which requires a vote of Faculty Council and consultation with the Office of General Counsel. HMS/HSDM also reserves the right to determine the applicability of any policy to a given situation and to depart from the guidelines contained herein in a given case.

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MISSION STATEMENT, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT, HARVARD SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE
1. General Information and Contacts
   As of June 2022

1.1. About Harvard Medical School (HMS)

Harvard Medical School was established in 1782 in Harvard Hall on the Cambridge Campus.

Harvard Hall
First site of Harvard Medical School, October 7, 1783

Faculty members have been making paradigm-shifting discoveries and achieving “firsts” in medicine and science since 1800, when HMS Professor Benjamin Waterhouse introduced the small pox vaccine to the United States. Their accomplishments are recognized internationally and fifteen researchers have shared in nine Nobel prizes for work completed while at the School.

The Faculty of Medicine includes more than 12,000 individuals working to advance the boundaries of knowledge in labs, classrooms and clinics. The school’s main quadrangle in Boston houses classrooms where medical, dental and graduate students begin their training as well as the laboratories of tenured and tenure-track faculty members in Basic and Social Science departments, referred to as the “preclinical” or “quad” departments.
Links below connect to the Basic and Social Science departments that reside on the quadrangle, with the exception of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, which is a joint Department of the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and is based on the Cambridge campus:

- Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
- Biomedical Informatics
- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Global Health and Social Medicine
- Health Care Policy
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Neurobiology
- Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology
- Systems Biology

Teaching and research extend beyond the Basic and Social Science departments (HMS Quad). Harvard Medical School has affiliation agreements with 15 of the world’s most prestigious hospitals and research institutes (http://hms.harvard.edu/about-hms/hms-affiliates), vital partners that provide clinical care and training. They also serve as home base for more than 12,000 physicians and scientists with faculty appointments. There are 56 “clinical” or “hospital-based” departments located in HMS affiliated institutions that are responsible for the clinical training of medical students.

For additional information about HMS, its academic programs, affiliated institutions and more, please visit the HMS website at: http://hms.harvard.edu/about-hms and http://www.fa.hms.harvard.edu.

1.2. About Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM)

One of the premier schools of dental medicine in the world, Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) also has core strength in musculoskeletal-disease research and offers students public health opportunities in local communities and across the globe. HSDM is the only school at Harvard that offers direct patient care, with the Harvard Dental Center welcoming more than 50,000 patients for over 35,000 dental visits every year. In a unique educational model, HSDM students study clinical medicine with Harvard medical students and then pursue additional years of intensive, interdisciplinary clinical science education at HSDM and affiliated sites. HSDM alumni are making their mark in prevention, discovery, and practice as they work to improve the health and well-being of local and global populations. Harvard School of Dental Medicine is affiliated with the Forsyth Institute.

For additional information about HSDM, its academic programs, affiliated institutions and more, please visit the HSDM website at: http://hsdm.harvard.edu.

1.3. Deans, Key Administrative Offices

For information about the Faculty of Medicine Deans’ offices, please visit: https://hms.harvard.edu/about- hms/leadership and http://hsdm.harvard.edu/administrative-offices.
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- Faculty Resources
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2. Bylaws, School Governance, Standing Committees  
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Bylaws Creation and Amendment
In Academic Year 2012, this document was compiled from existing Harvard University bylaws and Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Harvard University policies that addressed individual components of our governance. After review by the Harvard University Office of General Counsel, it was approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and was ratified unanimously by the Faculty Council on November 7, 2012. This document is subject to amendment by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine after consultation with the Office of General Counsel and upon the vote of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council has amended this document on May 11, 2016, March 7, 2018, December 12, 2018, and February 12, 2020.

PREAMBLE
From its founding in 1782, Harvard Medical School has been part of Harvard University. The Faculty of Medicine, which includes both Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, is now one of nine faculties of the University. The Faculty of Medicine operates under the direct responsibility of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, who is appointed by the President of the University subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Appointments of the University’s two governing boards. Like other major academic units of Harvard, the Faculty of Medicine is subject to the statutes of the University and a range of other University-wide policies. While the Faculty of Medicine has long operated in accordance with such statutes and policies, as well as policies specific to the Faculty of Medicine, this document sets forth a fuller statement of its operating structure as part of Harvard University.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Harvard University was founded in 1636. Its principal academic units include nine faculties as well as the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) is the only faculty that offers undergraduate as well as graduate degrees. The FAS includes both Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; in addition, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is affiliated with the FAS. Harvard has eight other faculties, each with its own Dean: Business Administration, Design, Divinity, Education, Government, Law, Medicine, and Public Health. The Faculty of Medicine includes both Harvard Medical School and the School of Dental Medicine. The University’s faculties each have a considerable degree of autonomy in administering their affairs, subject to the authority and supervision of the central administration and the University’s governing boards.

The Governing Boards
The University has two governing boards. The President and Fellows of Harvard College, often called the Harvard Corporation, is the University’s principal fiduciary governing board. The Corporation exercises fiduciary responsibility with regard to the University’s academic, financial, and physical resources and overall well-being.
It consists of the President, the Treasurer, and other members known as Fellows. The Corporation engages with questions of long-range strategy, policy, and planning as well as transactional matters of unusual consequence. It serves as a confidential sounding board for the President on matters of importance; meets with Deans, vice presidents, and others from time to time to discuss a wide array of programs and plans; and is responsible for approving the University’s budgets, major capital projects, endowment spending, tuition charges, and other matters.

The Board of Overseers is the larger of the two boards, comprising thirty members elected by Harvard degree holders, as well as the President and the Treasurer of the University, who serve ex officio. The Board exerts broad influence over the University’s strategic directions, provides counsel to the University leadership on priorities and plans, and has the power of consent to certain actions of the Corporation.

Among the Board’s chief functions is the superintendence of the visitation process, the principal mechanism for periodic external review of the quality and direction of the University’s schools, departments, and selected other programs and activities. The Board carries out this responsibility largely through the operation of more than fifty visiting committees, whose work is overseen by and reported to the Board. The visiting committees include outside scholars and practitioners knowledgeable about the relevant fields. They are expected to provide independent assessments of the work of the visited unit and to make recommendations on its future development.

The Corporation and the Board of Overseers both maintain several standing committees of their own. In addition, the two boards maintain joint committees on inspection (audit), appointments, and alumni affairs and development.

The President and Provost
The President is the University’s chief executive and academic officer, charged by the University statutes with exercising “a general superintendence over all the University’s concerns,” including authority to appoint faculty, in accordance with the statutes. The President is the Corporation’s presiding officer, serves as an ex officio member of the Board of Overseers, chairs the Council of Deans, and is a member of each of the University’s faculties. The Provost is the University’s chief academic officer other than the President. The Provost shares responsibility with the President for central oversight of the University’s academic affairs, with particular emphasis on academic planning, on fostering collaboration among the University’s schools and other units, and on policies, practices, and initiatives that involve multiple parts of the University.

Council of Deans
The Council of Deans is composed of the University’s President and Provost, the Deans of the several faculties, and selected others. Chaired by the President, it meets regularly to consider matters of University-wide academic and administrative strategy and policy and to advance cooperative approaches among the University’s different schools and the central administration.

HARVARD FACULTY OF MEDICINE
The Harvard Faculty of Medicine includes both Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine faculty. The faculty is organized into basic science and social science departments, departments based at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and clinical departments at affiliated hospitals. Most faculty members are not Harvard employees nor are they based in Harvard facilities but instead are located at the affiliated hospitals and research institutions.

Responsibilities of the Faculty of Medicine
Subject to the overall governance of the University, instruction, academic policies, required courses of study, and the granting of degrees at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine are primarily the responsibility of the Faculty of Medicine. Appointment to the faculty entails responsibility in diverse areas of teaching, research, clinical care, and academic administration. Voting members of the faculty are expected to attend scheduled faculty meetings if possible and to participate in the selection of
members of the Faculty Council. The voting members of the Faculty of Medicine include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, among others. In addition to their teaching, research, and clinical care responsibilities, members of the faculty participate in faculty meetings and serve on school-wide standing committees and additional committees formed for faculty searches and reviews or special assignments. From time to time, members of the faculty may also be asked to serve on University committees. Three meetings of the voting faculty take place each year.

**Dean of the Faculty of Medicine**

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine is appointed by the President, subject to the consent of the Joint Committee on Appointments, and serves at the discretion of the President. The Dean is responsible to the President for the overall operations of the Faculty of Medicine at both Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and their academic programs. The Dean is charged with the overall management of the Medical School, including appointments of administrative staff as deemed necessary for achieving the mission of the School.

The Dean, with the advice of the Committee on Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments, recommends to the President and Provost faculty appointments to the ranks of Associate Professor and below and, with the advice of the Subcommittee of Professors, recommends to the President and Provost faculty appointments to the rank of Professor.

The Dean appoints the chairs of the various academic Departments of the Medical School and with the advice of the Dean of the Dental School, appoints the chairs of the various academic departments of the School of Dental Medicine. All department chairs report to and serve at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in their academic leadership capacities.

The Dean may appoint one or more Deans, Associate Deans, and Assistant Deans as deemed necessary and appropriate to carry out the mission and operations of the Faculty of Medicine; these Deans report to and serve at the discretion of the Dean.

The areas for which the Dean has primary oversight responsibility, within the overall governance framework of the University, and which one or more Deans, Associate Deans, or Assistant Deans may be appointed from time to time to direct, include:

**Education and Students**
The administration of all aspects of the academic programs of the Faculty of Medicine and the direction of the programs and activities of the Faculty of Medicine that assure compliance with the curriculum adopted by the Faculty from time to time and the requirements of accrediting and regulatory agencies,

**Faculty**
The administration of policies affecting the faculty and their appointments and the promotion of the professional development of the faculty,

**Research**
The administration of the Faculty of Medicine’s research program and the direction of the programs and activities that assure compliance with School, University, and applicable federal, state, and local regulatory requirements regarding research,

**Finance and Administration**
The direction of all matters relating to the finance and budget of the School of Medicine, the management of its human resources, and the supplying and operation of its facilities.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine has overall responsibility for ensuring that the mission of the Faculty of Medicine and the values of integrity, diversity, and professionalism are reflected in all aspects of operations and activities.
**Dean of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine**
The Dean of the School of Dental Medicine is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Appointments. The Dean of the School of Dental Medicine is responsible to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine to the President and Corporation) for overall management of the School of Dental Medicine and its academic programs, including appointments of administrative staff as deemed necessary to the operation of the School of Dental Medicine. Faculty within the School of Dental Medicine are members of the Faculty of Medicine and are subject to the policies and requirements of the Faculty of Medicine.

**Visiting Committee**
The University's Board of Overseers appoints and maintains a Committee to Visit Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. The committee, which, typically, meets every other year and reports in writing on its work, includes distinguished academics and practitioners in medicine, dentistry, and related fields. The committee is expected to assess the work of the Faculty of Medicine and to offer constructive advice on its future direction and development.

**Faculty Council**
The Faculty Council is a representative organization consisting of elected members of the voting faculty who serve three-year terms. The electoral structure is designed to assure proportional representation across disciplines and institutions. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine attends the monthly meetings of the Council. A Vice-Chair and Chair are elected by the members of the Council. The position is a two-year term with the first year of service as Vice Chair and the second as Chair. The Chair also serves as the Chair of the Council Docket Committee. This subcommittee of the Faculty Council, which develops and oversees the Council’s docket, is appointed by the Chair following the annual election. The Vice Chair is a member of the Council Docket Committee and serves as Chair of the Subcommittee on Standing Committees which reviews all nominations for service on the school’s Standing Committees. The Vice Chair acts as Chair in the Chair’s absence.

The Faculty Council advises the Dean in the formulation of major changes to policy for the Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine. Members of the faculty may propose amendments to the bylaws and/or recommend changes to policies through any Faculty Council representative. The Council submits recommendations for consideration to the Dean on major policy issues. The Faculty Council also receives reports from standing and administrative committees of the Faculty of Medicine, and other ad hoc committees of the Dean. The Dean provides periodic reports concerning the financial status of the Schools and other relevant topics. The Faculty Council has the authority to establish/empower and/or disband standing committees of the faculty. The Faculty Council, guided by its Subcommittee on Standing Committees, oversees standing committees of the faculty and votes to approve candidates for those committees in consultation with appropriate leadership. The process for populating each standing committee is approved by the Faculty Council as part of establishing the standing committee.

**Council of Academic Deans**
The Council of Academic Deans for the Faculty of Medicine consists of Academic Deans from the major affiliated institutions, appointed jointly by the Dean and the head of the affiliated institution. The Dean chairs the monthly meetings and the Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs and the Dean for Faculty Affairs serve as ex officio members. The Council of Academic Deans presents and makes recommendations to the Dean on candidates for possible appointment to the Professorial rank and on search requests at the Professorial level in the clinical and dental departments. The Council also advises the Dean on policies as they relate to faculty at the affiliated institutions.

**Executive Committees**
Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine are organized academically into departments, including preclinical departments based at the School clinical departments based at the affiliated institutions, and departments based at the School of Dental Medicine. Executive Committees are composed of appointing department heads from across the hospitals and play an essential role in the
appointments and promotion process in addition to addressing issues relevant to the specialty across HMS and the wider community.

The Dean meets periodically with all the chairs of the clinical departments’ executive committees to review pending policies and other matters of current interest and solicit their comments and advice. Chairs of executive committee chairs must be full professors, and they serve two-year terms at the behest of the Dean.

Council of Preclinical Chairs
The Council of Preclinical Chairs is composed of the academic Department Heads based at the Medical School. The Council is chaired by the Dean, administered by one of the Department Heads in rotation, and meets monthly. The Council of Preclinical Chairs presents and makes recommendations to the Dean on candidates for possible appointment to the Professorial rank and on search requests at the Professorial level in the basic science departments. Additionally, the Dean reviews pending policies and other matters of current interest with Council members and solicits their comments and advice. A sub-group, the Social Science Council, meets with the Dean on an ad hoc basis to present and make recommendations to the Dean on candidates for possible appointment to the Professorial rank and on search requests at the Professorial level in the social science departments.

Standing Administrative and Ad Hoc Committees
Over the years, the Faculty of Medicine has established various standing and administrative committees. The primary purpose of standing committees is to consider and recommend actions and propose policies in the functional areas under their jurisdictions, subject to final approval by the Faculty Council and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. A listing of the current Standing Committees along with their missions and membership can be found at: https://fa.hms.harvard.edu/Faculty-Leadership-Standing-and-Administrative-Committees. Standing committees are established and/or disbanded by the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council will also review and approve any substantial change in the charge of a standing committee. A quorum for voting purposes is considered a simple majority.

Administrative committees carry out the on-going policies and programs of the Faculty of Medicine. Advisory and/or ad hoc committees are convened as required by duly approved policies of the Faculty of Medicine, or as the Dean and/or the Faculty Council requires, for advice on matters related to the operation of the Faculty of Medicine and the activities of its faculty, staff, and students. As applicable, and in accordance with the relevant policy and requests, such committees report recommendations to the Dean and/or the Faculty Council.

Only professors serve as voting members of promotion committees (Subcommittee of Professors; Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee; and the Longer Service Committee). The votes of these Committees are advisory to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, who ultimately makes a recommendation to the President and Provost regarding appointments.

Faculty Appointments
Appointments and promotions to the Faculty of Medicine are described in the “Governance, Appointment and Promotion Handbook” and are managed by the Office for Faculty Affairs.

Policies and Procedures
The Dean, with the review and advice of the Faculty Council, from time to time promulgates and implements policies and procedures concerning the various operations of the Faculty of Medicine and the activities of its faculty, staff, and students to assure that those operations and activities are carried out in an orderly fashion, in accordance with the policies of the University and the requirements of applicable laws and regulations and the requirements of applicable accrediting bodies.

The office of the Dean is responsible for assuring that Faculty of Medicine policies are widely available to members of the community. In doing so, the Dean may make use of electronic means of dissemination of such policies and procedures such as electronic mail notices of new policies and amendments and posting policies.
and procedures on the Medical School website. All members of the community are expected to check electronic communications regularly and to familiarize themselves with policies and procedures and amendments to them.

The office of the Dean is responsible for assuring the implementation and, if necessary, the enforcement of such policies and procedures.

**Educational Organization**

The Faculty of Medicine offers educational programs leading to the MD degree, the MMSc degree, the Master of Science degrees, and the PhD degree, and, at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine the D.M.D., MMSc, DMSc, and PhD in Biological Sciences in Dental Medicine degrees. There are also programs leading to joint degrees with other Harvard schools.

**Program in Medical Education**

The Program in Medical Education (PME) at Harvard Medical School is the organizational structure housing the educational programs leading to the MD degree. Under the direction of the Dean for Medical Education, the PME is responsible for all aspects of the educational plan and for the development and review of curricular and educational programs leading to the MD degree. The PME is comprised of the following units: the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, the Registrar, Financial Administration, Curriculum Services, Student Affairs, Recruitment and Multicultural Affairs, Community Engagement in Medical Education, Scholarship in Medicine, and Educational Quality Improvement, the Academy, and the five Academic Societies.

**Program in Graduate Education**

The Program in Graduate Education (PGE) at Harvard Medical School is the organizational structure that brings together the life sciences educational programs at HMS, HSDM, and the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health leading to the PhD degree. The PGE is overseen by the Dean for Graduate Education. The PGE consists of the HMS-based Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) PhD programs; the Ph.D. programs in Biophysics, Chemical Biology, and Systems Biology, which are jointly sponsored by HMS and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; the Harvard Chan SPH Biological Sciences in Public Health PhD program; and the HSDM Biological Sciences in Dental Medicine PhD program. All PhD programs are administered in cooperation with Harvard’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, which oversees PhD programs across the University and officially grants the PhD degree. The Dean for Basic Science and Graduate Education also oversees the HMS Master's Degree programs and chairs the Committee on Governance and Oversight for HMS Master’s Programs. The Office of the Dean for Graduate Education also includes an administrative and financial unit and the Curriculum Fellows Program.

**School of Dental Medicine Educational Programs**

The Office for Dental Education at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine is the organizational structure housing the educational programs leading to the DMD, MMSc, DMSc, and PhD in Biological Sciences in Dental Medicine degrees. Under the direction of the Dean for Dental Education, the Office for Dental Education is responsible for all aspects of the educational plan and for the development and review of educational programs.

**Student Government**

The Harvard Medical School/Harvard School of Dental Medicine Student Council is an elected body that serves as the student government for both Schools. In addition to the Student Council, a large number of Council-approved student groups have been constituted and receive funding from monies allocated for this purpose from a central Student Council budget. The Council has developed guidelines and regulations to which its members and affiliated groups are expected to adhere. The Office of Student Affairs provides direct administrative and organizational support to the Council and to student organizations and is a liaison between these groups and the Schools and the University.

The Biomedical Graduate Student Organization (BGSO) includes over 700 PhD students enrolled in HMS-based graduate programs affiliated with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS). The goal of the
BGSO is to foster communication between the student body and the academic administrations. Additionally, the BGSO distributes Division of Medical Sciences funding to student groups that organize social or academic activities open to all DMS students.

For a complete list of HMS/HSDM Faculty Leadership, Standing and Administrative Committees and current membership, please visit: https://fa.hms.harvard.edu/Faculty-Leadership-Standing-and-Administrative-Committees.

Additional Resources for Section 2:
- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
3. Policies, Principles and Procedures for All Faculty

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This handbook primarily presents policies, procedures, resources and information that pertain to all faculty with HMS/HSDM appointments, regardless of employer. The vast majority of faculty are not employed by Harvard University. The school’s 16 clinical affiliates and research institutions provide compensation and benefits for many faculty members as their employer. For information about institutional policies and procedures pertaining to faculty as employees, contact the appropriate local human resources office.

HMS/HSDM faculty who are employed by the University can obtain detailed information about employee benefits from Harvard Medical School (https://hr.hms.harvard.edu/working-hms/benefits) or Dental School Human Resources Offices (http://hsdm.harvard.edu/office-human-resources) or online at Harvard University Human Resources Office at http://hr.harvard.edu/. Additional information about policies that apply only to Harvard-employed faculty can be found in section 16 of this handbook.

3.1. Academic Freedom: Rights and Responsibilities for All Faculty

Harvard University has promulgated statements regarding rights, responsibilities, and community values, which govern our activities. In keeping with the traditional concepts of academic freedom, faculty cannot be dismissed for holding controversial opinions, for proposing heretical viewpoints, or for espousing unpopular causes. They are all entitled to the classical protection of the academy in the pursuit of knowledge, in their teaching, and in the publication of findings and opinions.

Useful Links:

3.2. Annual Faculty Reviews

As recommended in the 2010 report of the Faculty Development and Diversity Task Force (https://hms.harvard.edu/departments/office-academic-clinical-affairs/hms-task-force-faculty-development-diversity), all faculty on the academic ladder (i.e., instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, both full-time and part-time, and professor-in-residence) are required to have an annual academic review with their immediate supervisors, division heads or Department Heads. Faculty with secondary appointments are required to have annual reviews in both their primary and secondary departments. Annual reviews are also
recommended, but not required, for faculty not on the academic ladder (e.g., lecturers, visiting faculty). The purpose of the review is to address academic progress; review expectations for promotion and tenure for those at ranks other than professor; to clarify and confirm teaching, research and, where applicable, patient care responsibilities; and evaluate other issues related to job performance. A form available on the Office for Faculty Affairs website, which may be augmented with additional departmental documentation, is to be completed and signed by the faculty member and the individual completing the review and retained within the Department. Department heads will be asked annually to confirm completion of the annual academic review for their faculty.

3.3. Board of Registration in Medicine

The Board of Registration in Medicine will occasionally require a statement from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine as a component of a temporary or full medical licensing application. The Dean for Faculty Affairs serves as the Dean’s proxy in this regard. For more information on what might be needed from the Medical School, please consult the Board of Registration’s website at [http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/borim/](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/borim/). All faculty, including visiting faculty, who interact with patients are responsible for obtaining appropriate licensure for their clinical activities.

3.4. Expectations to Teach

Appointment to the Faculty of Medicine provides distinct benefits. It affords entree to a broad scholarly community and access to the full range of Harvard University resources. It brings to a faculty member prestige, which assists in attracting patients and research funding. Most important, perhaps, it provides an opportunity to teach gifted medical, dental and graduate students and to train residents and postdoctoral fellows of exceptional quality. Members of the Faculty of Medicine are extraordinarily generous in their commitments to the School’s educational programs. Basic science faculty teach medical, dental, and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Clinical faculty teach medical and dental students, house staff, fellows, hospital personnel, and practicing physicians. Current pressures to deliver patient-care services or to expend greater proportions of their time finding research support, however, are requiring some faculty members to make difficult decisions vis-à-vis their time commitments. Teaching is an essential element of the scholarly life of a faculty member and should bring no economic or professional disadvantage to one faculty member over another.

Faculty are obligated to teach a minimum of 50 hours per year in the Harvard community as a requirement of their academic appointment. Given the centrality of the educational mission to HMS/HSDM, it is also expected that all faculty members will regard teaching Harvard learners as a priority in their professional role and will devote more than a preponderance of their teaching effort to Harvard learners and, in all cases, arrange all other teaching engagements so as not to interfere, or conflict, with their primary obligations to Harvard learners. Teaching is defined broadly to include teaching of medical or dental students, graduate students, residents, fellows, and peers. Teaching at any school at Harvard, including undergraduates at the College, can count toward meeting this obligation if approved by one’s Department Head. Teaching may take the form of didactic teaching of students in the classroom or in labs; clinical teaching on the wards or in ambulatory clinics; research training and mentorship, including as part of the Scholars in Medicine Program for medical students; medical student tutoring assessment of students in formal clinical exams, such as station-based OSCEs; and/or administration within major educational leadership roles.

Expectations for Teaching Medical Students

All faculty at Harvard Medical School are obligated to teach pre-doctoral medical students if called upon. These guidelines are an attempt to assure that the School’s commitment to teaching undergraduate medical students is fulfilled and distributed equitably. As citizens of the Medical School, faculty carry on the traditions of volunteerism, stewardship, and “giving back” that lie at the heart of being a physician and faculty member. In addition to teaching medical students in required courses, faculty may be called upon to give occasional lectures; to provide students with clinical skills feedback and assessment; to participate in elective courses; to function as student mentors; to supervise students in scholarly projects; and to serve on important committees crucial to the governance and functioning of the medical school without additional compensation: [https://meded.hms.harvard.edu/faculty-opportunities](https://meded.hms.harvard.edu/faculty-opportunities).
3.5. Principles of Non-Discrimination

It is the strong and consistent policy of Harvard University, Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and Harvard School of Public Health to treat all members of the communities with respect, to provide an environment conducive to learning and working, and to ensure equal access to rights, privileges and opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions or any other characteristic protected by law. Harvard University has codified these principles in the University-Wide Statement on Rights and Responsibilities, which is found at: http://provost.harvard.edu/university-wide-statement-rights-and-responsibilities and reiterated at: https://hms.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/assets/Sites/HR/files/Anti-Discrimination%20Policy%20Approved%2012.13.17.pdf

Procedures for addressing complaints regarding discrimination can be found at: https://hms.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Departments/Ombuds%20Office/files/HMS.HSDM.FacultyGrievanceProcedures.pdf

3.6. Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment

Harvard University is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy educational and work environment in which no member of the University community is, on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any University program or activity. Sexual and gender-based harassment in the workplace is discriminatory, unlawful, and clearly inconsistent with the nature of an academic community. Harvard Medical School regards such behavior as a violation of the standards of conduct required of all persons associated with the institution. Harvard University has adopted a policy addressing sexual and gender-based harassment that applies to all members of the Harvard community. For more information, please visit: https://titleix.harvard.edu/policies-procedures.

For information about the HMS/HSDM procedures for handling complaints involving faculty, please visit: https://hr.hms.harvard.edu/working-hms/policies-procedures as well as: https://hr.hms.harvard.edu/working-hms/policies-procedures/sexual-harassment-other-sexual-misconduct.

See Principles of Non-Discrimination (above) for concerns regarding other forms of harassment.

3.7. Unprofessional Relationships and Abuse of Authority

Consensual romantic relationships that might be appropriate in other circumstances have inherent dangers when they occur between any HMS or HSDM faculty member, fellow, or officer and any person over whom he/she has a professional responsibility, e.g., as a teacher, advisor, preceptor, or supervisor. HMS and HSDM faculty, fellows, and officers should be aware that any romantic involvement with students, other trainees, junior colleagues, or staff members over whom they have a professional responsibility makes them liable to complaint and formal action. Faculty should consult the following policy regarding responsibilities associated with their roles as a supervisor, teacher, preceptor and/or advisor in such situations: http://hms.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/assets/Sites/HR/files/HMS%20unprofessional%20relationship%20policy%20071415.pdf.

3.8. Abusive and/or Intimidating Behavior Policy

The Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine are firmly committed to maintaining an environment free from abusive and/or intimidating behavior, defined as: harmful mistreatment by words or actions that humiliate, degrade, demean, intimidate, and/or threaten an individual or group. To violate this policy, the behavior must be sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent such that a reasonable person would find it creates inhospitable working conditions and/or impairs the ability to carry out responsibilities to the institution. Such behavior may include, but is not limited to:
3.9. Use of the Harvard Name

Harvard University has promulgated a policy on “Use of Harvard Names and Insignias” which applies to the use of the “Harvard” name (and logos) by faculty members and others, including Harvard programs and affiliates, and has also promulgated associated guidelines on “Use of the Harvard Name in Internet Addresses, Domain Names, Web Sites and Other Electronic Context” and on “Guidelines for Responding to Requests from Third Parties for Endorsements.” These University documents can be found at: https://provost.harvard.edu/use-harvard-names-and-insignias. In accordance with the Harvard name policy, the Medical School has also promulgated supplemental rules consistent with the University policy and guidelines: http://hms.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/assets/Sites/UseOfName/University%20Name%20Policy.pdf. The purpose of the HMS Use of Name policy is to highlight the major points of the University policy and guidelines and to set forth the Medical School’s supplemental rules as well as the process for review and approval of the use of the Harvard name at Harvard Medical School.

For more information, including appropriate contacts, best practices for approval or to submit a request, please visit: http://hms.harvard.edu/departments/office-communications-external-relations/what-we-do/use-name-inquiries.

3.10. Values Statement (HMS Community)

Harvard Medical School is a community dedicated to excellence and leadership in medicine through education, research and clinical care. We aspire to excellence through a commitment to our community values. Faculty members are encouraged to use and incorporate these values into their teaching and their work. For more information and to read the statement in entirety, please visit: http://hms.harvard.edu/departments/hms-community-values.

3.11. Open Access Policy

In 2014, HMS joined all of Harvard University in subscribing to an Open Access policy for publications. All faculty should consult https://osc.hul.harvard.edu/policies/hms/ prior to publication of scholarly work. Waivers are granted by request.

3.12. Faculty of Medicine Policies on Integrity in Science

The Office for Academic and Research Integrity (ARI) is responsible for implementing the policies and guidance adopted by the Faculty of Medicine, as well as the policies and regulations promulgated by the federal government and its agencies in the areas of conflict of interest, research misconduct, and integrity in science. For convenience, the major areas addressed by the HMS policies on integrity in science are summarized here. For the full authoritative version of these policies, please visit ARI’s website: http://ari.hms.harvard.edu.

3.11.1. Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment

The University applauds the creative ways in which our Faculty fosters relationships with fellow academics, the governmental and other agencies and entities that fund and otherwise support research, and the companies that work to commercialize innovations and bring therapies to patients. These partnerships have great potential for innovation and success, and are consistent with the mission of Harvard Medical School (HMS) to alleviate human suffering caused by disease.

With the many benefits that flow from partnerships with industry and others comes the potential for conflicts of interest. The Faculty of Medicine believes that, with clear principles and guidelines, collaboration between
industry and academic medicine is consistent with the highest traditions of the medical profession and can energize scientific creativity.

In compliance with the Harvard University Policy on Individual Financial Conflicts of Interest for Persons Holding Faculty and Teaching Appointments (http://files.vpr.harvard.edu/files/vpr-documents/files/harvard_university_fcoi_policy_4_0.pdf), the Faculty of Medicine Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (https://hms.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/assets/Final%20HMS%20COI%20Policy%2005%2012%2016%20word.pdf) is intended to serve as a guide for faculty members in structuring their relationships with industry and other outside ventures in view of their academic responsibilities for teaching, research and patient care. The Office for Academic and Research Integrity works in partnership with our affiliated institutions for the implementation of this policy.

3.11.2. Principles and Procedures for Handling Allegations of Faculty Misconduct

The integrity of the teaching, research and clinical programs of the Faculty of Medicine requires that the Faculty pay careful attention to and resolve in an equitable manner allegations of misconduct of faculty appointees and fellows. Because of variations in such factors as the kind of misconduct alleged, the seriousness of the allegations, the nature of the dispute over the facts, and the interests and involvement of other private or public institutions and agencies, the course of action that will enable the Faculty to fulfill this responsibility in the best possible manner is likely to vary from case to case.

The Addendum to the policy includes procedures for handling allegations of misconduct related to biomedical or behavioral research, research training, or other activities related to that research training. For more information, please visit: https://ari.hms.harvard.edu/sites/g/files/mcu761/files/principles_and_procedures_for_dealing_with_allegations_of_faculty_misconduct.pdf.

3.11.3. Authorship Guidelines

Authorship is an explicit way of assigning responsibility and giving credit for intellectual work. Authorship attribution should be judged by how honestly it reflects actual contributions to the final product. Authorship is important to the reputation, academic promotion, and grant support of the individuals involved as well as to the strength and reputation of their institution.

The Faculty Council of Harvard Medical School has endorsed guidelines regarding authorship. Although authorship practices differ from one setting to another, and individual situations often require judgment, variation in practices should be within these basic guidelines. For more information, please visit: https://ari.hms.harvard.edu/sites/g/files/mcu761/files/authorship_guidelines.pdf.

3.11.4. Guidelines for Attribution of Credit and Disposition of Research Products

Conflicts over the attribution of credit and disposition of products can arise as a result of differences of opinion over the relative importance of individual contributions to a research program, over the timing or circumstances that led to a discovery, or as an outgrowth of a breakdown in communication among colleagues. As enumerated in the existing policies, frequent discussion before, during, and after the conduct of research can prevent potential conflicts. However, disagreements still may arise, and these guidelines, along with other Integrity in Science policies, are designed to provide a framework for conflict resolution. Implementation of these guidelines and, generally, resolution of conflict are ordinarily best carried out at the laboratory or clinical unit level. For more information, please visit: https://ari.hms.harvard.edu/sites/g/files/mcu761/files/guidelines_for_attribution_of_credit_and_disposition_of_research_products.pdf.
3.11.5. **Letters of Reference**

Candor and forthrightness in letters of reference are of the greatest importance in maintaining standards of conduct and of quality among members of the biomedical profession. Guidelines for best practices in the provision of academic references can be found at:

3.11.6. **Guidelines for Editors and Authors of Medical Textbooks**

These guidelines outline principles that should be followed at Harvard Medical School in the writing and editing of multi-authored, multi-edited medical textbooks in which successive editions are customarily revised. For more information, please visit:

3.11.7. **Guidelines for Investigators in Scientific Research**

These guidelines are intended to bring generally accepted research practices of the Faculty of Medicine to the attention of those beginning their careers in scientific research. These recommendations are not intended as rules, but rather as guidelines from which each group of investigators can formulate its own set of specific procedures to ensure the quality and integrity of its research. For more information, please visit:
https://ari.hms.harvard.edu/sites/g/files/mcu761/files/guidelines_for_investigators_in_scientific_research_0.pdf.

3.11.8. **Guidelines for Investigators in Clinical Research**

These guidelines outline principles that should be followed at Harvard Medical School when conducting research. They are a supplement to the Guidelines for Investigators in Clinical Research. The scientific practices described here are generally accepted by investigators conducting both multi-center and single-institution clinical research studies and help ensure both the quality and integrity of scientific findings in clinical research. The guidelines are not intended to relieve investigators of any ethical obligations that may be imposed by individual Institutional Review Boards overseeing the rights of study subjects in clinical research.

The implementation of these guidelines rests within each of the affiliated institutions and the department(s) in which the research is conducted. For more information, please visit:

3.11.9. **Faculty of Medicine Statement on Research Sponsored by Industry**

The Harvard University Faculty of Medicine welcomes industrially supported research agreements that stimulate its investigators, promote technological transfer, and provide valuable support. At the same time, it recognizes the need to avoid arrangements that might compromise, or seem to compromise, its intellectual principles and purposes and the freedom of inquiry that members of the Faculty enjoy. As an institution, the University benefits from public research funds and the public's trust, and it has an obligation to develop its research discoveries with concern for the public's interest.

This statement outlines some general principles—concerning how and why research is conducted within the Faculty of Medicine—with which all research agreements concluded with for-profit external sponsors (referred to, hereafter, as industrially-sponsored research agreements) should conform. For more information, please visit:
3.13. Termination Documentation and Lengths of Notice for Annual and Term Appointed Faculty

For those faculty based at HMS/HSDM affiliated institutions, maintenance of an appointment in the Faculty of Medicine is dependent on, among other criteria, holding a simultaneous appointment at the affiliated institution. If the appointment at the affiliated institution is terminated, the Harvard appointment will also end. It is expected that faculty who hold annual or term appointments and trainees will be given written notice of the termination of their appointment at the affiliated institution and the associated loss of the Harvard appointment if the termination is to occur prior to the conclusion of the designated term. The expected period of notice would be:

- Trainees (clinical and research fellows): three (3) months
- Annual appointees (e.g., Lecturers, Instructors): three (3) months
- Term appointees (e.g., Assistant, Associate Professors, Part-time Professors, Professors in Residence, and Professors of the Practice): six (6) months

Faculty and trainees who are informed of a probationary period as part of an offer of employment or appointment are not covered by this policy until the end of the probationary period. Faculty whose employment is terminated for cause, including documented unsatisfactory performance and misconduct, are not required to receive any period of written notice as specified in this policy. Salary, severance and other forms of compensation at the time an appointment ends are determined as part of the employer-employee contract at the affiliated institution and are not governed by this policy. Affiliated institutions must inform the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) of all appointment terminations, via eTAD submission including the type of termination (VOL or Involuntary) along with a brief explanation.

3.14. Use of Harvard Medical School Email

Guidelines regarding the use of Harvard Medical School email can be found at:
http://it.hms.harvard.edu/about/it-policies-forms/email-terms-use

Additional Resources for Section 3:

- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
4. Ranks, Titles, Status and Terms of Appointments

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4.1. Definition of Voting Faculty Status

Professors, Professors in Residence (may only be full-time), Professors of the Practice, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, three-year Senior Lecturers, and three-year Lecturers are voting members of the faculty. Both full-time and part-time faculty from these categories are voting members of the Faculty of Medicine. Other institutional or administrative personnel and Principal Associates may be appointed to voting faculty status on an individual basis. HMS/HSDM voting faculty may not hold voting faculty appointments at any other academic institution(s). See section 13.2.2 for additional information regarding appointments at other academic institutions.

4.2. Protocol for Defining Full-time versus Part-time Faculty Ladder Appointments

With the acceptance of a full-time, voting appointment in the Faculty of Medicine, an individual makes a commitment to the University (and HMS/HSDM affiliated health care or research institution, if appropriate) that is understood to be full-time in the most inclusive sense. Full-time members of the Faculty of Medicine are expected to devote their primary professional loyalty, time and energy to their teaching, research, administrative responsibilities and, where applicable, patient care at Harvard and its affiliated institutions. Accordingly, they should arrange outside activities and financial interests so as not to interfere with the primacy of these commitments. The Faculty of Medicine recognizes that its members may engage in outside professional work, and to the extent that these activities serve the collective faculty's interests as well as those of the individual participant, the Faculty of Medicine approves of such involvement. However, no more than the equivalent of one (1) day a week of a full-time faculty member's total professional effort may be directed to outside work, and these activities require the approval of the faculty member's Department Head. Potential conflicts of commitment must be disclosed and resolved through discussions with the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) and the Office for Academic and Research Integrity.

Faculty who hold full-time appointments are expected to meet the teaching expectations outlined in section 3.4 and work at least four (4) days per week. For those based at a primary affiliate, up to one (1) of those four (4) days may be spent at an "affiliate of an affiliate." The only exception to this rule is for those who are approved by the Global and Community Health Appointments Committee (GCHAC), or for whom an exception has been vetted with the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA).

Members of the faculty whose appointments are less than full-time are expected to devote professional loyalty, time and energy to their teaching, research, patient care and administrative activities at Harvard in accordance with their agreed upon time commitments. Individuals who hold part-time appointments will be expected to have met academic criteria for appointment comparable to those for full-time faculty and will have the same titles as
their full-time counterparts, modified with the words "Part-time" (e.g., Assistant Professor, Part-time), reflecting the part-time nature of their relationship to the Faculty of Medicine. Faculty who hold part-time ladder (Instructor, Assistant, Associate or Professor) appointments are expected to meet the teaching expectations outlined (see section 3.4), work at least one (1) day per week at a primary affiliate of HMS/HSDM, and not spend the majority of their time at another academic institution. Faculty will be expected to retain the modifier "Part-time" in their formal title. The only exception to this policy is for those who are approved by the Global and Community Health Appointments Committee (GCHAC) or for whom an exception has been vetted with the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). Part-time appointments are not permitted on the Quad.

Faculty who work less than one (1) day per week at a primary affiliate and meet the teaching expectations as outlined (see section 3.4) are eligible for appointment as Lecturer, Part-time, or Senior Lecturer, Part-time (see section 11.) The only exception to this policy is for those who are approved by the Global and Community Health Appointments Committee (GCHAC) or for whom an exception has been vetted with the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA).

Because all faculty will be reviewed by the same promotion criteria, faculty who transition from part-time roles to full-time roles and have been evaluated by the single criteria (after December 2013) may change their titles from part-time to full-time as long as the appropriate search requirements have been met and the Department Head has requested the change of the Dean through the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). Typically, no additional letters other than the Department Head letter confirming a full-time or part-time role are required.

**Full-time, Ladder**

**Minimal Time at HMS/HSDM and/or primary affiliate:** ≥ 4 days per week (may work up to 1 of the 4 days at an “affiliate of an affiliate”)

**Title:** Rank: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor

**Criteria:** As per criteria in section 6; 50 hours teaching in the Harvard community per year; annual career conference and mentor; must hold simultaneous affiliate appointment if based at affiliate

**Part-time, Ladder**

**Minimal Time at HMS/HSDM and/or primary affiliate:** < 4 days but at least 1 day per week

**Title:** Rank: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor, Part-time

**Criteria:** As per criteria in section 6; 50 hours teaching in the Harvard community per year; annual career conference and mentor; must hold simultaneous affiliate appointment if based at affiliate

**Non-Ladder, Full-time**

**Minimal time at HMS/HSDM and/or primary affiliate:** ≥ 4 days per week (may work up to 1 of the 4 days at an “affiliate of an affiliate”)

**Title:** Lecturer or Senior Lecturer

**Criteria:** 50 hours teaching per year; must hold simultaneous affiliate appointment if based at affiliate

**Non-Ladder, Part-time**

**Minimal time at HMS/HSDM and/or primary affiliate:** < 4 days per week

**Title:** Lecturer or Senior Lecturer, Part-time

**Criteria:** 50 hours teaching per year; must hold simultaneous affiliate appointment if based at affiliate
4.2.1. Procedures for evaluating requests for Full-time or Part-time ladder appointments for faculty whose academic work takes place in global and community health settings outside Harvard

Occasionally faculty by necessity must complete their academic work or a portion of their academic work in settings other than HMS/HSDM or a primary affiliate. For those individuals whose academic work requires that they be ‘off-site’ for some period of time that exceeds the standards described above, Department Heads may request an exception for a full-time or part-time appointment by explaining the following in an annual letter to the Dean:

- Nature of the off-site activities, the rationale for why those activities must be conducted elsewhere, and how they relate to the HMS/HDSM mission;
- Whether the candidate is participating in an off-site program organized by or associated with the home institution or pursuing academic activities independent of such a program;
- If organized by or associated with the home institution provide a brief description and note duration of the relationship;
- Nature of on-site activities;
- Distribution of effort at all entities;
- Harvard teaching role, on and off site, including level of effort and types of Harvard students / trainees / peers taught;
- Expected duration of off-site activities;
- Source(s) of salary;
- Institution(s) managing candidate’s grant(s), if applicable;
- Academic affiliations or titles the candidate holds other than at Harvard;
- Individual responsible for oversight/mentorship of faculty member and mentorship plan, particularly while offsite.

In addition to the letter, the Department should submit to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at facappt@hms.harvard.edu the candidate’s current Faculty of Medicine CV. The Global and Community Health Appointments Committee (GCHAC) will review each request and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will inform the Department Head of the rationale for approving or not approving the requested full-time or part-time ladder appointment. Additional information may be requested by the Global and Community Health Appointments Committee (GCHAC) to assist with their deliberations.

4.2.2. Procedures for evaluating requests for Full-time or Part-time ladder appointments for faculty working in health settings separate from primary affiliates

As described above, full-time faculty are expected to work the equivalent of at least four (4) days a week, one (1) of which may be spent at an institution affiliated with a primary Harvard affiliate, and part-time faculty are expected to work the equivalent of at least one (1) day a week at a primary affiliate. If an exception to these rules is desired, a Department Head may request a full-time or part-time appointment for an individual who does not meet full-time or part-time ladder criteria by providing answers to the following questions in an annual letter to the Dean:

- Does this candidate spend any time at the primary affiliate?
- Why does this candidate work off-site? Are there unique services delivered at the site? Are these services considered core to the work of the affiliate?
- What benefit does the department/affiliate/Harvard derive from the candidate’s offsite work?
- Does teaching of Harvard associated learners occur at the affiliated site? If so, please describe the specifics of this faculty member’s contributions. If not, in what capacity does the faculty member teach Harvard learners?
- Who pays the candidate’s salary?
- If the relationship between the department and the site were to end, how likely is it that the candidate would be integrated into the primary department?
- Does this candidate have academic affiliations or titles at other institutions?
- Who is responsible for oversight and mentorship of the candidate?
In addition to the letter, the Department should submit to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at facappt@hms.harvard.edu the candidate’s current Faculty of Medicine CV. The Dean’s office will review each request and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will inform the Department Head of the rationale for approving or not approving the requested full-time or part-time ladder appointment exception. Additional information may be requested by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) to assist with these deliberations.

4.2.3. Titles for faculty working in the for-profit sector

An individual who holds an Executive Position in a for-profit business engaged in commercial or research activities of a biomedical nature and teaches Harvard learners at least 50 hours per year is not eligible to be considered for a full-time or part-time ladder appointment within the Faculty of Medicine, and may only hold a Lecturer, Part-time or Senior Lecturer, Part-time title (see section 11). An Executive Position is any position that is responsible for a material part of the operation or management of a business. This term specifically includes, but is not limited to, the following positions: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Scientific Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Scientific Director, and Medical Director.

A Faculty member who transitions from a full-time appointment to an Executive Position may, upon approval of his/her Department Head and the Dean’s Office, request a Leave of Absence (see section 15.1) or, if present at HMS/HSDM or the affiliated institution between 1 and 4 days per week, a Part-time appointment, for up to two years. If after two (2) years the faculty member continues in an Executive Position, the only titles available will be Lecturer, Part-time or Senior Lecturer, Part-time, depending on meeting the criteria for those appointments. If an individual does not meet the teaching criteria for a Lecturer, Part-time or Senior Lecturer, Part-time position, the Department may request a Visiting Scientist position (see section 12) for up to one (1) year with the option to renew for one (1) year.

4.3. Titles and Appointments in the Faculty of Medicine

The table below details the various titles in the Faculty of Medicine and the basic criteria, process, and term for each rank. Visiting faculty titles and appointments are described in section 12.

4.3.1. Eligibility Criteria for a Faculty Appointment

The appointment of a faculty member represents three commitments: 1) on the part of the department to the mentorship and career support of the new faculty member; 2) on the part of Harvard Medical School to provide faculty development programs, including orientation, to the new faculty member; and 3) on the part of the Instructor to contribute to the academic mission of the school through teaching Harvard learners a minimum of fifty (50) hours per year and participation in the scholarly enterprise.

Criteria for Appointment:

All candidates for appointment will:

- Hold a doctoral degree.
- Have completed at least one (1) postdoctoral training program or have a documented exception for postdoctoral training (In rare instances, postdoctoral training would not be the norm prior to a faculty appointment, such as in the case of some social scientists. The nominating letter should address this exception.).
- Hold an active hospital appointment at a primary affiliate of HMS or HSDM or be appointed in a Basic or Social Science department (HMS Quad).
- Not concurrently be serving primarily in a training role or an Associate appointment (see section 14) (Some faculty will seek additional, part-time training through a fellowship program while still primarily serving as a faculty member. Departments will be asked to explain the percent effort dedicated to this additional training role in determining whether the Instructor or Fellow title is appropriate.).
• If clinically active, be licensed and approved by the hospital credentialing committee or under review for credentialing at the primary affiliate.

• Have evidence of teaching at Harvard for a minimum of fifty (50) hours annually documented in the CV or, for first appointment, intended teaching responsibilities documented in Department Head nominating letter. Teaching is broadly defined to include the teaching of medical, dental, graduate and undergraduate students, trainees, or peers at any Harvard institution.

• Agree to comply with HMS policies and procedures, including Conflict of Interest disclosures and Use of Harvard Name requirements.

• Meet criteria for a full-time or part-time appointment.

**Search documentation must be provided at the time of first appointment** unless the candidate meets criteria for exception to a search, see section 5.3.3. If the latter case applies, documentation of the exception should be included in the letter requesting appointment.

For additional details about specific ranks, please see sections 7-10.

4.3.2. **Expectations of Faculty Members in the Faculty of Medicine:**

**Expectations of Faculty Members:**
All ladder faculty, Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, and Professors in Residence, will participate in the teaching mission of the Faculty of Medicine with rare exception. Teaching is defined broadly to include education leadership activities and the teaching of medical, dental and graduate students; residents; research and clinical fellows; and peers. The minimum expectation is fifty (50) hours of teaching Harvard learners at Harvard and/or its affiliated institutions. Plans for teaching activities must be included in the initial nomination for appointment and documentation of teaching activities must be included in the request for reappointment and be documented in the CV. Faculty members must follow all policies of the Faculty of Medicine, including the HMS Conflict of Interest and Use of the Harvard Name policies.

**Expectations of the Appointing Department:**
The department agrees to provide mentorship to all faculty members represented by, at a minimum, appointing of a faculty mentor for initial appointees below the rank of professor and annual query of mentorship needs for all faculty during the annual career conference. An annual career conference is required for all faculty members, at which expectations for advancement in the department will be addressed, appropriate to rank, along with other professional development expectations. The initial letter of appointment will note the name of the mentor, and each reappointment will document the completion of an annual career conference. Department Heads will attest that each faculty member has received an annual career conference via an annual HMS survey. In addition, every five (5) years for instructors, six (6) years for assistant professors, and ten (10) years for associate professor, the department will conduct a formal review beyond the annual mentorship career conference and will submit documentation of the review to the Dean. If the department opts not to renew an annual or term faculty appointment at times other than the standard renewal date, the Department Head or designee will provide written notice of non-renewal to the faculty member, with a copy to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA), three (3) for annual appointments or six (6) for term appointments months prior to the end of the appointment. Terminations for cause do not require such written notice. See section 3.12 for more about termination documentation and lengths of notice for annual and term appointed faculty.

**Expectations of HMS/HSDM:**
The school will offer an orientation to all faculty below the rank of professor with initial appointments, including presentations by key offices of the Dean and opportunities to meet with leaders from the HMS/HSDM community. Faculty whose initial appointment is at the rank of professor are welcome to schedule an orientation meeting with a senior member of the OFA. The School will maintain a website that will provide information about opportunities to teach, training programs for teachers through the Academy/Center for
Teaching and Learning, and information about the process for academic promotion. Resources for faculty development, including competitive intramural and extramural fellowships and leadership training, will be made available. Faculty will have access to the services of the HMS/HSDM Ombuds office for addressing concerns related to their appointment at Harvard.

Faculty Titles and Appointments (for Visiting titles, see section 12)

Appointment Series

- **Full-time, ladder** (See section 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 for exceptions to full-time and part-time guidelines.)
  - **Level of effort:** ≥ 4 days per week at HMS/HSDM and/or primary affiliates (*Full-time faculty may spend one of the four days working at an “affiliate of an affiliate.”*)
  - **Title:** Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor
  - **Academic Criteria:** As per criteria in section 6, emphasis on scholarship, level of reputation, teaching, and service; only Longer Service criteria for Assistant Professor do not require written scholarship
  - **Other Criteria:** Doctorate; may not hold an executive position in a for-profit entity
  - **Process:** For Professor appointment, ad hoc review and SOP; for Assistant and Associate Professor appointments, P&R or Longer Service Committee; for Instructor appointments, review by Dean’s office
  - **Term:** Professor: indefinite; Associate Professor: five years; Assistant Professor: three years;
  - **Instructor:** one year
  - **Search required?** Yes (For exceptions to the requirement for a search, see section 5.3.3)

- **Part-time, ladder** (See section 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 for exceptions to full-time and part-time guidelines.)
  - **Level of effort:** ≥ 1 day per week, but fewer than 4 days per week, at HMS/HSDM and/or primary affiliates
  - **Title:** Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor, Part-time
  - **Academic Criteria:** Same as for full-time ladder appointments
  - **Other Criteria:** Doctorate; may not hold an executive position in a for-profit entity
  - **Process:** For Professor appointment, ad hoc review and SOP; for Assistant and Associate Professor appointments, P&R or Longer Service Committee; for Instructor appointments, review by Dean’s office
  - **Term:** Professor: five years; Associate Professor: five years; Assistant Professor: three years; Instructor: one year
  - **Search required?** No

- **Lecturer**
  - **Level of effort:** May be from full-time to less than 1 day per week but at least 50 hours of teaching of Harvard learners per year
  - **Title:** Lecturer or Lecturer, Part-time
  - **Academic Criteria:** Teaching excellence; no requirement for written scholarship
  - **Other Criteria:** Will be a part-time appointment unless commitment is > 4 days per week
  - **Process:** Annual review by Lecturer Appointment Committee; opportunity to advance to a three-year Lecturer appointment after three one-year terms and documentation of sustained, exceptional teaching contributions to Harvard
  - **Term:** One year unless appointed three-year Lecturer
  - **Search required?** No
• **Senior Lecturer**
  o **Level of effort:** May be from full-time to less than 1 day per week but at least 50 hours of teaching of Harvard learners per year
  o **Title:** Senior Lecturer or Senior Lecturer, Part-time
  o **Academic Criteria:** Exceptional teaching and noteworthy, long-established accomplishment in one’s field; reputation consistent with general criteria for a Professorial appointment
  o **Other Criteria:** Rare appointment; will be a part-time appointment unless commitment is ≥ 4 days per week
  o **Process:** Annual review by Lecturer Appointment Committee; opportunity to advance to a three-year Senior Lecturer appointment after three one-year terms and documentation of sustained, exceptional teaching contributions to Harvard
  o **Term:** One year unless appointed three-year Senior Lecturer
  o **Search required?** No

• **Professor in Residence**
  o **Level of effort:** ≥ 4 days per week at HMS/HSDM or primary affiliate (Full-time faculty may spend one of the four days working at an "affiliate of an affiliate.")
  o **Title:** Professor in Residence
  o **Academic Criteria:** Has previously held appointment as Professor at outside institution; national reputation
  o **Other Criteria:** Doctorate; rare appointment; short-term position must be approved by Provost before individual can be nominated; limited to a five-year term with one option for renewal; no rank below Professor; external recruitment only
  o **Process:** Department requests short-term position of Dean; if position approved by Dean and Provost, Dean’s office obtains letters of comparison for review by Senior Appointments Committee, CAD/PCC/SSC (as appropriate), and SOP
  o **Term:** Five years and option for one renewal of the five-year term
  o **Search required?** No

• **Professor of the Practice**
  o **Level of effort:** May be full-time (≥ 4 days per week) or part-time (≥ 1 day per week, but fewer than 4 days per week) at HMS/HSDM or primary affiliate. (Full-time faculty may spend one of the four days working at an "affiliate of an affiliate.")
  o **Title:** Professor of the Practice
  o **Academic Criteria:** Established national reputation in a health-related field outside of academia, e.g., from government, industry, or the non-profit sector
  o **Other Criteria:** Doctorate (ordinarily); rare appointment; position must be approved by Dean before individual can be nominated; five-year term appointment subject to renewal upon review; no rank below Professor; external recruitment only
  o **Process:** Department requests short-term position of Dean; if approved, Dean’s office obtains letters of comparison for review by Senior Appointments Committee, CAD/PCC/SSC (as appropriate), and SOP
  o **Term:** Five years and option for unlimited renewal (subject to review)
  o **Search required?** No

• **Professor Emeritus/Emerita**
  o **Level of effort:** Determined by Department Head
  o **Title:** Professor Emeritus or Professor Emerita
  o **Academic Criteria:** Full-time Professor
  o **Other Criteria:** Retiree, age 60 or older with at least 5 years of continuous Harvard service who has held appointment as full-time Professor at HMS/HSDM
  o **Process:** Department requests position of Dean upon retirement of faculty member
  o **Term:** No term limits
  o **Search required?** N/A

• **Corresponding Member of the Faculty**
  o **Level of effort:** Determined by Department Head
  o **Title:** Corresponding Member of the Faculty
  o **Academic Criteria:** Ladder faculty member other than full-time Professor
4.4. Holding Title as Member of the Faculty for New Faculty Recruits

New recruits to the Faculty of Medicine whose official title (other than Instructor or Lecturer, which can be requested directly) is pending review by an appointment committee may be given the title of Member of the Faculty, generally for up to one (1) year, while waiting for approval of their ultimate intended title. This appointment will allow for activation of their Harvard ID and access to Harvard resources. To apply for this title, follow the detailed process below. The appointment may only be renewed for one (1) additional year.

**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for**
**Holding Title as Member of the Faculty for New Faculty Recruits**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head writes to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine requesting approval for a Member of the Faculty appointment

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Notification of approval

**Detailed Process for Holding Title as Member of the Faculty for New Faculty Recruits**

**Step 1:** Department Head writes to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine requesting approval for a Member of the Faculty Appointment

- Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
  - QuickHire form in PeopleSoft for individuals external to HMS; eTAD for individuals who have held an appointment or position at HMS
  - Nominating letter includes initial date and outlines the expected timeline for submission of materials for the rank appointment
  - Candidate’s CV in required Faculty of Medicine format
  - Search documentation as appropriate for the final title if not using the Faculty of
Governance, Appointment and Promotion Handbook

Medicine Search Portal. If holding appointment is for Professor rank, do not include in Member of Faculty packet

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment
- Appointment may be renewed annually up to one (1) time (total of two (2) years of appointment)

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm the approval of the appointment/reappointment
- If new to Harvard University, Department Administrator receives electronic notification when an HUID has been created in the Harvard University system

**4.5. Renewal of Appointment Terms and Tenure Clock**

For information about the tenure clock and tenure clock extensions for faculty based in a Basic and Social Science Department (HMS Quad), see section 16.

Faculty based in clinical and HSDM departments are not subject to a tenure clock and may be reappointed at any rank indefinitely, with the exception of appointment as Professor in Residence, which may only be renewed once. To renew an appointment, the Department must submit appropriate documentation based on rank (see sections 7-11 for reappointment requirements at each rank). There is no minimum or maximum time at rank required before a promotion may be reviewed. However, at each five-year interval that a faculty member is an Instructor, or at the time of a second reappointment to a term position (e.g., at six (6) years for Assistant Professors and ten (10) years for Associate Professors) and each term reappointment cycle thereafter, Department Heads will, in addition to the routine reappointment documentation, provide an update in the form of a letter to the Dean regarding the academic trajectory for the faculty member and the likelihood of academic advancement.

**Additional Resources for Section 4:**
- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
5. **Guidelines for Academic Recruitment**

As of June 2022

5.1. **Basic Guidelines for Academic Recruitment**

Open recruitment of faculty ensures the opportunity to bring the current and future leaders of our disciplines to Harvard. As affirmed in the School’s Mission Statement, we aspire to "To nurture a diverse, inclusive community dedicated to alleviating suffering and improving health and well-being for all through excellence in teaching and learning, discovery and scholarship, and service and leadership." Excellence of the Faculty of Medicine depends on identifying the broadest possible pool of candidates and evaluating those candidates with a rigorous process that minimizes bias.

We subscribe to the following key principles:

- Ensuring maximal effort to minimize bias, conscious and unconscious, from our procedures;
- Using evidence, where available, to establish effective practices in faculty recruitment;
- Providing training to those entrusted to lead and shepherd our faculty recruitment processes;
- Developing strategies for identifying the broadest possible pool of candidates;
- Creating nimble mechanisms to facilitate timely recruitment of outstanding candidates;
- Complying with all laws and regulations regarding faculty recruitment;
- Partnering with our affiliated institutions to support processes that comply with these principles while achieving local objectives.

5.2. **Guidelines for Recruitment across Harvard-Affiliated Institutions**

The following guidelines shall apply for full-time ladder faculty at Instructor through Full Professor rank within the Faculty of Medicine:

- Faculty recruitment opportunities at Instructor rank or above that represent an academic or a professional advancement (i.e., new job description or increased responsibility) at one Harvard-affiliated institution should be available to faculty at all Harvard-affiliated institutions. The best candidate, whether from within or outside the Harvard Medical community, should be recruited. Whenever one Harvard institution selects an internal final candidate from another Harvard institution, and there is concern or disagreement within the Harvard Medical community, the proposed recruitment will be reviewed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the Council of Academic Deans (CAD). The recruiting Department Head should provide to the Dean and Council documentation justifying the need to fill the position internally. The recruiting institution will consider the views of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) before making a final decision.
• Faculty recruitment at Instructor rank or above which involves a lateral move (i.e., no change in academic position, job description or responsibility) between Harvard institutions will be reviewed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) when there is concern or disagreement within the Harvard Medical community about the recruitment. The recruiting institution will consider the views of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) before making the final decision.

• Recruitment for a faculty position at the rank of Professor will be carried out through a search process in which the Search Committee is appointed by the Dean in accordance with the Faculty of Medicine’s Professorial recruitment policies, see section 5.4.

Currently no search is required for non-ladder or Part-time faculty. To convert from a non-ladder or Part-time position to a Full-time ladder position will require a search unless an exception has been met, see section 5.3.3.

5.3. Requirements for Faculty of Medicine Searches

5.3.1 Initial appointment as a Trainee

For Harvard Clinical and Research Fellows moving directly to faculty positions, the search performed at the level of the internship/residency/fellowship selection process serves as the required search. The period of fellow appointment at HMS/HSDM must be at least one (1) year. In this case, no search documentation will be required at the time of first faculty appointment or subsequent promotion.

If a trainee moves to a position at an institution not affiliated with Harvard at the completion of training for more than two (2) years, a new search is required if the department wishes to have him/her join the faculty. An exception may be made if, at the completion of HMS/HSDM training, the department offers a faculty position to a candidate, contingent upon the individual obtaining additional training outside HMS/HSDM.

For possible reinstatement following a break in service of two (2) years or less, see section 15.3.

5.3.2. Initial appointment as Faculty Member of the Faculty, Instructor, Assistant and Associate Professor, Full-time

Search requirements

• There is no mechanism to convert a search for faculty below the rank of professor to a professorial search without starting anew.

• A search must be conducted for faculty whose first postdoctoral appointment is at the level of full-time Member of the Faculty, Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor unless they meet criteria for an exception as outlined, see section 5.3.3. The procedures for such a search are outlined below, see section 5.5.

• Advertising must specify that appointment will be at a rank of Associate Professor or below. Only a search approved by the Dean for recruitment of a Professor may state or imply the potential for appointment at the rank of Professor in advertisements.

• On occasion, a search for a faculty member at the rank of Associate Professor or below identifies a candidate who likely would qualify for a professorial appointment. In such instances, the chair of the committee should immediately notify the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA), which will determine appropriate options.

• For possible reinstatement following a break in service of two years or less, see section 15.3
Professor, Full-time

Search requirements
- All searches for positions at the Professor, Full-time rank are conducted by Search Committees appointed by the Dean unless they meet criteria for an exception as outlined, see section 5.3.3. The procedures for a search are outlined below, see section 5.4.
- For possible reinstatement following a break in service of two years or less, see section 15.3

5.3.3. Exceptions

- Exceptions to the search requirements are made for the specific circumstances below:
  - Essential colleagues of a newly recruited Professor. Individuals who are eligible for the "essential colleague" exception would be those who have actively worked with the recruited Professor and are proposed for appointment within one (1) year of the recruited Professor's start date at HMS/HSDM. A list of essential colleagues should be submitted to the OFA at the time of offer acceptance. Although no search is required, the candidate's rank is not guaranteed and will be reviewed by the appropriate appointment committee.
  - Spouse of a newly recruited faculty member. If the recruited faculty member receives an annual (Instructor) or term (Assistant or Associate Professor) appointment, the spouse cannot be reviewed for a rank higher than a term appointment. Documentation of the search for the recruited faculty member will be required.
  - Appointments of faculty whose commitment to HMS/HSDM meets the Part-time criteria, see section 4.2. Searches are highly recommended, although not required.
  - Appointment to the rank of Professor in Residence, fulfilling a short-term need of the institution, see section 7.4
  - Harvard Clinical and Research Fellows moving directly to faculty positions after one (1) year or more in a Harvard training program.
  - Target of Opportunity, see section 5.6

Exception to the requirement for a search does not eliminate the requirement for a complete evaluation of the candidate for appointment to the proposed rank. If a full-time or part-time ladder faculty member or a full-time non-ladder faculty member has been continuously appointed at HMS/HSDM for more than 6 years and no search documents were requested and provided at the time of prior promotion or appointment, search documentation will not be requested for subsequent appointments or promotions.
5.4. Procedures for First Appointment to the Faculty of Medicine as Professor, Full-time (Search Process)

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for First Appointment to the Faculty of Medicine as Professor, Full-time (Search Process)

Step 1
Department / Institution
Search initiation by Department

Step 2
Office for Faculty Affairs
Review by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 3
Office for Faculty Affairs
Search Committee initiation

Step 4
Department / Institution
Initial meeting of Search Committee

Step 5
Department / Institution
Search Committee generates an intermediate list

Step 6
Department / Institution
Interview process and selection of final candidate(s)

Step 7
Department / Institution
Negotiating with final candidate

Step 8
Department / Institution
Search Committee identifies evaluators

Step 9
Office for Faculty Affairs
Ad hoc Search Review meeting

Step 10
Office for Faculty Affairs
Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier

Step 11
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

Step 12
University
University renders a decision

Step 13
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
With rare exception, the selection of a new Department Head is the result of a national Professorial-level search. All of the procedures described for Department Head searches also apply for a non-Department Head Professorial recruitment.

However, as a rule, in the case of searches for Professors who are not recruited to be Department Heads:

- The committee is smaller in size and includes representatives from other affiliated institutions; it may not necessarily include Department Heads.
- The CEO/President will typically not charge the committee.
- Testimony from others in the department may not be necessary.
- The pool of candidates, depending on the nature of the field in which the search is being conducted, may be smaller.
- In the case of a small number of candidates, rapid cycle interviews may not be warranted, and the intermediate list may be the same as the short list.

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**Detailed Process for First Appointment to the Faculty of Medicine as Professor, Full-time (Search)**

**Step 1: Search initiation by Department**

Department Head or CEO/President of the affiliated institution prepares a letter to the Dean addressing:

- Nature of the job and the criteria by which the final candidates should be judged with regard to:
  - Research needs
  - Teaching needs
  - Clinical needs
  - Administrative responsibilities (if any)
- Qualifications needed
- Composition, strengths, and weaknesses of the area and of the department
- Plans for the search (including appended list of proposed committee members on a separate page after the signatures)
- List of individuals regarded by the department as suitable candidates for the position may be appended. Ordinarily, no action on the part of the department should be taken to establish the credentials of these individuals at this time.

For HMS/HSDM affiliates which have Senior Appointments Committees, the request should be reviewed and approved by that group. The Senior Appointments Committee will forward the approval to the search initiator who will upload the search request letter and the approval letter to the Harvard Faculty of Medicine Search Portal ([https://facultyappointmentsportal.hms.harvard.edu](https://facultyappointmentsportal.hms.harvard.edu)) to be reviewed by the Dean’s office (Step 2).

For HMS/HSDM affiliates which do not have Senior Appointment Committees, the Department Head or CEO/President making the request should upload the search request letter to the Harvard Faculty of Medicine Search Portal ([https://facultyappointmentsportal.hms.harvard.edu](https://facultyappointmentsportal.hms.harvard.edu)) to be reviewed by the Dean’s office (Step 2).

**Step 2: Review by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)**

**Clinical Departments**

- The Dean’s office reviews the proposal from the perspective of academic and institutional needs
- The Dean’s office circulates the proposal to the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) requesting advice regarding the search and committee membership.
- Upon approval by the Council of Academic Deans (CAD), the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the department/institution regarding search approval and initiation
• Potential Search Committee members should be entered into the search portal but not be invited nor should advertisements and other publicity regarding the position be initiated prior to this approval

Basic and Social Sciences Departments
• The request for a search is reviewed during the annual departmental planning process or is forwarded to the Executive Dean for Administration who makes a recommendation to the Dean
• A formal letter of approval is sent to the Department Head from the Dean
• The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will contact the department regarding the search initiation
• The Search Committee should not be invited nor should advertisements and other publicity regarding the position be initiated prior to this approval

Step 3: Search Committee Initiation
• On behalf of the Dean, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) invites the Search Committee. Generally, Department Head searches have 10-16 members while non-Department Head Professorial searches may have a smaller number of members.
• The Dean invites the Chairperson of the Search Committee; for affiliated institution positions, the selection is made with advice from the institution Director/President/Academic Dean and Department Head when appropriate. It is recommended that another Department Head at the recruiting institution or a comparable senior faculty member chair the Search Committee when the search is for a Department Head.
• Voting members of the Search Committee may include:
  ➢ Professors from the field in which the search will occur; may include persons outside the Faculty of Medicine and Harvard University
  ➢ Professors from related fields
  ➢ Professors from affiliated institutions other than the institution seeking the candidate
  ➢ Director/CEO/President/Trustee/Vice-President and/or Academic Dean of the affiliated institution
  ➢ Representative of the Dean’s office
  ➢ In rare cases, an Associate Professor who does not hold one of the above roles may participate in the candidate selection phase of the search (through Step 6) if the Associate Professor extends the diversity of the committee AND the search advertises for both Professor and Associate Professor candidates
• Members of the Search Committee may NOT include:
  ➢ Anyone likely to be a candidate
  ➢ Anyone who will report to the new Professor
  ➢ Faculty members who do not hold the rank of Professor other than those described above
• Faculty and others not eligible to serve as members of the Search Committee may testify to the Search Committee, suggest names, meet with candidates, and provide feedback on candidates to the Search Committee. These individuals do not participate in the final selection.
• The Senior Appointments Committee, Council of Academic Deans (CAD) or the Dean’s office, may modify the list of suggested names, especially in cases where diversity is insufficient among the original proposed group of members.
• The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) schedules an orientation with the Search Committee Chair and the search administrator. The search administrator should not ultimately be a direct report of the recruited candidate.
• The Dean’s office representative from the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews with the Search Committee Chair and the search administrator: Plans for the search, committee procedures, publicity of the position, final candidate selection processes, plans for addressing diversity and unconscious bias, confidential sharing of search documents and all other search procedures
• In the case of Basic and Social Sciences, the Dean’s office representative reviews the use of Harvard’s Academic Recruiting Information System (ARiEoS) for documenting search procedures. For more information, please visit: https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/
For all searches, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will establish a secure online site so the Search Committee may share confidential documents. The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will provide to the Search Committee on this site a list of the committee members and contact information.

**Step 4: Initial meetings of Search Committee**

Search Committee holds initial meetings to do the following:

- Review the strengths and weaknesses of the field within the discipline, within the Faculty of Medicine, and, if applicable, within the affiliated institution
- Review the present composition of the department
- Review the description of the position to be filled
- Define criteria by which candidates will be evaluated
- When appropriate (particularly for Department Head recruitments), receive a formal charge from institutional leaders such as the Dean/Department Head/CEO/President
- Review confidentiality requirements, the search process and unconscious bias information and training. This information is shared by the Dean’s office representative.
- Develop or, if already developed, review, an advertisement for the position to submit to professional or specialty journal(s) or websites. A template for advertising, using appropriate logos, can be found on our Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website. Note that an advertisement in a print or a web-based journal likely to reach the broadest, most appropriate pool of candidates must be posted for thirty days and hard copies of the original advertisement must be provided at the conclusion of the search. The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will post advertisement(s) on the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) website. This site links to the HMS Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership (ODCP).
  - Equal opportunity language should be included in all advertisements. Please reference templates found on our Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page for current language to use.
  - Care should be taken to be sure that Harvard University is not implied to be the employer if it is not.
- Hear witness testimony from inside and outside the department as appropriate
- Develop a plan for identifying the broadest possible pool of candidates. The Committee should explicitly outline efforts to identify women and individuals from groups underrepresented in medicine. If there is a significant leadership component to the position, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will post the advertisement on the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) website which reaches women leaders in academic medicine. A list of other sites for reaching a diverse pool of candidates will be provided to the Search Committee Chair and can be found on our Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website.
  - Develop a list of persons in the field to be consulted about names of potential candidates, including women and minorities
  - Develop a list of names of potential candidates, specifically noting women and minority candidates in the field
  - Consider candidates from inside or outside the Faculty of Medicine
  - Collect the names of candidates developed from all these sources and create a long list of potential candidates
  - Discuss a strategy for narrowing the long list and interviewing candidates

**Step 5: Search Committee generates an intermediate list**

- Solicit CVs from all candidates on the long list or solicit CVs from a subset of candidates on the long list (subset determined by committee discussion or other sources of information about the candidates including websites, personal knowledge of the candidates, and/or recommendations from leaders in the field)
- Evaluate CVs/candidate credentials against position criteria through mechanisms such as:
  - All committee members evaluate all candidates, ranking individuals as A (strong interest), B (to be discussed further) or C (no further consideration)
  - Each candidate is discussed by 1-2 reviewers pre-assigned from among the committee members and the candidate is ranked based on the presentation of the reviewers
The number of candidates selected for interview is variable, but typically ranges from 3-12. Candidates rated are contacted to alert them to their status.

**Step 6: Interview process and selection of final candidate(s)**

**Initial interviews**
- Intermediate list candidates are invited to interview for the position
- The interview process is to be determined by the committee. Examples of possible interview procedures include:
  - All candidates spend 1-2 days meeting members of the Search Committee individually and, often, the Committee as a whole
  - All candidates meet with the Committee as a whole
  - All intermediate list candidates interview over the same 2-3-day window with the Search Committee, each having a 45-60-minute interview with the whole committee in rapid succession (known as rapid cycle interviewing)
  - Candidates are interviewed by a designated subset of the Committee who report back to the Committee as a whole
  - Candidates are initially interviewed by Zoom before being invited to interview in person
- Maintaining consistency of the interview procedures across candidates and including a set list of questions for all candidates to address are recommended strategies for minimizing unconscious bias
- The Committee should vote on interviewed candidates following a complete discussion of their strengths and weaknesses

At the end of the first round of interviews the Search Committee selects a short list of candidates, typically fewer than 6, usually for a second round of interviews. Candidates for the short list should be selected for inclusion on that list, rather than excluded from it.

The Search Committee may be the primary group responsible for conducting a second round of interviews, followed by further narrowing of the candidates from a short list to a final list, or may recommend that the hiring entity, be it the Department or hospital CEO/President, consider all names on the short list. Either way, the Committee determines its final selection(s) by concluding the discussion with a formal vote. Generally, a list of 2-4 names is forwarded to the CEO/President (for Department Head candidates) or the Department Head. References for candidates may be solicited after the first round, second round, or at the discretion of the institution. The Search Committee’s recommendations are advisory to the Dean and to the hiring entity.

**Step 7: Negotiating with final candidate**

Department Head or CEO/President negotiates with final candidate:
- If an internal candidate is selected, a report of the search process is submitted to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) and the search is closed. The Committee takes no action regarding the faculty member’s academic appointment.
- If an external candidate is selected and will be proposed for appointment at the rank of Professor, the Search Committee, with the assistance of the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA), will solicit letters of evaluation as below (see Step 8)
- If an external candidate is selected and will be proposed for appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or below, the department will manage the preparation of the appointment package as for any individual recruited to a junior rank, see section 5.5
- If none of the candidates identified through the Professorial search process is hired, additional candidates from the search process could be re-evaluated, the search could be re-opened or the recruiting institution could decide to have an interim or acting Department Head or other administrative hospital title and then initiate a new search process in the future
- If the search is closed, a new request must be submitted to the Dean to resume the search
- If the search is unsuccessful, goes on hiatus for a period of time of one (1) year or more and is resumed, a new advertisement will need to be placed according to the guidelines for advertising above in Step 4
Step 8: Search Committee identifies evaluators
If the Search Committee identifies a candidate from outside Harvard for potential appointment as Professor, the evaluation of the external candidate proceeds. The advice of the Search Committee regarding the appropriate rank is advisory to the Department Head or President/CEO. The Search Committee identifies 3-5 comparands and 12-14 experts in the candidate's field to provide letters of comparison and evaluation. Most experts will be external to Harvard, but 1-2 evaluators from Harvard (not on the Search Committee) may be identified. No one who was on the long list for the search should be asked to write a letter. The Search Committee also determines by what academic criteria the candidate should be evaluated, see section 6. The candidate provides an updated Faculty of Medicine CV and a self-selected annotated list of ten (10) most significant scholarly works.

The Search Committee Chair provides the following documents to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA):

- Advertisement
- People asked to suggest possible candidates and sample of letter sent
- Long list of candidates
- List of candidates invited for interviews
- List of comparable people (3-5; please include their titles and affiliations)
- List of letter writers (12-14) on required Excel spreadsheet
- Candidate's CV in required Faculty of Medicine format
- Annotated ten (10) most significant scholarly works by the candidate
- Report of the search

(see the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website for additional details regarding documents to be submitted)

The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews the list of proposed comparands and letter writers, solicits the letters on behalf of the Dean and Search Committee, and manages any follow-up communication needed. Once the letters and all other dossier components have been received, the dossier is compiled by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) and shared with the Search Committee, which votes for or against recommending a Professorial appointment for the candidate. If the vote is favorable, the Professorial evaluation process continues to the ad hoc search review.

If the vote is against a Professorial appointment, but is in favor of an Associate Professor appointment, the department submits an Associate Professor package to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). The Committee takes no action regarding the faculty member's appointment. See section 8 for Associate Professor appointments.

Search documentation other than the search report must be provided to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at least six weeks prior to the ad hoc Search Review Committee meeting, as this will inform who is eligible to serve on the ad hoc Search Review Committee. The search report is due at least two weeks in advance of the ad hoc Search Review Committee meeting.

Step 9: Ad hoc search review meeting

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will invite an ad hoc Search Review Committee consisting of members from within and outside Harvard and schedule this meeting. A senior HMS Dean or Dean’s representative will chair this committee
- The purpose of this meeting is twofold: to review the search process and the qualifications of the candidate for appointment as full Professor
- The Search Committee Chair will be asked to attend a portion of this meeting as a representative of the Search Committee. If s/he is unable to attend, another member of the Search Committee may attend instead.
- A member of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) will attend this meeting and write a report summarizing the key points and the Committee's vote. The case will move forward for review by the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) if the vote is favorable. If substantial concerns arise, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will initiate further discussion with the recruiting institution.
Step 10: Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier
- See section 7.3, steps 10-13, with the exception that the Search Committee Chair may be invited to attend the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) meeting to answer questions

Step 11: Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP)
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

Step 12: University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 13: Notification of approval
- Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

5.5. Procedures for First Appointment to the Faculty of Medicine for Full-time Instructor, Assistant and Associate Professors (Search Process)

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for First Appointment as Full-time Instructor Assistant Professor, or Associate Professor (Search)

Step 1
Department / Institution
Search Initiation by Department

Step 2
Department / Institution
Search Committee generates an intermediate list

Step 3
Department / Institution
Interview Process and selection of final candidate(s)

Step 4
Department / Institution
Negotiating with final candidate(s)

See section 8 for next steps regarding faculty appointments to rank of Associate Professor
See section 9 for appointments to Assistant Professor.
See section 10 for appointment as Instructor and Section 11 for Lecturer.
Detailed Process for First Appointment to the Faculty of Medicine for Full-time Instructor, Assistant and Associate Professors (Search)

Step 1: Search initiation by Department
- Department Head or Division Chief identifies need for a new faculty member
- For Basic and Social Science department (HMS Quad) appointments, the Dean must first approve the position in writing
- For Clinical department appointments, the department initiates the search through the Faculty of Medicine Search Portal [https://facultyappointmentsportal.hms.harvard.edu](https://facultyappointmentsportal.hms.harvard.edu) and includes the rationale for the search, the search committee members and proposed advertisement to be reviewed by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). The Dean’s office reviews the advertisement and the composition of the search committee and may make recommendations. Once approved, the recruiting department/institution posts the advertisement. The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) supplements this effort by posting advertisement(s) on the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) website.
- Search Committee is appointed from the faculty in the department and, as appropriate, from other departments with related scientific/clinical interests. Four to six members and the chairperson are typical, ideally including women and faculty from groups underrepresented in medicine. Faculty may be of any rank
- Members of the Search Committee may NOT include:
  - Anyone likely to be a candidate
  - Anyone who will report to the new hire
- Faculty and others not eligible to serve as members of the Search Committee may testify to the Search Committee, suggest names, meet with candidates, and provide feedback on candidates to the Search Committee. These individuals do not participate in the final selection.
- All advertisements should specify the potential rank(s) of the appointment, which may include Instructor, Assistant Professor, and/or Associate Professor. If the recruitment seeks to identify candidates who would qualify for a professorial appointment, follow the process for professorial searches as described in Section 5.4.
- Equal opportunity language should be included in all advertisements. Please reference templates found on our Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page for current language to use.

Step 2: Search Committee generates an intermediate list
- Search Committee meets to refine job description, discuss procedures for conducting the search, define criteria for the position and discuss plans for publicizing the position, maximizing the breadth of the pool of candidates. Such efforts include discussion of:
  - Methods to be used for soliciting candidates (record of activities to be included in the final search report), e.g., advertisements, recruitment sessions, letters, phone calls to solicit candidates from experts in the field. Note that an advertisement in a print or a web-based journal likely to reach the broadest, most appropriate pool of candidates must be posted for thirty days and documented for inclusion among the search materials in the Faculty Search Portal.
  - In the case of Basic and Social Sciences, a Dean’s office representative reviews the use of Harvard’s Academic Recruiting Information System (ARiESeS) for documenting search procedures. For more information, please visit [https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/](https://academicpositions.harvard.edu/)
  - Steps should be taken to identify women/minority candidates, which may include specific inquiry regarding female and minority candidates; letters soliciting candidates specifically sent to women and minority leaders in the field; contact with national professional/specialty organizations; lists from the Association of American Medical Colleges; and/or personal calls to appropriate individuals made by members of the Search Committee.
  - Search Committee:
    - Builds a long list of possible candidates
    - Develops set of criteria by which candidates will be judged
    - Obtains and reviews CVs from potential candidates
Ensures that all female and minority candidates receive the fullest and fairest consideration
Reviews potential candidates and identifies the strongest candidates who meet the position criteria

Step 3: Interview process and selection of final candidate(s)
- Short list candidates are invited to interview for the position
- The interview process is to be determined by the Committee. Examples of possible interview procedures include:
  - All candidates spend 1-2 days meeting members of the Search Committee individually and, often, the Committee as a whole
  - All candidates meet with the Committee as a whole
  - Candidates are interviewed by a designated subset of the Committee who report back to the Committee as a whole
  - Candidates are initially interviewed by Zoom before being invited to interview in person
- Maintaining consistency of the interview procedure across candidates and including a list of questions for all candidates to address are strongly recommended as strategies to minimize unconscious bias
- The Committee should vote on interviewed candidates following a complete discussion of strengths and weaknesses
- Subsequent (second round) interviews with finalist candidates are often indicated
- Recommendations of the Committee are presented to the hiring leader, typically a Division Chief, Department Head or CEO/President

Step 4: Negotiating with final candidate(s)
The Department Head or designated leader negotiates with final candidates.

Note: If at any point in the search process the Search Committee has advertised explicitly for a candidate for the rank of Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor but identifies as a leading candidate an individual whose appointment would be at the full Professor and not the annual or term appointment level, the chairperson of the committee must immediately notify the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA), which will make a determination as to the appropriate procedures for the continuation of the search. Such appropriate procedures may include the appointment of a Search Committee by the Dean.

- Offer letters to candidates should make clear that appointment to rank is not assured and must be evaluated by the appropriate appointment committee at HMS. Until rank is approved, the title of Member of the Faculty would be the appropriate holding appointment, see section 4.4. Search documents are submitted at the time of this first appointment.
- Once a candidate accepts the position, the Department prepares an appointment dossier appropriate to the anticipated rank (see sections 8, 9, and 10 for details about materials needed for appointment). See section 8 for next steps regarding faculty appointment to rank of Associate Professor and section 9 for appointment to Assistant Professor.
- Searches for HMS paid appointments must follow Harvard University protocols including updating candidates’ dispositions in ARleS after the hiring of a final candidate.
- If none of the candidates identified through the search process is hired, additional candidates from the search process could be re-evaluated, the search could be re-opened or the recruiting institution could decide to have an interim or acting administrative hospital title (if relevant) and then initiate a new search process in the future.
- For searches recruiting Harvard-paid positions: if the search is closed, a new request must be submitted to the Dean to resume the search.
- If the search is unsuccessful and then goes on hiatus for one (1) year or more, post a new advertisement according to the guidelines for advertising above in Step 4 before resuming the recruitment.
5.6. Procedures for Target of Opportunity Recruitments

We aspire to “create and nurture a diverse community of the best people committed to leadership in alleviating human suffering caused by disease.” The excellence of the Faculty of Medicine depends on identifying the broadest possible pool of candidates and evaluating those candidates with a process that is rigorous and as free of bias as possible. A robust search process is almost always required to achieve our goals. However, in extremely rare instances, the department or affiliated institution may request an exception to a search for an extraordinary full Professor who will fulfill key institutional diversity goals. **There is no target-of-opportunity recruitment mechanism for faculty below the rank of full professor.**

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Professorial Targets of Opportunity Recruitments**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head prepares case for a professorial target of opportunity recruitment

**Step 2**
Department / Institution
Department Executive Committee, Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) reviews candidate

**Step 3**
Department / Institution
Institution or Department petitions Dean for professorial target of opportunity exception

**Step 4**
University
Dean’s and Provost’s offices review

**Step 5**
Department / Institution
Evaluation for appointment or search as appropriate
Detailed Process for Targets of Opportunity Recruitments

**Step 1: Department Head prepares case for a professorial target of opportunity recruitment**

The Department Head will provide the candidate’s CV and a letter documenting the rationale for the recruitment without a full search, addressing the unique nature of the candidate’s qualifications and the specific circumstances that justify treating the situation as a ‘target of opportunity’ recruitment. An opportunity to enhance diversity is the strongest argument that can be made when requesting an exception, but all of the following factors are to be addressed in the request:

- Excellence: the singular nature of the individual’s academic accomplishments and the potential for contributions to the Harvard community;
- Diversity: the progress toward excellence through diversity and inclusion, if any, that would be achieved through the candidate’s recruitment;
- Field size: the nature of the field in which the candidate works and the small number of comparable leaders in the discipline available to join the Harvard community;
- Timing: the nature of the candidate’s availability that would preclude committing the time needed to conduct a full search;
- Urgent circumstances: for institutional specific reasons, whether there is an urgent need to be addressed by the recruitment; and
- Availability: how the candidate and his/her availability came to be known.

**Step 2: Department Executive Committee, Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) reviews candidate**

The Department Head will present the case to the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) or Department Executive Committee as appropriate and those bodies will share their recommendations with the Dean regarding whether the unique characteristics of the candidate present an exceptional opportunity for the Harvard community that would support bypassing the typical search mechanisms.

**Step 3: Institution or Department petitions Dean for professorial target of opportunity exception**

Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: seniorprofsearch@hms.harvard.edu

- Letter on behalf of the institution (in the case of a Basic and Social Science department (HMS Quad), on behalf of the Department) to petition the Dean’s office for a Target of Opportunity exception
- Opinion of the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC), or Executive Committee (if available)
- Candidate’s CV

**Step 4: Dean’s and Provost’s offices review**

The Dean will review the request with any advisory body deemed appropriate (e.g., the Council of Academic Deans (CAD)). If approved, the case will be reviewed with the Office of the Provost. If acceptable to the Dean and the Office of the Provost, the case will be managed as an evaluation rather than a search.

**Step 5: Evaluation for appointment or search as appropriate**

If approved, the search exception remains in effect for one year. During that period, the recruiting department may negotiate with the candidate, hire them, and if hired, should submit the materials necessary for a professorial evaluation; see section 7. If not approved, the candidate may be considered through a typical search process, see section 5.4.

**Additional Resources for Section 5:**

- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
6. Criteria for Appointments and Promotions
As of June 2022

The decision regarding a faculty member’s readiness for promotion or appointment to a specific rank is ultimately determined by the Department Head. Faculty members are encouraged to discuss eligibility for promotion with appropriate mentors, Division Chiefs, their Department Head and other leaders who can advise regarding the candidate’s achievement of the milestones highlighted in these criteria. There is no required time a faculty member must remain at rank before a promotion can be proposed in the clinical departments and at HSDM. Primary appointments and promotions in the Basic and Social Science Departments (HMS Quad) are governed by a tenure clock, see section 16.8. Candidates for full-time and part-time ladder appointments are reviewed by the same criteria.

Steps for Creating a Promotion Profile

#1 Select one of the three Areas of Excellence (required)
- Clinical Expertise and Innovation
- Investigation

The Area of Excellence should represent the candidate’s major area of achievement and impact and be the basis of the candidate’s reputation and recognition. The choice of the Area of Excellence should include a consideration of the quantity as well as quality of contribution. It should represent recent activities to which the faculty member has devoted a substantial proportion of time and academic effort. Scholarship, broadly defined, is a requirement in all categories (with the exception of promotions by Longer Service criteria, see section 9.3). One’s Area of Excellence may be different at subsequent promotions.

#2 Report on Teaching and Education (required)
All faculty will be evaluated for contributions to teaching and education activities at Harvard and its affiliates and are expected to devote a minimum of 50 hours per year to such activities. Teaching of HMS/HSDM medical, dental, and graduate students will be particularly noted. If this is the candidate’s first faculty appointment at HMS/HSDM, teaching contributions at institutions where the candidate previously held a faculty position will also be assessed. Faculty whose Area of Excellence is Teaching and Educational Leadership will have already been assessed for their contributions to teaching (see step #1 above). Such activities are broadly defined to include:
- Didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers
- Research training and mentorship
- Clinical teaching and mentorship
- Administrative teaching leadership roles
#3 Specify One or More Significant Supporting Activities (optional)
Many faculty make significant contributions outside their designated Area of Excellence and teaching. Significant supporting activities may represent contributions of outstanding quality and importance in domains in which the quantity of contribution is less than in the Area of Excellence. Contributions in six (6) areas will be considered:

- Administration and Institutional Service
- Clinical Expertise
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Education of Patients and Service to the Community
- Investigation
- Special Merit in Education

Substantial academic contributions in one or more supporting activities will supplement accomplishments in the Area of Excellence in the evaluation for promotion. However, while such activities may decrease the expected *quantity* of contribution in the Area of Excellence, they do not diminish the requirement for exceptional *quality* of academic achievement in that area.

The following steps describe the process of choosing an Area of Excellence and the other required attributes that form a customized profile.

**Areas of Excellence (select one)**
- Clinical Expertise and Innovation
- Investigation
- Teaching and Educational Leadership

**Evaluation for Teaching and Education**
ALL candidates will be evaluated for teaching and educational contributions

**May identify other Significant Supporting Activities**
- Administration and Institutional Service
- Clinical Expertise
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Education of Patients and Service to the Community
- Investigation
- Special Merit in Education

**Guidelines for Selecting an Area of Excellence**
The Area of Excellence should represent the candidate’s major area of achievement and impact, including a consideration of the quantity as well as quality of contribution. The Area of Excellence should form the basis of the candidate's reputation and should be consistent with the type and focus of the candidate's scholarship. It should also represent recent activities to which the faculty member has devoted a substantial proportion of time and academic effort and may also be influenced by how the candidate views his/her career path. The determination of the Area of Excellence is made by the Department Head (or his/her designee) in consultation with the candidate.

In most cases, an individual will maintain a consistent academic focus over time, although the activities of a faculty member may occasionally change. If a substantive change in activities occurs, the Area of Excellence and significant supporting activities selected for subsequent promotions may change as well. The candidate will be expected to meet the usual standards for the new Area of Excellence.

Faculty with their primary ladder academic appointment in Basic and Social Science department (HMS Quad) will have Investigation as their Area of Excellence.

The metrics provided for each Area of Excellence in the following sections are not comprehensive but are meant to serve as examples of common achievements for a given rank. Candidates may report achievements
not specified in the metrics.

6.1. **AoE: Clinical Expertise and Innovation**

This Area of Excellence is appropriate when a specific area of clinical expertise provides the unifying theme for the candidate's academic activities and achievements. The individual is considered a leader in a clinical field. The candidate may have a reputation as an innovator in approaches to diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease; applications of technology to clinical care; and/or in developing models of care delivery. The candidate must demonstrate scholarship, which may include chapters and reviews in his/her area of clinical expertise, guidelines/protocols for patient care, publications evaluating the impact of a clinical innovation, and/or other research publications. There should be a strong educational component in the clinical field (reported in Teaching and Education), and the individual may participate in clinical, translational or basic scientific research related to the clinical field. If research activities are substantial, investigation should be designated as a supporting activity.

For more specific criteria by rank see sections 7, 8 and 9.

6.2. **AoE: Investigation**

This Area of Excellence is appropriate for individuals who spend the majority of their time performing research. Investigation is broadly defined to include basic, translational and clinical research, including epidemiology, outcomes and health services research, and biostatistics as well as research in social sciences, ethics, bioinformatics and health economics, among others. Investigation also includes the development of innovative methods/technologies and/or novel applications of existing methods and technologies. This Area of Excellence may also be used to recognize the contributions of individuals with research training in diverse fields that bring a unique or critical expertise to the biomedical research team. It includes individuals participating in large collaborative and multicenter research, as well as those conducting research individually or in small groups. The candidate must demonstrate scholarship, which may include first or senior author publications of original research, and/or publications from large multidisciplinary studies on which the candidate was in another authorship position and to which the candidate made documented, significant intellectual contributions.

For more specific criteria by rank see sections 7, 8 and 9.

6.3. **AoE: Teaching and Educational Leadership**

This Area of Excellence is appropriate for candidates who spend a high proportion of their time on educational activities and who view education as their primary academic focus. Evaluations will be for teaching contributions at Harvard and its affiliates or, for initial faculty appointments at HMS/HSDM, at the institution where a candidate for an appointment previously held a faculty position. Teaching of HMS/HSDM medical, dental and graduate students will be particularly noted.

Educational activities are broadly defined as including: didactic teaching of students, residents, clinical fellows, research fellows and peers; research training and mentorship; clinical teaching and mentorship; and administrative teaching leadership roles. Candidates will be evaluated on both the quantity and quality of their teaching activities, recognition for their roles as educators, and on their scholarship. Candidates must demonstrate scholarship, which may include: publication of original research, reviews and chapters; educational material in print or other media such as syllabi, curricula, and Web-based training modules and courses; and/or educational methods, policy statements and assessment tools developed.

For more specific criteria by rank see sections 7, 8 and 9.
6.4. Evaluation for Teaching and Education

Given the centrality of the educational mission of HMS/HSDM, it is expected that all faculty members will engage in teaching at Harvard. Faculty are required to teach Harvard learners and/or peers a minimum of 50 hours a year as a requirement of their academic appointment. For these reasons, all candidates for appointments and promotions will be evaluated for their teaching contributions.

Teaching is defined broadly to include formal lectures as well as less formal supervision of Harvard-affiliated trainees and colleagues in the clinical or research settings. Faculty will be evaluated for contributions to teaching and educational activities at Harvard and its affiliated institutions. If this is the candidate's first faculty appointment at HMS/HSDM, teaching contributions at institutions where the candidate previously held a faculty position will also be assessed. The metrics below are for those faculty whose Area of Excellence is not Teaching and Educational Leadership. Teaching of HMS/HSDM medical, dental and graduate students will be particularly noted. For individuals who make exceptional contributions to the teaching mission but for whom Teaching and Educational Leadership is not the Area of Excellence, the significant supporting activity of Special Merit in Education may be appropriate, see section 6.5.5.

Teaching may take the form of:

- **Didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers** (e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials)
  - Examples of Metrics:
    - Report level of activity (noting lectures and courses taught) and measure of quality (e.g., participant or peer evaluation); specifically note HMS/HSDM courses for graduate, dental and medical students
    - May note if candidate has devised innovative methods in classroom teaching and/or taught or lectured on issues related to education

- **Research training and mentorship** (e.g., mentor for medical student, dental student, graduate student, resident, clinical or postdoctoral research fellow or junior faculty projects; service as graduate student thesis advisor or committee member)
  - Examples of Metrics:
    - Number and stature of trainees upon whom the candidate had a major influence
    - Feedback from trainees, if available
    - Publications with trainees

- **Clinical teaching and mentorship** (e.g., teaching in the clinic or hospital including bedside teaching, teaching in the operating room, preceptor in clinic)
  - Examples of Metrics:
    - Level of activity
    - Quality of teaching as measured by evaluations by students, residents, fellows

- **Administrative teaching leadership role** (e.g., residency or fellowship director, course or seminar director)
  - Examples of Metrics:
    - Quality as measured by evaluations and success of courses/programs for which the candidate was a leader

**Recognition** *(Since this is not the Area of Excellence, many faculty may not have recognition for teaching activities or educational scholarship.)*

- Examples of Metrics:
  - Invited presentations in the field of expertise
  - Contributions to professional educational organizations
  - Leadership role in education
  - Service on education-related committees
  - Awards for teaching, mentoring or other education-related achievements
Scholarship (Since this is not the Area of Excellence, many faculty may not have recognition for teaching activities or educational scholarship.)

- Examples of Metrics:
  - Development of educational materials (e.g., syllabi or curricula) and/or publications related to education

6.5. Guidelines for Selecting One or More Significant Supporting Activities (SSA)

Many faculty make substantial contributions outside their Area of Excellence. These activities are often of outstanding quality and importance and are recognized by peers and leaders but are in domains in which the quantity of the candidate's contribution is less than in the Area of Excellence. These significant supporting activities (SSA) will supplement accomplishments in the Area of Excellence, allowing the sum total of an individual's achievements to be considered in the evaluation for promotion.

Level of effort and/or responsibility in a particular area is typically commensurate with rank. Decisions regarding the selection of one or more SSAs should be made jointly between a candidate and their nominating department. Inclusion of an SSA is not a requirement for academic promotion.

Contributions in six (6) areas will be considered:

6.5.1. SSA: Administration and Institutional Service Metrics

Activity examples of Metrics
- Service as director of a division, program or clinic in an affiliated institution
- Substantial and/or prolonged service on departmental or institutional committees such as the Institutional Review Board (IRB), quality improvement committee, physicians’ organization, trainee selection committees, or promotion/search committees
- Service on committees of the Faculty of Medicine such as admissions committees, Faculty Council, or the Joint Committee on the Status of Women (JCSW)
- Administrative management of a core laboratory or facility at Harvard or an affiliated institution

Recognition examples of Metrics
- Appointment to administrative leadership roles
- Awards recognizing administrative contributions
- Invitations to educate peers about administrative methods and practices
- Consultant to other organizations in area of administrative expertise

6.5.2. SSA: Clinical Expertise Metrics

Activity examples of Metrics
- Reputation as a clinical expert
- Substantial time devoted to clinical work
- Leadership roles related to clinical expertise
- Role in development of innovative models of care delivery, approaches to treatment, or technology that contributes to high quality care
- Contribution to guidelines and/or protocols for clinical care
- Publication of original research, chapters, reviews, and/or textbooks related to area of clinical expertise

Recognition examples of Metrics
- Invitations to speak on issues related to area of clinical expertise
- Active role in professional organizations related to clinical expertise; may have a leadership role
- Service on committees developing guidelines and policies or evaluating programs in area of clinical expertise
Editorial service as an ad hoc reviewer, editorial board member, or consultant for journals in
area of clinical expertise
• Awards for contributions and/or innovation in the area of clinical expertise

6.5.3. SSA: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We refer here to diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and related concepts with the abbreviation DEI. Efforts in any of
these domains may focus on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual and gender minorities, disability, limited English proficiency,
limited health literacy, poverty, and/or other such populations.

**Activity examples of Metrics**

- Service on committees and community organizations that seek to promote DEI
- Service in a leadership role related to DEI and/or social justice (e.g., director of office or center)
- Work on policies that address disparities in representation in medicine and biomedical research
- Development of programs that create diversity by increasing the representation of women, sexual and
gender minorities, individuals with disabilities, and/or persons underrepresented in medicine (URM) among
our students, trainees or faculty
- Fostering the career development of diverse trainees and faculty locally and beyond our community through
sustained mentorship
- Engagement in the community at large to encourage biomedical science careers in underrepresented
populations, to expand access to quality care and improve health literacy, and/or to reduce disparities in
health
- Educational initiatives and/or curriculum development to describe, render visible, and/or critique the
historical underpinnings of health inequities
- Development of protocols, programs, repositories or databases to increase representation of diverse
participants in clinical trials and research studies
- Engaging in research and/or development of clinical or educational programs related to disparities in health
- Contributions to policy papers, best practice guidelines, legislative endeavors, relevant curricula, and/or
other written materials related to DEI efforts
- Publications of original research, reviews, and/or innovations related to DEI

**Recognition examples of Metrics**

- Selection or invitation to serve on regional or national committees or working groups related to issues of DEI
- Invitations to present on issues related to DEI within academic medicine
- Funding to support related initiatives or programs
- Awards for contributions and/or innovations in DEI

6.5.4. SSA: Education of Patients and Service to the Community Metrics

**Activity examples of Metrics**

- Development of material related to health conditions for use by the public
- Development of programs and material that improve health literacy and educate the public about biomedical
sciences
- Writing for magazines, newspapers, health letters or websites on issues related to health
- Publication of books for the public that address important health issues
- Speaking to lay populations to educate them about important health issues
- Presenting information related to health through various media, including radio, television, podcasts, and
social media
- Educating and mentoring pre-professional students (including K-12) in biomedical science
- Service to communities locally, nationally or abroad that improves the health of populations, such as
through improved delivery of care or provision of disaster/crisis relief

**Recognition examples of Metrics**

- Awards recognizing contributions to patient and community education, community service, and/or the health
of the public
- Invitations to speak to lay audiences on issues related to health
- Membership on the advisory boards of lay health-related organizations or government committees
evaluating health-related issues
• Widespread use of patient education materials developed

6.5.5. SSA: Investigation Metrics

Activity examples of Metrics
• Defined role and/or independent conduct of research which may include:
  o Basic research
  o Clinical research and/or translational research (e.g., studies of disease mechanisms, diagnostic
techniques and/or other investigations that may contribute to the prevention, diagnosis or
management of disease); may have a role in multidisciplinary or other collaborative research team;
may enroll patients in clinical trials
  o Quantitative and social science research (e.g., epidemiology, outcomes and health services
research, biostatistics, ethics, bioinformatics, and health economics); contributions to protocol
development/implementation, conduct of studies, data collection and/or analysis of new or existing
data; may make intellectual contributions to multicenter studies
  o Development of new methods/technologies and/or novel applications of existing
methods/technologies
• Publication of original research that contributes new knowledge; may be first or senior author, in another
authorship position, or member of an unnamed authorship group on publications of collaborative research
to which the candidate has made documented, substantive intellectual contributions

Recognition examples of Metrics
• Invitations to speak about research
• Funding to conduct research
• Editorial service as an ad hoc reviewer, editorial board member, or consultant for scientific journals
• Service on committees related to research (IRB, data safety monitoring boards, grant review panels)
• Leadership role in professional societies including planning scientific sessions for meetings
• Awards for research and/or innovation
• Membership on steering committees, other study committees and/or writing groups of multicenter studies
• Invitations to participate as an investigator based on specific expertise

6.5.6. SSA: Special Merit in Education Metrics

Activity examples of Metrics
• Course or clerkship director, associate director
• Development of new curriculum, courses, or electives
• Service on student, resident, or fellow selection committees
• Teaching regularly in a variety of venues (e.g., teaching of students, residents, fellows)
• Service on governance and other critical committees and task forces supporting education activities at
Harvard
• Engaged in teaching well beyond the core expectation
• Contribution to professional educational materials, including curricula, course guides, exam preparation
material, and/or multi-media content that may or may not be formally published
• Publications related to education

Recognition examples of Metrics
• Teaching awards
• Appointment to local teaching leadership roles
• Role in education arms of regional and national societies
• Service on national education committees
• Invitations to serve on national boards or as an examiner for licensure examinations

Additional Resources for Section 6:
• Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
• Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
• Glossary
7. Promotion Process by Rank: Professor  
As of July 2022

7.1. Financial Support for Professorships including Endowed Professorships

Professors without limit of time (WLT), of indefinite duration (OID), and of unspecified duration (OUD) differ as to the financial commitment of the University and the primary employer. A written communication from the primary employer should be transmitted to the Dean’s office and to the faculty member at the time of appointment to eliminate any ambiguity about the source and extent of financial obligation. Written commitments should make clear whether or not the professorial appointment is WLT, OID or OUD.

For appointments without limit of time (WLT), the primary employer guarantees to the faculty member, academic salary and its associated fringe benefits until the death, resignation or retirement of the faculty member from the full-time appointment, subject to the Third Statute of the University. As of June 2022, the minimum academic salary is $100,000. This guarantee may be backed by (a) University resources including endowments and other funds, or (b) commitments to the University from other institutions including affiliated institutions, government, and private foundations.

Even when there is a guarantee of support by the University (with or without the backing of another institution), salary support for Professors appointed without limit of time may come from several sources in addition to University or affiliated institution endowments, such as general funds, grants and contracts, and patient-care payments. The guarantor of the academic salary is only obligated to provide financial support if the faculty member’s support from all other sources falls below the minimum academic salary level.

For appointments of indefinite duration (OID), the primary employer has no obligation to provide continuing support of the faculty member’s salary. Instead, the faculty member assumes responsibility for the stability of support. Appointments of indefinite duration will be made only when there is a high likelihood of the faculty member having ongoing stable support from a variety of sources, including affiliated institution endowments, general funds, grants and contracts, and patient-care payments. The University reserves the right to set a terminal date in the event that funds to support the appointment from sources outside the University are not available.

So long as funding remains available, the academic appointment will continue until the Professor’s death, resignation or retirement from the full-time appointment, subject to the Third Statute of the University. If funding becomes unavailable and the appointing Department Head does not wish to continue the academic appointment, the primary employer must provide one (1) year’s notice of the end of the academic appointment and guarantee that the minimum academic salary and associated fringe benefits will continue during that year. The minimum academic salary and fringe benefits may come from several sources in addition to University or
affiliated institution endowments, such as general funds, grants and contracts, and patient-care payments. The guarantor of the academic salary during the year of notice is only obligated to provide financial support if the faculty member’s support from all other sources falls below the academic salary level. Notification in writing must be sent to HMS and to the incumbent documenting the intention to terminate the appointment.

For appointments of unspecified duration (OUD), i.e., appointments as Professor, Part-time, Professor in Residence, or secondary appointments as Professor, no commitment of continuous institutional support from the hospital or other affiliated institution is required or expected. Professors of unspecified duration (OUD) require reappointment by the department every five years, documenting continuing contributions to the Faculty of Medicine.

For endowed professorship appointments, the primary employer, if other than Harvard University, provides to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) a brief letter addressed to the Dean at the time of nomination. This letter, signed by the institutional CEO/President or a designee, provides institutional approval for the nomination and states that the Dean may, with the advice of the primary employer’s Trustees/Board of Directors, review the status of the endowed professorship appointment typically no less often than every five (5) years.

Incumbents of endowed professorships who have achieved the rank of professor may have WLT, OID, or OUD appointments. The financial guarantees are not linked to the endowed professorship title, but rather to the rank of professor which is independent of the endowed title.

7.2. Metrics for Evaluation

The following steps describe the process of choosing an Area of Excellence and the other required attributes that form a customized profile. For more general information on the criteria for appointments and promotions, see section 6.

Areas of Excellence (select one)
Clinical Expertise and Innovation
Investigation
Teaching and Educational Leadership

Evaluation for Teaching and Education
ALL candidates will be evaluated for teaching and educational contributions

May identify other Significant Supporting Activities
Administration and Institutional Service
Clinical Expertise Education of Patients and Service to the Community
Investigation
Special Merit in Education

7.2.1. Professor, Clinical Expertise and Innovation
For promotion to Professor, the candidate must have a sustained national, and in many cases international, reputation as a leader and innovator in a clinical field. The candidate's expertise must be demonstrated through high-impact scholarship. The candidate must have a significant influence on practice in the clinical field nationally, and often internationally, as a result of his/her teaching, scholarship and innovation. For more general information on this Area of Excellence, see section 6.
In addition to distinguished service as an Associate Professor:

Clinical Expertise and examples of Metrics may be defined as the following:

**Recognition as a clinical expert**
Recognition as a clinical expert as evidenced by national, and in many cases international, leadership roles and reputation related to the clinical field

**Influencing clinical practice**
Development of innovative approaches to diagnosis or treatment, applications of technologies and/or models of care that influence care at a national, and in many cases international, level.
Examples of activities (many others are possible) include:
- Having a critical role in defining a new field
- Developing innovative treatments, procedures, or technologies demonstrated to be superior to previous approaches
- Developing treatment protocols or practice guidelines that influence the standard of care

**Recognition examples of Metrics:**
- Visiting Professorships and invitations to speak nationally, and in many cases internationally, on issues related to area of clinical expertise
- Leadership roles in national, and in many cases international, professional organizations related to area of clinical expertise including leadership of courses or programs
- Service as a consultant on issues related to area of clinical expertise
- Service on national, and in many cases international, committees developing guidelines and policies for management or evaluating programs in area of clinical expertise
- Editor of a journal in the area of clinical expertise
- Peer-reviewed funding to support innovations that influence clinical practice nationally, and in many cases, internationally
- National, and in many cases international, awards for contributions and/or innovation in the area of clinical expertise

**Scholarship examples of Metrics:**
- Publication of senior author original research, chapters, reviews, and/or textbooks related to area of clinical expertise that are widely recognized as influencing the field nationally, and in many cases, internationally
- Development of guidelines and/or protocols for patient treatment or delivery of care that are adopted nationally, and in some cases, internationally
- Publication of senior author manuscripts that demonstrate the impact of the candidate’s innovation on quality of care, clinical outcomes, and/or access to care

### 7.2.2. Professor, Investigation
For promotion to Professor, the candidate must have a sustained national, and in many cases international, reputation as one of the top researchers in the field. He/she must be the leader of an exceptional independent research program and/or have key leadership roles in collaborative studies. The candidate must have a longstanding record of exceptional scholarship, which most often includes senior authorship on high-impact publications of original research. The candidate may also have played a leadership role on, and made critical contributions to, publications of high-impact collaborative research. The candidate should have a sustained record of extramural funding, which most often will include principal investigator funding, and must have evidence of effective teaching and supervision as demonstrated by the number and stature of his/her trainees. For more general information on this Area of Excellence, see section 6.
In addition to distinguished service as an Associate Professor:

**Investigation examples of Metrics:**
Sustained record of conducting exceptional research that has a major impact on the field and/or changes clinical practice; may include any or all of the following:
- Basic research
- Clinical research and/or laboratory or clinically based translational research which may include studies of disease mechanisms, diagnostic techniques and/or other investigations that provide fundamental insight into the prevention, diagnosis or management of disease; may lead an established multidisciplinary team and/or center that has created novel investigative approaches that have resulted in critical contributions to the field
- Quantitative or social science research such as epidemiology, outcomes and health services research, and biostatistics as well as research in social sciences, ethics, bioinformatics and health economics, among others; outstanding record of leadership in design, conduct and analysis of studies; for multicenter studies, overall principal investigator, or one of a small number of key national leaders of studies
- Development of innovative methods/technologies and/or novel applications of existing methods/technologies that have been adopted by others in the field
- Sustained record of funding as principal investigator; may be funded by a combination of federal, investigator-initiated industry, and foundation grants; candidates who bring a unique expertise to a number of projects must have a sustained record of funding as a principal investigator or a co-investigator on multiple studies

**Recognition examples of Metrics:**
- Invitations to speak nationally, and in many cases internationally, about research
- Sustained record of principal investigator peer-reviewed research funding
- Service as an editor and/or on editorial boards of scientific journals or as a consultant to journals in area of expertise
- Service on, and may have a leadership role on, national, and in many cases international, committees related to research including grant review panels such as NIH study sections, NIH advisory groups, FDA panels, data and safety monitoring boards for major multicenter trials
- Leadership role in planning sessions for major scientific societies nationally, and in many cases, internationally
- Prestigious national or international awards for research and/or innovations
- Overall principal investigator or one of a small number of key national leaders and/or holder of leadership roles on key committees and writing groups of national, and in many cases international, multicenter studies Adoption by others in the field of novel methods/technologies

**Scholarship examples of Metrics:**
- Senior authorship on studies of exceptional, original and innovative research which has had a major impact on the field
- Continuing record of publication from multidisciplinary research that has had a major impact on the field and/or changed clinical practice; candidate may be first or senior author, in another authorship position, or part of an unnamed authorship group, but should have served as the senior author on a substantial number of manuscripts from the study
- Publication of senior author original work describing novel methods/technologies that advance the field; may be published in journals of the primary discipline (e.g., statistics) or the field in which the expertise is applied (e.g., cardiology)
7.2.3. Professor, Teaching and Educational Leadership

For promotion to Professor, the candidate must demonstrate a sustained national, and in some cases international, reputation as an educational leader and innovator, and must be considered to be among the best in the country in the development of educational methods, curricula, policy and/or assessment tools, or in the conduct of educational research. The candidate’s expertise must be demonstrated through high-impact scholarship that influences the field nationally and, in some cases, internationally. For more general information on this Area of Excellence, see section 6.

In addition to distinguished service as an Associate Professor:

Teaching may be defined as:

- **Didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers** (e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Innovation in classroom teaching methods with adoption nationally, and in some cases, internationally
    - Teaching/lecturing nationally and, in some cases, internationally, about issues related to education

- **Research training and mentorship** (e.g., mentor for medical student, dental student, graduate student, resident, clinical or postdoctoral research fellow or junior faculty projects; service as graduate student thesis advisor or committee member)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Number and stature of trainees upon whom the candidate had a major influence; stature may be assessed by the trainees’ academic rank, leadership positions, impact on the field and prestigious awards
    - Publications with trainees
    - Feedback from trainees, if available

- **Clinical teaching and mentorship** (e.g., teaching in the clinic or hospital including bedside teaching, teaching in the operating room, preceptor in clinic)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Development of innovative clinical teaching methods that are adopted and have an impact nationally, and in some cases, internationally

- **Administrative teaching leadership role** (e.g., residency or fellowship director, course or seminar director)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Increasing and sustained national and, in some cases, international, leadership roles related to education in a professional society
    - National replication of courses developed by the candidate
    - Adoption nationally of innovative programs developed by the candidate that result in the attraction of competitive candidates and/or enhancement of diversity by increasing the representation of women and minorities

Recognition

- Examples of Metrics
  - Visiting Professorships and invitations to speak nationally, and in some cases internationally, on issues related to education
  - Leadership of national, and in some cases international, courses related to education
  - Serving as a consultant nationally, and in some cases internationally, on issues related to development of educational programs or on educational methods, policy or assessment
  - Service on national, and in some cases international, committees developing guidelines and policies for education/training programs
  - Service on national, and in some cases international, committees evaluating education/training programs or reviewing grant proposals related to education
o Funding to conduct educational research or to develop educational materials, methods, assessment tools or programs
o Editor of an educational journal
o National and, in some cases, international awards related to education or educational scholarship

Scholarship

Examples of Metrics

o Publication as author or editor of a major textbook on education
o Development of innovative educational methods/materials in print or other media that are widely adopted and influence education nationally, and in some cases, internationally
o Publication of senior author high impact research related to educational methods, assessment and/or policy that influence the field nationally, and in some cases, internationally

7.2.4. Teaching and Education
Please refer to section 6.4 for metrics.

7.2.5. Significant Supporting Activities
Please refer to section 6.5 for metrics.

7.3. Procedures for Promotion to Professor

All faculty members, regardless of their status as full-time or part-time, are evaluated by the same criteria for promotion.

Initiating the Promotion Process

Institutional and departmental review processes incorporate an evaluation of the candidate’s Faculty of Medicine CV and assessment as to whether the academic criteria for promotion appear to be met. For more information on criteria, see section 6. For those candidates whose primary appointment is in the Basic and Social Sciences, review for promotion to Professor takes place by the 11th year after appointment to the voting faculty or by the 5th year after appointment as Associate Professor, whichever comes first; see section 16 for policy and exceptions. In addition to approval by the department leadership for advancing to a promotion review, the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) must approve candidates appointed in the Basic Science Departments and the Social Science Council (SSC) must approve those appointed in the Departments of Global Health and Social Medicine and Health Care Policy. Candidates in the Department of Biomedical Informatics may be reviewed by the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC), depending on their particular expertise.

For faculty members in all other HSDM and Clinical departments, there is no required time by which a promotion must be considered. After the Department Head recommends moving forward to review for promotion to Professor, the candidate’s nominating letter, CV, annotated ten (10) most significant scholarly works, and list of potential evaluators are brought to the appropriate departmental executive committee for review and approval.

Faculty members are encouraged to discuss periodically their eligibility for promotion with appropriate department leaders such as mentors, Division Chiefs and/or Department Heads. For each candidate, the following factors will be considered in making a decision as to when a promotion can be advanced:

Substantial academic accomplishment since the candidate’s appointment as Associate Professor

• High impact scholarship that has advanced the candidate’s field
• Evidence of a national, and often international, independent reputation in the Area of Excellence
• Meaningful contributions to teaching at Harvard and its affiliated institutions
• A track record of successful mentorship of trainees
• When applicable, evidence of accomplishments in Significant Supporting Activities
• Service and/or administrative leadership within a candidate’s department, affiliated institution, or the larger Harvard community
• Adherence to the Faculty of Medicine policies supporting the highest level of integrity and professionalism

If the appropriate executive committee recommends review for promotion to Professor, the Department Head prepares and submits to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) the required dossier that begins the promotional process at HMS. At any time in the process, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) may seek confidential consultation from the Council of Academic Deans (CAD), Preclinical Chairs (PCC), or Social Science Council (SSC) (whichever is appropriate to the candidate) regarding the proposed promotion.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Promotion to Professor**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department assesses candidate’s qualifications for promotion

**Step 2**
Department / Institution
Department Head proposes candidate to Executive Committee, Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)

**Step 3**
Department / Institution
Department Head submits materials to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates promotion process at Harvard Medical School

**Step 5**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters of evaluation

**Step 6**
Department / Institution
Department leadership reviews dossier

**Step 7**
Department / Institution
Senior Appointments Committee reviews dossier

**Step 8**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean's office appoints ad hoc Committee

**Step 9**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Ad hoc Committee meets to review dossier

**Step 10**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier

**Step 11**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University
Detailed Process for Promotion to Professor

**Step 1:** Department assesses candidate’s qualifications for promotion
- The process begins with a meeting of the Department Head (or designee such as a mentor or Division Chief) and the candidate, ideally as part of the annual career conference, to discuss the process and review the candidate’s Faculty of Medicine CV in consideration of the academic criteria for promotion to Professor
- Academic Department Heads are the only individuals who can propose candidates for promotion to Professor
- Candidate prepares CV and annotated list of ten (10) most significant scholarly works in the required Faculty of Medicine format
- Department Head determines readiness for promotion and develops a rationale for advancement in the candidate’s Area of Excellence, see section 6. Significant Supporting Activities, as appropriate, are noted as well. Department works to prepare the “recommended reviewers list” of comparands, external letter writers, internal letter writers and ad hoc committee members

**Step 2:** Department Head proposes candidate to Executive Committee, Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)
- The Department Head prepares a letter of nomination recommending the candidate for promotion
- The Department Head proposes the candidate to the Department Executive Committee, or in the case of the basic science preclinical faculty, to the Preclinical Chairs (PCC), or, in the case of the social science preclinical faculty, to the Social Science Council (SSC)
- The members of these committees provide feedback to the Department Head on the proposed candidate and may recommend that the Department Head obtain additional information, delay consideration pending achievement of additional academic accomplishments by the candidate, or recommend moving forward with the promotion review
- These committees evaluate and approve the recommended reviewers list of comparands, external letter writers, internal letter writers and ad hoc committee members. See step 5 below for specific requirements for letters.
- The Executive Committee makes a formal recommendation in writing to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine supporting the candidate’s promotion. If there is any dissent or abstention, the letter to the Dean includes the reasons for either dissent or abstentions.

**Step 3:** Department Head submits materials to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
- Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: Professorial.materials@hms.harvard.edu
- Letter of nomination that outlines the candidate’s accomplishments and contributions, attests to the candidate’s integrity and professionalism, and establishes the case for promotion
- For candidates in Basic and Social Science departments, documentation of approval by the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)
- For candidates in clinical departments, documentation of approval by the appropriate Departmental Executive Committee
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- Annotated summary of the candidate’s ten (10) most significant scholarly works
- Candidate’s ten (10) most significant scholarly works as PDFs
  - If significant scholarly works are not in electronic format, contact the Office for Faculty Affairs
Affairs (OFA) at (Professorial_materials@hms.harvard.edu) to arrange for alternative submission

- A recommended reviewers list from the Department, approved by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) or appropriate Executive Committee, outlining suggestions for letter writers, comparands and ad hoc Committee members. This list must be submitted on the appropriate original Excel template; fields cannot be modified.

**Step 4:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates promotion process at Harvard Medical School

Upon receipt of the candidate’s materials, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will:

- Provide access to a confidential milestone website for tracking the status of the promotion available only to the candidate, the Department Head and the department promotion coordinator
- Send an email to the candidate, with a copy to the department, to alert them that the materials have been received, the HMS evaluation process has started, and the website is available
- Request modifications or additions as needed from the department or the candidate
- Document on the milestone website when all materials are complete, i.e., that any revisions/additional material requested by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) in support of the Professorial evaluation have been received (revisions may include modifications to the Faculty of Medicine CV, nominating letter, annotated bibliography and ten (10) most significant scholarly works, and the recommended reviewers list, among other requests that may be appropriate to assist in completion of the package)
- Review the recommended reviewer lists submitted by the Department Head. Identify advisor(s) from inside or outside Harvard to assist the Dean’s office regarding the appropriateness and completeness of the lists. Once that review is complete, a final list is proposed to the department.

**Step 5:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters of evaluation

After sharing the final list of evaluators with the Department Head, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters by email. The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) contacts letter writers regularly to follow up on requests.

Candidate Departments should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from letter writers should be directed to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). Letters will be solicited from the following:

- Minimum of 12 leaders (generally full Professors) in the candidate’s field whose appointments are outside Harvard. These evaluators, at least half of whom should not be colleagues or collaborators, will be asked to compare the candidate to 3-5 Professors in the field who are typically at a similar stage of their careers as the candidate (i.e., promoted to Professor within approximately the past five (5) years) and who are not appointed at Harvard.
- Six Professors at Harvard who are not appointed in the candidate’s local department but who are familiar with the candidate’s field, and often his/her achievements in other relevant areas (administrative service, teaching, and perhaps other Significant Supporting Activities)
- In some cases, additional letters may be solicited if the initial pool of letter writers does not yield sufficient information

**Step 6:** Department leadership reviews dossier

Once the letters of evaluation are received, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) prepares a confidential dossier that is shared with the candidate’s Department Head. For Basic and Social Science departments, the Department Head may ask all full Professors in the department to review the letters.

After receiving the candidate’s dossier, the department leadership makes a recommendation to the Dean regarding whether to move forward with formation of an ad hoc Committee. Approval by the Department Head is an absolute requirement before a case advances to an ad hoc Committee.

The Department Head has an opportunity to revise and update the original nominating letter to incorporate information from or address issues raised in the letters of evaluation, and/or to submit the candidate’s most recent Faculty of Medicine CV.
Step 7: Senior Appointments Committee reviews dossier

- In clinical departments based at HMS/HSDM institutions that have Senior Appointments Committees, those committees will evaluate the dossier and make a recommendation to the Dean as to whether they support moving forward with formation of an ad hoc Committee.
- For institutions that do not have Senior Appointment Committees, the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) will serve as the Senior Appointments Committee.
- For faculty in the Basic and Social Science departments, the dossiers are reviewed by either the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or the Social Science Council (SSC), depending on the candidate’s discipline.
- Approval by the Senior Appointments Committee is an absolute requirement before a case advances to an ad hoc Committee.

Step 8: Dean’s office appoints ad hoc Committee

Incorporating recommendations from the Department and Senior Appointments Committees, HMS appoints an ad hoc Committee to review all evidence assembled and to make a recommendation to the Dean. The ad hoc Committee typically consists of the following members, none of whom may be close colleagues or collaborators:

- Chair, who is a Professor at HMS/HSDM and a member of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP).
- Two additional members of the senior faculty at Harvard, not from the candidate’s home institution or department, who have not already provided letters of evaluation or participated in assessment of the candidate up to this point.
- Three Professors from institutions other than Harvard who are experts in the candidate’s field and have not already provided letters of evaluation.
- HMS/HSDM Professors have the opportunity to provide confidential comments by email to the Dean. This confidential commentary will not be shared with department leadership, the candidate, the ad hoc Committee or the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP). Any general concerns raised in these emails may be discussed, without attribution to their origin, with faculty and leaders involved in the promotion decision as appropriate.

Step 9: Ad hoc Committee meets to review dossier

Generally, the ad hoc Committee meets in a single session unless the committee requests additional information. All proceedings of the ad hoc Committee are confidential.

- The Committee reviews the dossier to determine the candidate’s achievements in the Area of Excellence, including evidence of impact on the field and of a national and often international reputation. The Committee also evaluates the teaching and training activities, service, and any other supporting activities described in the Professorial dossier.
- The Department Head or department vice chair is invited to testify along with other leaders in the field whom the ad hoc committee chair believes will be in a position to provide helpful commentary to the committee.
- Following all testimony, the committee meets in executive session to review the qualifications for promotion. If the ad hoc Committee requires additional evidence before reaching a conclusion, the Committee is empowered to request that such additional data (e.g., additional letters of evaluation) be solicited by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA).
- At the conclusion of the meeting, the members will vote on the proposal.
- If the ad hoc Committee findings are unfavorable, the Department Head may withdraw the candidate’s application.
- The chair of the ad hoc Committee prepares a report summarizing the deliberations and presents the findings to the Dean and the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP).

Step 10: Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier

The Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) meets monthly except for August. At the meeting:

- The ad hoc committee chair presents the candidate to the SOP.
- A second member of the committee reviews the dossier and reports to the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP).
- The entire Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) discusses the strengths and weaknesses of the case.
Members of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) provide individual, confidential feedback and vote on the nomination.

**Step 11: Dean makes a recommendation to the University**
- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP)
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 12: University renders a decision**
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 13: Notification of approval**
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

### 7.3.1. Renewal Process for Professors, Part-time

Professor, Part-time appointments are reviewed every five (5) years. The number of potential renewals is unlimited. The reappointment process includes an assessment of the level of productivity, the quality of contributions and the teaching activities of the incumbent. These reappointments are linked to the term faculty reappointment process.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Renewal for Professor, Part-time**

**Step 1**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head initiates faculty title reappointment

**Step 2**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Renewal for Professors, Part-time

**Step 1:** Department Head initiates faculty title reappointment

Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu

- Department Head letter summarizing the appointee’s accomplishments during the past term, to include:
  - An assessment of the level of productivity, the quality of the contributions, and the teaching activities
  - A statement describing the source of funds to support the reappointment
  - A statement indicating the date of the candidate’s most recent career conference
  - A statement of integrity and professionalism
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format.
- Six (6) letters of support solicited by the Department
  - Please see section 7 of the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website for specific letter requirements.
- Candidates should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from the letter writers should be directed to the Department.

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment

**Step 3:** Notification of approval

- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment

7.4. Procedure for Appointment as Professor in Residence

The title Professor in Residence is used to appoint a small number of senior individuals recruited to the Professorial ranks for a limited period of time. The intended use of this title is to appoint senior scholars who fulfill the following requirements:

- Meet a well-defined but potentially time-limited programmatic or administrative need;
- Have the capacity to make significant contributions to the Faculty of Medicine throughout the term of their appointment;
- Have had a considerable impact on their field, including demonstrated excellence in research and teaching.

Ordinarily, individuals considered for this type of appointment will have held a full Professorial appointment at a peer institution.

This is a non-tenure title with a term limit of five (5) years, which may be renewed for a single additional five (5) year term, following the procedures outlined below.
Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Professor in Residence

**Step 1**
University
University authorizes term-limited position

**Step 2**
Department / Institution
Department Head proposes candidate to Executive Committee / Preclinical Chair (PCC) / Social Science Council (SSC)

**Step 3**
Department / Institution
Department Head submits materials to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates appointment process at HMS

**Step 5**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters of evaluation

**Step 6**
Department / Institution
Department leadership reviews dossier

**Step 7**
Department / Institution
Senior Appointments Committee reviews dossier

**Step 8**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Council of Academic Deans (CAD) or Dean reviews dossier

**Step 9**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier

**Step 10**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 11**
University
University renders a decision

**Step 12**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment as Professor in Residence

**Step 1:** University authorizes term-limited position
- Department Head writes letter to the Dean requesting a term-limited position; specific candidates are not mentioned
- If department has a specific candidate in mind, the CV should be obtained (not needed in Faculty of Medicine format at this point)
- Department submits letter and CV (if applicable) to Professorial.materials@hms.harvard.edu
- The Dean reviews the request and if approved, requests authorization for the temporary position from the University
- Provost reviews the request, renders a decision, and informs the Dean and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs Department Head of the outcome
- If a term-limited position is authorized, the nomination process may begin

**Step 2:** Department Head proposes candidate to Executive Committee, Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)
- Department Head may identify a candidate to fill the position through an open search process (see section 5) or may select a targeted individual to fill the position
- The Department Head prepares a letter of nomination recommending the candidate for appointment to the authorized position
- The Department Head proposes the candidate to the Department Executive Committee, or in the case of the basic science preclinical faculty, to the Preclinical Chairs (PCC), or in the case of the social science preclinical faculty, to the Social Science Council (SSC)
- The members of these committees provide feedback to the Department Head on the proposed candidate and may recommend that the Department Head obtain additional information, deny consideration due to insufficient academic accomplishment, or recommend moving forward with the appointment review
- These committees evaluate and approve the “recommended reviewers list” of comparands and letter writers. See step 5 below for specific requirements for letters.
- The Executive Committee makes a formal recommendation in writing to the Dean supporting the candidate’s appointment to the authorized position. If there is any dissent or abstention, this letter includes that information and explains the underlying reasons.

**Step 3:** Department Head submits materials to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at:
Professorial.materials@hms.harvard.edu
- Letter of nomination that outlines the candidate’s accomplishments and ability to meet the department's term-limited need for senior leadership in a particular area, attests to the candidate’s integrity and professionalism, and establishes the case for appointment
- For candidates in basic or social science departments, documentation of approval by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)
- For candidates in clinical departments, documentation of approval by the appropriate Executive Committee
- Candidate’s CV in Faculty of Medicine format
- Annotated summary of the candidate’s ten (10) most significant scholarly works
- A recommended reviewers list from the department approved by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) or appropriate HMS/HSDM Executive Committee outlining suggestions for letter writers and comparands. This list must be submitted on the appropriate original Excel template; fields cannot be modified.

**Step 4:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates appropriate process at HMS
Upon receipt of the candidate’s materials, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will do the following:
- Request modifications or additions as needed from the department
- Review the recommended reviewers list submitted by the Department Head. Identify advisor(s) from inside or outside Harvard to assist the Dean’s office regarding the appropriateness and completeness of the lists. Once that review is complete, a final list is proposed to the department.
Step 5: Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters of evaluation
After sharing the final list of evaluators with the Department Head, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters by email. Candidates and Departments should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from letter writers should be directed to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) contacts letter writers regularly to follow up on requests. Letters will be solicited from the following:
- Minimum of 12 leaders (full Professors or their equivalent) in the candidate’s field. One leader may be from the candidate’s prior institution.
- One (1) or two (2) letters may be obtained from Harvard Professors
- In some cases, additional letters may be solicited if the initial pool of letter writers does not yield sufficient information

Step 6: Department leadership reviews dossier
- Once the letters of evaluation are received, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) prepares a confidential dossier that is shared with the candidate’s Department Head. For Basic and Social Science departments, the Department Head may ask all full Professors in the department to review the letters.
- After receiving the candidate’s dossier, the department leadership makes a recommendation to the Dean regarding whether to move forward with the appointment.
- The Department Head has an opportunity to revise and update the original nominating letter to incorporate information from or address issues raised in the letters of evaluation, and/or to submit the candidate’s most recent Faculty of Medicine CV.

Step 7: Senior Appointments Committee reviews dossier
- For candidates appointed through clinical departments at institutions that have Senior Appointments Committees, those committees evaluate the dossier and make a recommendation to the Dean as to whether they support the appointment
- For candidates appointed through clinical departments at institutions that do not have Senior Appointments Committees, the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) serves in that role.
- For faculty in the Basic and Social Science departments, the dossiers are reviewed by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC), depending on the candidate’s discipline.
- Approval by a Senior Appointments Committee is an absolute requirement for a candidate to advance to the next step.

Step 8: Council of Academic Deans (CAD) or Dean reviews dossier
- Council of Academic Deans (CAD) reviews all candidates appointed through clinical departments. If the dossier is approved by Council of Academic Deans (CAD), the recommendation is forwarded to the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP).
- Dossiers for candidates in the Basic and Social Science departments who have been approved by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) are reviewed by the Dean.

Step 9: Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier
The Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) meets monthly, except for August. At the meeting:
- A member of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) is assigned as the primary reviewer.
- The entire Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) discusses the strengths and weaknesses of the case.
- Members of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) provide individual, confidential feedback and vote on the nomination.

Step 10: Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP).
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University.
- No decision is final until the University review is complete.
Step 11: University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 12: Notification of approval
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

7.4.1. Renewal Process for Professors in Residence
Professor in Residence appointments may be renewed once. The reappointment process includes an assessment of the level of productivity, the quality of contributions and the teaching activities of the incumbent. These reappointments are linked to the term faculty reappointment process.

If there is interest in continuing a faculty appointment beyond a second term either the candidate’s title will be converted to Senior Lecturer or be evaluated for appointment as Professor. The incumbent may be proposed for a full Professorial position at any time during appointment as Professor in Residence if a search has been completed. If there was no search, the incumbent may be proposed for a full Professorial appointment only in the second term of the Professor in Residence appointment. The usual evaluation process for appointment as Professor in the Faculty of Medicine will be followed, (see section 7.3).
Detailed Process for Renewal for Professor in Residence

Step 1: Department Head initiates faculty title reappointment
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: FacAppt@hms.harvard.edu
- Department Head letter summarizing the appointee's accomplishments during the past term to include:
  - An assessment of the level of productivity, the quality of the contributions, and the teaching activities
  - A statement describing the source of funds to support the reappointment.
  - A statement of integrity and professionalism
- Candidate's CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- Six (6) letters of support solicited by the Department
  - Please see section 7 of the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website for specific letter requirements.
  - Candidates should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from the letter writers should be directed to the Department.

Step 2: Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews the submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean's recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

Step 3: University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed reappointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean's office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 4: Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the reappointment
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

7.5. Procedure for Appointment as Professor of the Practice

The title Professor of the Practice is used to appoint a small number of senior individuals recruited to the Professorial ranks from health-related fields outside of academia, e.g. from government, industry or the non-profit sector. Such appointments recognize highly accomplished individuals who typically have an established reputation, both nationally and internationally, as a thought leader in their field. The intended use of this title is to appoint senior leaders who fulfill the following requirements:

- Have significant expertise that aligns with the research, clinical and/or educational missions of the Faculty of Medicine;
- Maintain a skill set and perspective honed through professional experience and continued connection to their field;
- Have the capacity to make significant contributions to the Faculty of Medicine throughout the term of their appointment.

Ordinarily, Professors of the Practice will have doctoral degrees with at least 10 years of post-training experience and will comprise no more than 5% of the faculty within a department. This faculty title usually takes the form of “Professor of the Practice in the Department of X.” Appointments have five-year terms and may be full-time or part-time, subject to the same criteria used to determine full- and part-time eligibility for other faculty
appointments. They can be renewed, contingent upon a successful reappointment review. Professors of the Practice (full-time or part-time) have voting rights in the Faculty of Medicine and as senior faculty within their departments, except on decisions relating to professorial promotions or initial appointments. Appointees are expected to meet the minimum teaching requirement of 50 hours/year. As with other senior term appointments, they are of undetermined duration (OUD – see Section 7.1 of the Faculty of Medicine Governance, Appointment and Promotion handbook).

A Professor of the Practice candidate may come into the Harvard system either through a targeted recruitment or a national search (see Section 5 of the Faculty of Medicine Governance, Appointment and Promotion handbook). The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine must approve all proposed targeted recruitments and searches for Professor of the Practice positions.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Professor of the Practice**

**Step 1**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Dean approves request to recruit or search for a Professor of the Practice candidate

**Step 2**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head proposes candidate to  
Executive Committee / Preclinical Chairs (PCC) / Social Science Council (SSC)

**Step 3**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head submits materials to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates appointment process at HMS

**Step 5**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters of evaluation

**Step 6**  
Department / Institution  
Department leadership reviews dossier

**Step 7**  
Department / Institution  
Senior Appointments Committee reviews dossier

**Step 8**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Council of Academic Deans (CAD) or Dean reviews dossier

**Step 9**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier

**Step 10**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Dean makes a recommendation to the University
Detailed Process for Appointment as Professor of the Practice

**Step 1:** Dean approves request to recruit or search for a Professor of the Practice candidate
- Department Head writes letter to the Dean requesting a targeted recruitment of, or national search for, a Professor of the Practice candidate
- If department has a specific candidate in mind, the CV should be obtained (not needed in Faculty of Medicine format at this point)
- Department submits letter and CV (if applicable) to Professorial.materials@hms.harvard.edu
- The Dean reviews the request, renders a decision, and informs the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs Department Head of the outcome
- If approved, the recruitment process may begin

**Step 2:** Department Head proposes candidate to Executive Committee, Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)
- Department Head may identify a candidate to fill the position through an open search process (see section 5) or may select a targeted individual to fill the position
- The Department Head prepares a letter of nomination recommending the candidate for appointment to the authorized position
- The Department Head proposes the candidate to the Department Executive Committee, or in the case of the basic science preclinical faculty, to the Preclinical Chairs (PCC), or in the case of the social science preclinical faculty, to the Social Science Council (SSC)
- The members of these committees provide feedback to the Department Head on the proposed candidate and may recommend that the Department Head obtain additional information, deny consideration due to insufficient accomplishment, or recommend moving forward with the appointment review
- These committees evaluate and approve the “recommended reviewers list” of comparands and letter writers. See step 5 below for specific requirements for letters.
- The Executive Committee makes a formal recommendation in writing to the Dean supporting the candidate’s appointment to the authorized position. If there is any dissent or abstention, this letter includes that information and explains the underlying reasons.

**Step 3:** Department Head submits materials to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: Professorial.materials@hms.harvard.edu
- Letter of nomination that outlines the candidate’s accomplishments as a practitioner and their ability to make meaningful contributions to the School’s mission, attests to the candidate’s integrity and professionalism, and establishes the case for appointment
- For candidates in basic or social science departments, documentation of approval by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC)
- For candidates in clinical departments, documentation of approval by the appropriate Executive Committee
- Candidate’s CV in Faculty of Medicine format
- Candidate’s Statement of Impact, which is a 1-2-page description of their public intellectual profile and the national/international impact of their work
- A recommended reviewers list from the department approved by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) or appropriate HMS/HSDM Executive Committee
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outlining suggestions for letter writers and comparands. Comparands must be practitioners in the candidate’s field. This list must be submitted on the appropriate original Excel template; fields cannot be modified.

Step 4: Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates appointment process at HMS
Upon receipt of the candidate’s materials, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will do the following:
- Request modifications or additions as needed from the department
- Review the recommended reviewers list submitted by the Department Head.
- Identify advisor(s) from inside or outside Harvard to assist the Dean’s office regarding the appropriateness and completeness of the lists. Once that review is complete, a final list is proposed to the department.

Step 5: Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters of evaluation
After sharing the final list of evaluators with the Department Head, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) solicits letters by email. Candidates and Departments should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from letter writers should be directed to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) contacts letter writers regularly to follow up on requests. Letters will be solicited from the following:
- Minimum of 12 leaders in the candidate’s field; some reviewers may be non-academic practitioners, but at least half of proposed reviewers should have academic appointments as Full Professors or their equivalent.
- One (1) or two (2) letters may be obtained from Harvard Professors or Professors of the Practice
In some cases, additional letters may be solicited if the initial pool of letter writers does not yield sufficient information

Step 6: Department leadership reviews dossier
- Once the letters of evaluation are received, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) prepares a confidential dossier that is shared with the candidate’s Department Head. For Basic and Social Science departments, the Department Head may ask all full Professors in the department to review the letters.
- After receiving the candidate’s dossier, the department leadership makes a recommendation to the Dean regarding whether to move forward with the appointment.
- The Department Head has an opportunity to revise and update the original nominating letter to incorporate information from or address issues raised in the letters of evaluation, and/or to submit the candidate’s most recent Faculty of Medicine CV

Step 7: Senior Appointments Committee reviews dossier
- For candidates appointed through clinical departments at institutions that have Senior Appointments Committees, those committees evaluate the dossier and make a recommendation to the Dean as to whether they support the appointment.
- For candidates appointed through clinical departments at institutions that do not have Senior Appointments Committees, the Council of Academic Deans (CAD) serves in that role.
- For faculty in the Basic and Social Science departments, the dossiers are reviewed by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC), depending on the candidate’s discipline.
- Approval by a Senior Appointments Committee is an absolute requirement for a candidate to advance to the next step.

Step 8: Council of Academic Deans (CAD) or Dean reviews dossier
- Council of Academic Deans (CAD) reviews all candidates appointed through clinical departments. If the dossier is approved by Council of Academic Deans (CAD), the recommendation is forwarded to the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP).
- Dossiers for candidates in the Basic and Social Science departments who have been approved by Preclinical Chairs (PCC) or Social Science Council (SSC) are reviewed by the Dean.

Step 9: Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) reviews dossier
The Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) meets monthly, except for August. At the meeting:
• Two members of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) are assigned as the primary and secondary reviewers
• The entire Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) discusses the strengths and weaknesses of the case
• Members of the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) provide individual, confidential feedback and vote on the nomination

**Step 10:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP)
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean's recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 11:** University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean's office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 12:** Notification of approval
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

### 7.5.1. Renewal Process for Professors of the Practice
Professor of the Practice appointments are reviewed every five (5) years. The reappointment process includes an assessment of the level of productivity, the quality of contributions and the teaching activities of the incumbent. These reappointments are linked to the term faculty reappointment process.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Renewal for Professor of the Practice**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head initiates faculty title reappointment

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 3**
University
University renders a decision

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Renewal as Professor of the Practice

**Step 1:** Department Head initiates faculty title reappointment
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: FacAppt@hms.harvard.edu
- Department Head letter summarizing the appointee's accomplishments during the past term to include:
  - An assessment of the level of productivity, the quality of the contributions, and the teaching activities
  - A statement describing the source of funds to support the reappointment.
  - A statement of integrity and professionalism
- Candidate's CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- Six (6) letters of support solicited by the Department
  - Please see section 7 of the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website for specific letter requirements.
  - Candidates should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from the letter writers should be directed to the Department.

**Step 2:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews the submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean's recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 3:** University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed reappointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean's office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the reappointment
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

### 7.6. Procedures for Appointment as Endowed Professor at Harvard Medical School

The highest honor Harvard Medical School (HMS) can bestow on a faculty member is an appointment to an Endowed Professorship. Endowed Professorships recognize extraordinary clinicians, researchers and educators who serve as faculty at HMS or one of its affiliated institutions. Endowed Professorships stand in perpetuity, generating invaluable support for incumbents, their institutions and HMS, while building a history of remarkable scholarship and leadership under one name. New Professorships are formally celebrated at HMS, often at the time the first incumbent is appointed. Financial resources resulting from the Endowed Professorship are managed by the Department Head and typically support the direct and indirect expenses of the Endowed Professor.

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) also bestows Endowed Professorships. The funding, term creation and incumbent nominations are managed independently at HSDM.

Incumbents of HMS Endowed Professorships must be either Professors or Associate Professors. At appropriate intervals, typically no less often than every five (5) years, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine may, with the advice of the Trustees/Board of Directors of the affiliate institution for those associated with clinical departments, review the status of appointments to endowed chairs.
Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Endowed Professor

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head or CEO/President nominates incumbent

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 3**
University
University renders a decision

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment as Endowed Professor

**Step 1: Department Head or CEO/President nominates incumbent**
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: endowedprof@hms.harvard.edu
- Nomination letter to the Dean describing the proposed incumbent's background, accomplishments, and appropriateness for the Endowed Professorship based on the donor's intentions, as outlined in the Professorship terms. The letter must also describe the process used to select the nominee from among the pool of eligible faculty members.
- Candidate's CV in the Faculty of Medicine format (dated within the prior 6 months). The CV must list the current academic appointment in the Faculty of Medicine and any administrative roles required by the terms of the professorship.

**Step 2: Dean makes a recommendation to the University**
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) confirms:
  - Existing Professorship is vacant or current incumbent will transition to Distinguished or Emeritus/Emerita status
  - New Professorship has been activated through a minimum funding level determined by the University
  - Nominated incumbent’s qualifications are consistent with Professorship terms and warrant the distinction of being appointed to a named Professorship
  - Proposed incumbent’s institution supports appointment
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 3: University renders a decision**
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4: Notification of approval**
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate
7.7. Procedure for Appointment as Endowed Distinguished Professor

When a Department Head or other administrative leader who holds an Endowed Professorship reduces effort in an administrative or leadership role, but continues their faculty appointment, the faculty member may retain the endowed title or the title may be modified by the term 'Distinguished.' The decision regarding a transition to ‘Distinguished’ status is made in consultation with the appointing Department Head and/or hospital CEO/President and may be governed by the terms of the Professorship (i.e., the Professorship may only be available to the individual holding the administrative role). Typically, the transition to the ‘Distinguished’ designation indicates that the faculty member, unless agreed to by arrangement with hospital leadership, will no longer receive financial resources from the Professorship. Once an incumbent has transitioned to “Distinguished” status, a new primary incumbent may be nominated by the Department Head or CEO/President.

When an incumbent transitions to “Distinguished” status, his/her named title is modified by adding “Distinguished” immediately prior to the word Professor. In a fictitious example, the Gray Professor of Radiology would become the Gray Distinguished Professor of Radiology.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Endowed Distinguished Professor**

1. **Step 1**
   Department / Institution
   Department Head or CEO/President requests transition to Distinguished status

2. **Step 2**
   Office for Faculty Affairs
   Dean makes a recommendation to the University

3. **Step 3**
   University
   University renders a decision

4. **Step 4**
   Office for Faculty Affairs
   Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment as Endowed Distinguished Professor

**Step 1:** Department Head or CEO/President requests transition to Distinguished status
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: endowedprof@hms.harvard.edu
- Letter to the Dean requesting the transition to Distinguished status and confirming that the incumbent has been informed of the intended change in status
- Nominating letter should be separate from the letter for the next incumbent when the transitions occur simultaneously

**Step 2:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews the submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 3:** University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4:** Notification of approval
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

7.8. Procedure for Appointment as Endowed Emeritus/Emerita Professor, Professor in Residence, or Professor of the Practice

Emeritus status is not conferred automatically based on the fact of retirement alone. Rather, a faculty member is eligible for emeritus/a status upon retirement when the faculty member: a) retires from an eligible faculty position after faithful service; b) has reached the age of 60 or more; and c) has a minimum of five years of continuous service immediately preceding retirement. Eligible faculty positions in the Faculty of Medicine include: Professor (full-time), Professor in Residence, and Professor of the Practice. If these conditions are determined to have been met, the faculty member is eligible to append the word emeritus/a upon retirement to the title they held while active, including an endowed professorship designation.

Endowed Emeritus/a Professors hold active appointments and, to the extent that they and their Department Heads wish, continue to participate in the academic life of the community. The only explicit limitations for Emeritus/a faculty are that they may not participate in promotion decisions and they generally may not oversee graduate students.

**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Endowed Emeritus/Emerita Professor, Professor in Residence, or Professor of the Practice**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head or CEO/President requests transition to Emeritus/Emerita status

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University
Detailed Process for Appointment as Endowed Emeritus/Emerita Professor, Professor in Residence, or Professor of the Practice

Step 1: Department Head or CEO/President requests transition to Emeritus/Emerita status
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: endowedprof@hms.harvard.edu
- Letter to the Dean requesting the transition to emeritus/a status, stating that the incumbent has provided long and faithful service, and confirming that they have been informed of the intended change in status
- Confirmation of the incumbent’s intention to retire and retirement date (normally would take the form of the notice that the faculty member submitted to their Department Head or CEO/President of their intention to retire)
- Nominating letter should be separate from the letter for the next incumbent when the transitions occur simultaneously
- If the faculty member has received a Harvard University paycheck during the course of the career, he/she is encouraged to contact the University Benefits office to review implications of the transition to emeritus/a status.

Step 2: Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews the submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

Step 3: University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 4: Notification of approval
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate
7.9 Procedure for Appointment as Professor, Professor in Residence, or Professor of the Practice Emeritus/Emerita

Emeritus status is not conferred automatically based on the fact of retirement alone. Rather, a faculty member is eligible for emeritus/a status upon retirement when the faculty member: a) retires from an eligible faculty position after faithful service; b) has reached the age of 60 or more; and c) has a minimum of five years of continuous service immediately preceding retirement. Eligible faculty positions in the Faculty of Medicine include: Professor (Full-time), Professor in Residence, and Professor of the Practice. If these conditions are determined to have been met, the faculty member is eligible to append the word emeritus/a upon retirement to the title they held while active, including an endowed professorship designation.

Emeritus/a Professors hold active appointments and, to the extent that they and their Department Heads wish, continue to participate in the academic life of the community. The only explicit limitations for Emeritus/a faculty are that they may not participate in promotion decisions and they generally may not oversee graduate students.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Emeritus/Emerita Professor, Professor in Residence, or Professor of the Practice**

**Step 1**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head requests transition to Emeritus status

**Step 2**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 3**  
University  
University renders a decision

**Step 4**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Notification of approval

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**Detailed Process for Appointment as Professor, Professor in Residence, or Professor of the Practice Emeritus/Emerita**

**Step 1:** Department Head initiates faculty title change

- Department Head writes letter to the Dean, sent to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA), of the intention of a faculty member to retire and requests appointment change to Emeritus or Emerita. Letter includes a statement documenting long and faithful service.
- Confirmation of the incumbent’s intention to retire and retirement date (normally would take the form of the notice that the faculty member submitted to his Department Head or CEO/President of his or her intention to retire)
- If the faculty member has received a Harvard University paycheck during the course of the career, he/she is encouraged to contact the University Benefits office to review implications of the transition to emeritus/a status.

**Step 2:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews the submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 3: University renders a decision**
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4: Notification of approval**
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate

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### 7.10. Procedure for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty for Retiring Professors, Part-time

Faculty who retire at the rank of Professor, Part-time, have completed at least ten (10) years of service to Harvard University, reached the age of 60, and will maintain some role in the academic department may transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status at the time of retirement, if requested by the Department Head. Corresponding Members of the Faculty hold active appointments that must be renewed annually and, to the extent that they and their Department Head’s wish, continue to participate in the academic life of the community except that they generally may not have primary responsibility for oversight of graduate students.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty for Retiring Professors, Part-time**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution

Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs

Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs

Notification of approval

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**Detailed Process for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty for Retiring Professors, Part-time**

**Step 1:** Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status

Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facapp@hms.harvard.edu

- eTAD requesting a change to Corresponding Member of the Faculty
- Letter to the Dean including effective date through 6/30 of the following year, with an explanation of how the faculty member will continue to contribute to the Department and the continued affiliation with HMS
Step 2: Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment
- Appointment must be renewed annually

Step 3: Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment

Additional Resources for Section 7:
- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
8. **Appointment and Promotion Process by Rank: Associate Professor**

As of September 2019

This section addresses promotion to Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine. For information about search requirements for initial appointment to the Faculty as Associate Professor, see section 5.5. For information about appointment to Associate Professor in two departments, see section 13.

**Initiating the Appointment and Promotion Process**

Institutional and departmental review processes incorporate an evaluation of the candidate’s Faculty of Medicine CV and assessment as to whether the academic criteria for promotion appear to be met. For more information on the criteria, see section 6. For faculty in the clinical departments, there is no required time by which a promotion must be considered. For faculty in the basic or social science departments, promotion is generally considered by the time of completion of the second term as Assistant Professor (i.e., by the end of year 6 of the individual’s appointment as a voting member of the faculty), although earlier or later consideration are options.

Faculty members are encouraged to discuss periodically their eligibility for promotion with appropriate department leaders such as mentors, Division Chiefs and/or Department Heads. For each candidate, the following factors will be considered in making a decision as to when a promotion can be advanced:

- Substantial academic accomplishments since the candidate’s appointment as Assistant Professor
- Significant scholarship that has advanced the candidate’s field
- Evidence of a strong regional, and often national, reputation in the Area of Excellence, see section 6
- Meaningful contributions to teaching at Harvard and/or its affiliated institutions, see section 6.4
- A track record of successful mentorship of trainees
- When applicable, evidence of accomplishments in Significant Supporting Activities, see section 6.5
- Service within the candidate’s department, affiliated institution, or the larger Harvard community
- Adherence to HMS/HSDM policies supporting the highest level of integrity and professionalism

For candidates in clinical departments, when the Department Head has decided to propose a faculty member for promotion, the candidate’s dossier is assembled for review by the HMS/HSDM Department Executive Committee.
8.1. Metrics for Evaluation

The following flowchart describes the process of choosing an Area of Excellence and the other required attributes, such as Teaching and Education and optional Significant Supporting Activities that form a customized profile. For more general information on the criteria for appointments and promotions, see section 6.

**Areas of Excellence (select one)**
- Clinical Expertise and Innovation
- Investigation
- Teaching and Educational Leadership

**Evaluation for Teaching and Education**
ALL candidates will be evaluated for teaching and educational contributions

**May identify other Significant Supporting Activities**
- Administration and Institutional Service
- Clinical Expertise Education of Patients and Service to the Community
- Investigation
- Special Merit in Education
8.1.1. Associate Professor, Clinical Expertise and Innovation
For promotion to Associate Professor, the candidate must have a strong regional, and most often national, reputation as an independent expert who has influenced the clinical field. He/she may have demonstrated innovation in approaches to diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease; the development/application of technology for clinical care; and/or the development of novel models of care delivery that influence care at a regional, and often national, level. The candidate must have an active teaching role and have influential scholarship, almost invariably as a first and senior author, in the area of clinical expertise.

In addition to distinguished service as an Assistant Professor:

Clinical expertise may take the form of:
- Recognition as a clinical expert
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Strong regional, and most often national, recognition as an independent clinical expert as evidenced by regional and/or national leadership roles and reputation related to the clinical field
- Influencing clinical practice
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Development of innovative approaches to diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease, applications of technologies and/or models of care delivery that influence care at a regional, and most often national, level. Examples of activities (many others are possible) include the development of:
      - a clinical care model
      - practice guidelines
      - an innovative application of an existing technology

Recognition
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Invitations to speak regionally, and most often nationally, on issues related to area of clinical expertise
    - Leadership roles in regional, and most often national, professional organizations related to clinical expertise, including leadership in regional and/or national courses or programs
    - Service on regional, and most often national, committees developing guidelines and policies for management in area of clinical expertise
    - Service on regional, and most often national, committees evaluating programs in area of clinical expertise
    - Membership on editorial boards in area of clinical expertise
    - Peer-reviewed funding to support innovations that influence clinical practice regionally, and most often nationally
    - Regional and/or national awards for contributions and/or innovation in the area of clinical expertise

Scholarship
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Publication of first and senior author original research, chapters, reviews, and/or textbooks related to area of clinical expertise that are recognized as authoritative and are widely cited
    - Development of guidelines and/or protocols for patient treatment or delivery of care that are adopted regionally, and in some cases, nationally
    - Publication of first and senior author manuscripts that demonstrate the impact of the candidate’s innovation on quality of care, clinical outcomes, and/or access to care

8.1.2. Associate Professor, Investigation
For promotion to Associate Professor, the candidate must have a national reputation as an independent investigator and major contributor to the field. There must be a record of independent scholarship which most often will include first and senior authorship on high-quality publications that have advanced the field; the candidate may also be in another authorship position on publications from collaborative research that significantly advance biomedical science to which he/she contributed critical ideas or innovations, having
generally taken the role of first or senior author on some publications. The candidate should have a successful extramural funding record and must have evidence of teaching and supervision of trainees.

In addition to distinguished service as an Assistant Professor:

**Investigation**
- Examples of Metrics: Conducts original research that significantly advances biomedical science; may include any or all of the following:
  - Basic research
  - Clinical research and/or laboratory or clinically based translational research which may include studies of disease mechanisms, diagnostic techniques and/or other investigations contributing knowledge that may significantly advance the prevention, diagnosis or management of disease; may have a defined role in building a multidisciplinary team and/or center that conceptualizes novel investigative approaches
  - Quantitative or social science research such as epidemiology, outcomes and health services research, and biostatistics as well as research in social sciences, ethics, bioinformatics and health economics, among others; should have an independent leadership role in design of studies, conduct of studies and/or analysis of study data; for multicenter studies, makes key, original intellectual contributions to critical elements in study design, protocol development, protocol implementation, study conduct, and/or data analysis
  - Development of new methods/technologies and/or novel applications of existing methods/technologies
  - Candidate will most often be principal investigator on federal, investigator-initiated industry, and/or foundation grants; may be site principal investigator of a multicenter study; may be primarily funded as a co-investigator if candidate brings a critical expertise to multiple studies

**Recognition**
- Examples of Metrics
  - Invitations to speak nationally about research
  - Principal investigator peer-reviewed funding to conduct research
  - Service on editorial boards of scientific journals or as a consultant to journals in area of expertise
  - Leadership role(s) on institution research-related committees such as the human subjects committee
  - Service on national committees related to research including grant review panels such as NIH study sections, FDA panels, and data and safety monitoring boards for multicenter trials
  - Significant role in planning sessions for scientific societies nationally
  - Leadership role in an institutional research core
  - National awards for research and/or innovation
  - Membership on steering committees, other study committees and/or writing groups of national multicenter studies
  - Invitations to serve as a key investigator on multiple, significant studies based on unique expertise

**Scholarship**
- Examples of Metrics
  - Publication of first and senior author high quality, original research that significantly advances the field
  - Publication of original research from multidisciplinary studies on which the candidate was first or senior author; may be in another authorship position or member of an unnamed authorship group, to which the candidate made documented, key intellectual contributions; should have taken the lead role on some manuscripts from the study
  - Publications of first and senior author original work describing new methods/technologies and/or innovative applications of existing methods/technologies; may be published in journals of the primary discipline (e.g., statistics) or the field in which the expertise is applied (e.g., cardiology)

**8.1.3. Associate Professor, Teaching and Educational Leadership**

For promotion to Associate Professor, the candidate must have a strong regional, and most often national, reputation as an independent leader in education. He/she must have developed innovative teaching methods, curricula, educational policy or educational assessment tools, or have performed influential research related to education. The candidate’s expertise must be demonstrated through scholarship which may take the form of influential first and senior author publications related to education, or educational materials developed by the candidate and adopted for use regionally or nationally.
In addition to distinguished service as an Assistant Professor:

**Teaching may take the form of:**

- **Didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers** (e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials)
  - **Examples of Metrics**
    - Innovation in classroom teaching methods or novel application of existing teaching methods with adoption regionally and, in some cases, nationally
    - Teaching/lecturing regionally and, most often, nationally about issues related to education

- **Research training and mentorship** (e.g., mentor for medical student, dental student, graduate student, resident, clinical or postdoctoral research fellow or junior faculty projects; service as graduate student thesis advisor or committee member)
  - **Examples of Metrics**
    - Number and stature of trainees upon whom the candidate had a major influence; stature may be assessed by trainees’ academic rank, publications, funding and awards
    - Publications with trainees
    - Feedback from trainees, if available

- **Clinical teaching and mentorship** (e.g., teaching in the clinic or hospital including bedside teaching, teaching in the operating room, preceptor in clinic)
  - **Examples of Metrics**
    - Regional and, in many cases, national leadership role related to education in a professional society
    - Evaluation and success of courses for which the candidate was a leader

- **Administrative teaching leadership role** (e.g., residency or fellowship director, course or seminar director)
  - **Examples of Metrics**
    - Evaluations and success of course(s) or program(s) for which candidate was the leader
    - Participant enrollment in non-required courses for which the candidate was the leader
    - Success of programs developed or innovations to existing programs introduced by the candidate.
    - Measures of success may include increased attraction of highly competitive candidates, enhancement of diversity by increasing the representation of women and minorities

**Recognition**

- **Examples of Metrics**
  - Invitations to speak regionally, and most often nationally, about education
  - Leadership role in regional, and most often national, courses related to education
  - Senior local leadership role in education
  - Service on regional, and most often national, committees developing guidelines and policies for education/training programs
  - Service on regional, and most often national, committees evaluating education programs or grant proposals related to education
  - Funding to conduct educational research or to develop educational materials, methods, assessment tools or programs
  - Funding to support mid-career mentoring about education by the candidate
  - Service on editorial boards of educational journals
  - Awards for teaching or mentoring from sources other than the candidate’s department/institution

**Scholarship**

- **Examples of Metrics**
  - Publication of first and senior author chapters, reviews, textbooks related to education that are recognized as authoritative and are widely cited
  - Development of educational material in print or other media with regional, and in some cases national, adoption; may include syllabi, curricula, web-based training modules or courses, and/or technologies (e.g., simulation); may also include development of educational methods, policy statements, and/or assessment tools
  - Publication of first and senior author influential original research related to educational methods, assessment and/or policy

**8.1.4. Teaching and Education**

Please refer to section 6.4 for metrics.

**8.1.5. Significant Supporting Activities**

Please refer to section 6.5 for metrics.
8.2. Procedures for Appointment and Promotion to Associate Professor

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment and Promotion to Associate Professor

**Step 1**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head assesses candidate’s qualifications for promotion

**Step 2**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head proposes candidate to Department Executive Committee

**Step 3**  
Department / Institution  
Department prepares dossier for submission to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates promotion process & provides candidate access to a website to track the major milestones and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) conducts detailed review of dossier

**Step 5**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) reviews dossier and makes recommendation

**Step 6**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 7**  
University  
University renders a decision

**Step 8**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment and Promotion to Associate Professor

Step 1: Department assesses candidate’s qualifications for promotion
- The process begins with a meeting of the Department Head (or designee such as a mentor or Division Chief) and the candidate, ideally as part of the annual career conference, to discuss the process and review the candidate’s CV and bibliography in consideration of the academic criteria for promotion to Associate Professor
- Academic Department Heads are the only individuals who can propose candidates for promotion
- Candidate CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- Department Head determines readiness for appointment at this rank and develops a rationale for advancement in the candidate’s Area of Excellence, see section 6
- Department Head prepares a letter of nomination recommending the candidate for promotion
- The candidate may be asked to provide a list of potential letter writers to the Department Head
- Department Head (not the candidate) solicits letters of evaluation (see step 3 below for dossier requirements)

Step 2: Department Head proposes candidate to Department Executive Committee
- The Department Head reviews the candidate’s qualifications with members of the Departmental Executive Committee and, in the absence of an Executive Committee, senior faculty in the department, or both. The faculty provide feedback to the Department Head on the proposed candidate and Area of Excellence and may recommend that the promotion move forward, that the Department Head obtain additional information, or that the department delay consideration pending achievement of other academic accomplishments by the candidate.
- The Executive Committee makes a formal recommendation in writing to the Dean regarding the candidate’s promotion. If there is any dissent or abstention, the letter to the Dean includes the reasons for either dissents or abstentions. If there is unanimity, signature of the chair of the Executive Committee on the Assistant and Associate Term Appointment Promotion Cover Sheet will suffice.

Step 3: Department prepares dossier for submission to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: pnr@hms.harvard.edu
- Form for Assistant and Associate Term Appointment Promotion Cover Sheet signed by the Department Head and, if different, the Executive Committee Chair
- Medical Area Reporting System (MARS) Job Summary, which should be consistent with information on the Faculty of Medicine CV
- The Department Head’s nominating letter
- Required search documentation unless already provided with a Member of the Faculty Appointment (see Section 5.5)
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
  - Five (5) significant scholarly works identified by circling the number next to the reference
  - Annotated summary of the candidate’s five (5) significant scholarly works is suggested but not required
- In those cases where the candidate has selected a publication on which s/he is a middle author; the candidate must describe in writing the contribution to the manuscript. The candidate’s description should be attached as a separate submission.
- Candidate’s five (5) self-selected significant scholarly works as PDFs
  - If significant scholarly works are not in electronic format, contact the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at (pnr@hms.harvard.edu) to arrange for alternative submission
- All letters of evaluation are solicited by the Department Head. The minimum number of letters is six (6).
  - These letters must be from faculty at the rank of Associate Professor or above.
    - Additional letters from individuals not of these ranks may be submitted if they provide a unique and valuable perspective.
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- Letters may not be from members of the Search Committee for newly appointed candidates selected by a search
- Candidates should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from the letter writers should be directed to the Department.
- For specific requirements, see the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website

**Step 4:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates promotion process & provides candidate access to a website to track the major milestones; Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) conducts detailed review of dossier

Upon receipt of the candidate dossier, the staff of the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will:
- Provide access to a confidential website for tracking the status of the promotion available only to candidates with Harvard University IDs, the Department Head and the department promotions administrators
- Send an email to the candidate to alert him/her that the dossier has been received, the HMS evaluation process has started, and the website is available
- Request modifications or additions as needed from the department
- Once the materials are complete, schedule the dossier for review by the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R)

**Step 5:** Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) reviews dossier and makes recommendation

The two (2) Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committees (P&R) each meet approximately 11 times per academic year:
- At the meeting, two members of the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R), not based in the candidate’s department or institution summarize the candidate’s dossier and make a recommendation on the proposed promotion
- A departmental representative is present to respond to any questions. If questions regarding the dossier are available in advance of the meeting, they are forwarded to the departmental representative
- At the meeting, the committee deliberates and members individually render their recommendation to the Dean in the form of a confidential written ballot

**Step 6:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University

- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R)
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 7:** University renders a decision

- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 8:** Notification of approval

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head of the outcome via email
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate
8.3. Procedures for Appointment as an Endowed Associate Professor

Endowed Associate Professorships recognize extraordinary clinicians, researchers and educators who serve as faculty at HMS or one of its affiliated institutions. Endowed Associate Professorships stand in perpetuity, generating invaluable support for incumbents, their institutions and HMS while building a history of remarkable scholarship and leadership under one name. New Professorships are formally celebrated at HMS, often at the time the first incumbent is appointed.

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) also bestows Endowed Associate Professorships. The funding, term creation and incumbent nominations are managed independently at HSDM.

Endowed professorship appointments for faculty at the rank of Associate Professor are term appointments with end dates that are coterminous with those for the Associate Professor appointment. If the Associate Professor appointment is renewed, the endowed chair appointment may also be renewed. If the incumbent is promoted to full professor, the Department Head or CEO/President may request that the endowed appointment “move up” with the candidate, except for rare instances when the endowed professorship terms specify that the incumbent must be an Associate Professor. The endowed title modifies the Associate Professor title. In a fictitious example, the candidate would be known as the Gray Associate Professor of Pediatrics.

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Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Endowed Associate Professor

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head or CEO/President nominates incumbent

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 3**
University
University renders a decision

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment as Endowed Associate Professor

**Step 1:** Department Head or CEO/President nominates incumbent
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: endowedprof@hms.harvard.edu
- Nomination letter to the Dean describing the proposed incumbent’s background, accomplishments, and appropriateness for the Endowed Professorship based on the donor’s intentions, as outlined in the Professorship terms
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- The CV must list a current appointment as associate professor at HMS and be dated within the prior 6 months.

**Step 2:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) confirms:
  - Existing Professorship is vacant or current incumbent will transition to Distinguished or Emeritus/Emerita status
  - New Professorship has been activated through a minimum funding level determined by the University
  - Nominated incumbent’s qualifications are consistent with Professorship terms and warrant the distinction of being appointed to a named Professorship
  - Proposed incumbent’s institution supports appointment
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 3:** University renders a decision
- The University reviews the proposed appointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4:** Notification of approval
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate
8.4. Procedure for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

Faculty who retire at the rank of Associate Professor, have completed at least ten (10) years of service to Harvard University, reached the age of 60, and will maintain some role in the academic department may transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status at the time of retirement if requested by the Department Head. Corresponding Members of the Faculty hold active appointments that must be renewed annually and, to the extent that they and their Department Heads wish, continue to participate in the academic life of the community.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

**Step 1:** Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status
Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
- eTAD requesting a change to Corresponding Member of the Faculty
- Letter to the Dean including effective date through 6/30 of the following year, with an explanation of how the faculty member will continue to contribute to the Department and the continued affiliation with HMS

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment
- Appointment must be renewed annually

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment

8.5. Procedures for Reappointment

The following procedures are required for reappointment as Associate Professor:

- Associate Professors must be reappointed every five (5) years.
- The Department Head submits to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) an updated CV in the Faculty of Medicine format and letter reviewing the faculty member’s contributions to teaching, research, clinical and administrative needs of the department, plans for academic contributions and the department’s expectations for the coming term. Department Heads will provide an update in the letter to the Dean regarding the academic trajectory for the faculty member and the likelihood of academic advancement. The letter should include an assessment of the level of productivity and the quality of the contributions as well as source(s) of funding.
- Department Head confirms that the current title reflects the obligations associated with a full or part-time appointment (see section 4.2), that the faculty member has met the annual teaching obligation of 50 hours per year, and that the faculty member has complied with all faculty policies, see section 3. Department Head documents the name of the faculty member’s mentor and the date of the most recent career conference.

Additional Resources for Section 8:

- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
9. Appointment and Promotion Process by Rank: Assistant Professor

As of December 2020

This section addresses promotion to Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine. For information about search requirements for initial appointment to the HMS/HSDM faculty as Assistant Professor, see section 5.5. For information about appointment as Assistant Professor in two departments, see section 13. For promotions to Assistant Professor by Longer Service criteria, see section 9.3.

Initiating the Appointment and Promotion Process

Institutional and departmental review processes incorporate an evaluation of the candidate’s Faculty of Medicine CV and assessment as to whether the academic criteria for promotion appear to be met. For more information on the criteria, see section 6. For faculty in the clinical departments, there is no required time by which a promotion must be considered. Faculty members are encouraged to discuss periodically their eligibility for promotion with appropriate department leaders such as mentors, Division Chiefs and/or Department Heads. For each candidate, the following factors will be considered in deciding as to when a promotion can be advanced:

- Substantial academic accomplishments since the candidate’s appointment as Instructor for those who are being promoted internally
- Significant scholarship that has advanced the candidate’s field
- Evidence of a strong local reputation in the Area of Excellence, see section 6.
- Meaningful contributions to teaching at Harvard and/or its affiliated institutions, see section 6.4.
- When applicable, evidence of accomplishments in Significant Supporting Activities, see section 6.5.
- Service within the candidate’s department, affiliated institution, or the larger Harvard community
- Adherence to HMS/HSDM policies supporting the highest level of integrity and professionalism

When the Department Head has decided to propose a faculty member for promotion, the candidate’s materials are next reviewed by the Department Executive Committee.

9.1. Metrics for Evaluation

The following flowchart describes the process of choosing an Area of Excellence and the other required attributes, such as Teaching and Education and optional Significant Supporting Activities that form a customized profile. For more general information on the criteria for appointments and promotions, see section 6.
9.1.1. Assistant Professor, Clinical Expertise and Innovation

For promotion to Assistant Professor, the candidate must have evidence of a strong local reputation as an expert in a clinical field with a leadership role and/or a key role in activities that influence practice, such as approaches to diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease; applications of technology to clinical care; and/or development or local adoption of innovative models of care delivery. The candidate almost invariably will have first author scholarship related to the clinical field (unless being considered by Longer Service criteria; see section 9.3) and should be teaching in the clinical field, though the candidate may also be in another authorship position on publications from collaborative clinical scholarship to which he/she has made documented, substantive intellectual contributions.

In addition to distinguished service as an Instructor:

Clinical expertise may take the form of:

Recognition as a clinical expert
- Examples of Metrics
  - Strong local reputation as a clinical expert, may hold local clinical leadership roles

Influencing clinical practice
- Examples of Metrics
  - Key role in the development or local adoption of innovative approaches to diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease, use of technologies and/or models of care delivery. Examples of activities (many others are possible) include:
    - Assisting with the creation of a novel interdisciplinary clinical service
    - Key role in development and local implementation of practice guidelines for care or to prevent medical errors
    - Utilizing and disseminating the use of a new surgical procedure

Recognition
- Examples of Metrics
  - Invitations to speak locally, and in many cases regionally, on issues related to area of clinical expertise
  - Role in local professional organizations related to clinical expertise, including participation as a speaker in courses and program development
  - Invitations to participate locally in the development of guidelines/protocols for quality improvement or management in area of clinical expertise
  - Service as peer reviewer for clinical journals
  - Peer-reviewed funding to support innovations that influence clinical practice locally
  - Local awards for contributions and/or innovation in the area of clinical expertise

Scholarship
- Examples of Metrics
  - Publication of first author original research, reviews and/or chapters related to area of clinical expertise; may include publication of research that assesses the effectiveness of innovative approaches to clinical care
  - Development of guidelines and/or protocols for patient treatment or delivery of care that are adopted locally
9.1.2. Assistant Professor, Investigation

For promotion to Assistant Professor, the candidate must have evidence of a strong local reputation for contributions to research with an identified research focus or area of expertise. He/she must demonstrate scholarship which most often includes publications on which the candidate is first author; the candidate may also be in another authorship position on publications from collaborative research to which he/she has made documented, substantive intellectual contributions. The candidate generally has some funding to conduct research, often as principal investigator, and most often has evidence of supervision of research trainees.

In addition to distinguished service as an Instructor:

Investigation

- Examples of Metrics
  - Defined role in investigative activities which may include any or all of the following:
    - Basic research
    - Clinical research and/or laboratory or clinically based translational research which may include studies of disease mechanisms, diagnostic techniques and/or other investigations that may contribute to the prevention, diagnosis or management of disease; may have a defined role as a member of a multidisciplinary or other collaborative research team that conceptualizes novel investigative approaches
    - Quantitative and social science research such as epidemiology, outcomes and health services research, and biostatistics as well as research in social sciences, ethics, bioinformatics and health economics, among others; should have a defined role and may contribute to protocol development, protocol implementation, conduct of studies, data collection and/or analysis of new or existing data
    - Novel applications of existing methods and/or technologies
    - Candidate most often has some funding for research activities which may include a career development award, principal investigator role on federal, foundation, investigator-initiated industry, or institutional grant(s); candidate may be funded as a co-investigator with a defined role and substantive intellectual contributions to a collaborative or multicenter study

Recognition

- Examples of Metrics
  - Invitations to speak locally, and in many cases regionally, about research
  - Peer-reviewed funding to conduct research
  - Service as an ad hoc reviewer for scientific journals
  - Service on institution research-related committees such as the human subjects committee
  - Role in planning sessions for scientific societies locally and, in many cases, regionally
  - Instrumental role in an institutional research core
  - Local and/or regional awards for research and/or innovation
  - Role as an investigator on multiple studies based on specific expertise

Scholarship

- Examples of Metrics
  - Publication of original research that contributes new knowledge; most often includes publications on which the candidate is first author; may be in another authorship position on publications of collaborative research to which the candidate has made documented, substantive intellectual contributions

9.1.3. Assistant Professor, Teaching and Educational Leadership

For promotion to Assistant Professor, the candidate must have evidence of a strong local reputation as an active and highly effective teacher with increasing involvement and responsibility over time. The candidate must demonstrate scholarship, which will often include first author publications and may also include educational materials in print or other media that have been developed by the candidate and have been adopted locally. Since some faculty being promoted to Assistant Professor in this Area of Excellence may not have yet demonstrated peer-reviewed scholarship related to education, some of the publications supporting this promotion might be related to the candidate’s clinical expertise or investigation. Promotion in this Area of Excellence to all other ranks requires scholarship related to education.
In addition to distinguished service as an Instructor:

Teaching may take the form of:

- **Didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers** (e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Participation in courses and lectures at Harvard and its affiliates, especially HMS/HSDM courses
    - Learner and/or peer evaluations of teaching
    - Increasing involvement and responsibility over time

- **Research training and mentorship** (e.g., mentor for medical student, dental student, graduate student, resident, clinical or postdoctoral research fellow or junior faculty projects; service as graduate student thesis advisor or committee member)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Number of individuals trained
    - Publications with trainees
    - Feedback from trainees, if available

- **Clinical teaching and mentorship** (e.g., teaching in the clinic or hospital including bedside teaching, teaching in the operating room, preceptor in clinic)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Quantified level of activity
    - Evaluations by students, residents, fellows

- **Administrative teaching leadership role** (e.g., residency or fellowship co-director or director, course or seminar co-director or director)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Evaluations and success of course(s) and or program(s) for which candidate was a leader
    - Participant enrollment in non-required courses for which the candidate was a leader

**Recognition**
- Examples of Metrics
  - Invitations to speak and teach locally about education, including outside the candidate’s department
  - Contributions to local professional educational organizations
  - Funding to conduct educational research, to develop educational materials, methods, assessment tools or programs
  - Service as a peer reviewer for educational journals
  - Selection for participation in limited enrollment training programs for educators
  - Local awards for teaching or mentoring

**Scholarship**
- Examples of Metrics
  - Publication of first author original research, reviews, and/or chapters
  - Development and local adoption of educational material in print or other media; may include syllabi, curricula, web-based training modules or courses, and/or technologies (e.g., simulation); may also include development of educational methods, policy statements, and/or assessment tools

### 9.1.4. Teaching and Education
Please refer to section 6.4 for metrics.

### 9.1.5. Significant Supporting Activities
Please refer to section 6.5 for metrics.
9.2. Procedures for Appointment and Promotion to Assistant Professor

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment and Promotion to Assistant Professor

Step 1
Department / Institution
Department assesses candidate's qualifications for promotion

Step 2
Department / Institution
Department Head proposes candidate to Department Executive Committee

Step 3
Department / Institution
Department prepares dossier for submission to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 4
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates promotion process & provides candidate access to a website to track the major milestones and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) conducts detailed review of dossier

Step 5
Office for Faculty Affairs
Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) reviews dossier and makes recommendations

Step 6
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

Step 7
University
University renders a decision

Step 8
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment and Promotion to Assistant Professor

Step 1: Department assesses candidate's qualifications for promotion
- The process begins with a meeting of the Department Head (or designee such as a mentor or Division Chief) and the candidate, ideally as part of the annual career conference, to discuss the process and review the candidate’s Faculty of Medicine CV and bibliography in consideration of the academic criteria for promotion to Assistant Professor
- Academic Department Heads are the only individuals who can propose candidates for promotion
- Candidate prepares CV in the required Faculty of Medicine format
- Department Head determines readiness for appointment at this rank and develops a rationale for advancement in the candidate’s Area of Excellence, see section 6
- Department Head prepares a letter of nomination recommending the candidate for promotion
- The candidate may be asked to provide a list of potential letter writers to the Department Head
- Department Head (not the candidate) solicits letters of evaluation (see step 3 below for dossier requirements)

Step 2: Department Head proposes candidate to Department Executive Committee
- The Department Head reviews the candidate’s qualifications with members of the Departmental Executive Committee and, in the absence of an Executive Committee, senior faculty in the department, or both. The faculty provide feedback to the Department Head on the proposed candidate and Area of Excellence and may recommend that the promotion move forward, that the Department Head obtain additional information, or that the department delay consideration pending achievement of other academic accomplishments by the candidate.
- The Executive Committee makes a formal recommendation in writing to the Dean regarding the candidate’s promotion. If there is any dissent or abstention, the letter to the Dean includes the reasons for either dissents or abstentions. If there is unanimity, signature of the chair of the Executive Committee on the Assistant and Associate Term Appointment Promotion Cover Sheet will suffice

Step 3: Department prepares dossier for submission to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: pnr@hms.harvard.edu
- Form for Assistant and Associate Term Appointment Promotion Cover Sheet signed by the Department Head and the Executive Committee Chair.
- Medical Area Reporting System (MARS) Job Summary, which should be consistent with information on the Faculty of Medicine CV
- The Department Head’s nominating letter
- Required search documentation unless already provided with a Member of the Faculty Appointment (see section 5.5)
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
  - Two (2) significant scholarly works identified by circling the number next to the reference
  - Annotated summary of the candidate’s two (2) significant scholarly works is suggested but not required
- In those cases where the candidate has selected a publication on which s/he is a middle author; the candidate must describe in writing the contribution to the manuscript. The candidate’s description should be attached as a separate submission.
- Candidate’s two (2) self-selected significant scholarly works as PDFs
  - If significant scholarly works are not in electronic format, contact the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at (pnr@hms.harvard.edu) to arrange for alternative submission
- All letters of evaluation solicited by the Department Head. The minimum number of letters is four (4).
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- These letters must be from faculty at the rank of Associate Professor or above. Additional letters from individuals not of these ranks may be submitted if they provide a unique and valuable perspective.
- Letters may not be from members of the Search Committee for newly appointed candidates selected by a search.
- Candidates should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from the letter writers should be directed to the Department.
- For specific requirements, see the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website.

**Step 4:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) initiates promotion process & provides candidate access to a website to track the major milestones; Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) conducts detailed review of dossier

- Upon receipt of the candidate dossier, the staff of the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will:
  - Provide access to a confidential website for tracking the status of the promotion available only to candidates with Harvard University IDs, the Department Head and the department promotion administrators.
  - Send an email to the candidate to alert him/her that the dossier has been received, the HMS evaluation process has started, and the website is available.
  - Request modifications or additions as needed from the department.
  - Once the materials are complete, schedule the dossier for review by the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R).

**Step 5:** Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) reviews dossier and makes recommendation

The two (2) Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committees (P&R) each meet approximately 11 times per academic year:

- Before each meeting of the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R), three members of the Committee, not based in the candidate’s department or institution, are assigned to review each candidate’s promotional materials.
- If all three reviewers vote to approve the nomination and no concerns are raised, the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) forwards the candidate’s dossier to the University for consideration without further discussion of the case.
- Any reviewer, or the Dean’s office, may request discussion of any candidate at the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) meeting.
  - If the case is discussed at the meeting, assigned reviewers summarize the candidate’s dossier and make a recommendation on the proposed promotion.
  - A departmental representative is present to respond to any questions. If questions regarding the dossier are available in advance of the meeting, they are forwarded to the departmental representative.
- At the meeting, the committee deliberates and members individually render their recommendation to the Dean in the form of a confidential written ballot.

**Step 6:** Dean makes a recommendation to the University

- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R).
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University.
- No decision is final until the University review is complete.

**Step 7:** University renders a decision

- The University reviews the proposed appointment.
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA).

**Step 8:** Notification of approval

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head of the outcome via email.
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate.
9.3. Promotion to Assistant Professor by Longer Service Criteria

The Longer Service criteria are intended to reward clinical faculty for significant and sustained contributions to the teaching mission of HMS, HSDM, and their affiliated institutions. Eligible faculty are full-time or part-time clinicians who hold a doctoral degree in the clinical discipline for which they are being considered for promotion, have dedicated at least ten (10) years as faculty members to education in the Harvard community and have demonstrated continuing growth in their roles as teachers. As long as the total years of contribution are ten (10), faculty may have a break in their appointment to be considered for promotion by the Longer Service criteria. Ordinarily, the break would be expected to have been for a maximum of two years, and the candidate will have returned to Harvard for at least 3 consecutive years before consideration for Longer Service promotion. Exceptions to this process can be requested.

Teaching is broadly defined to include didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers, clinical teaching and mentorship, and administrative teaching leadership roles in the Harvard community. Teaching of Harvard medical, dental, and graduate students will be particularly noted but is not required. Candidates for Longer Service promotion should clearly document a minimum of 50 hours of teaching per year for at least 10 years of their service; those who do not meet the 50 hours for at least 10 years are not eligible for Longer Service promotion. Proposals for candidates whose teaching time has decreased over the 10-year period should provide a rationale as to how their overall contributions could be considered to demonstrate continuing growth. Teaching outside Harvard and its affiliates will not be counted towards the teaching contribution at Harvard but should be included as evidence of the candidate’s body of work.

There is no requirement for written scholarship. As with all promotions, consideration will be given to the sum total of the individual's achievements. The evaluation will consider all activities, including contributions in the areas of investigation, clinical expertise, education of patients and service to the community, and administration and institutional service.

Promotion by Longer Service criteria is only to the rank of Assistant Professor. Promotion by these criteria does not preclude promotion to Associate Professor, but evaluation for subsequent promotions would require scholarship and would be based on the criteria for Associate Professor described elsewhere, see section 8.

9.3.1. Longer Service Metrics

Teaching may take the form of:

- **Didactic teaching of students, trainees and peers** (e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Level of activity (noting lectures and courses taught) and measures of quality (e.g., participant or peer evaluation); specifically note HMS/HSDM courses for medical, dental, and graduate students
    - May note if individual has devised innovative methods in classroom teaching and/or taught or lectured on issues related to education

- **Clinical teaching and mentorship** (e.g., teaching in the clinic or hospital including bedside teaching, teaching in the operating room, preceptor in clinic)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Level of activity
    - Quality of teaching as measured by evaluations by students, residents, fellows

- **Administrative teaching leadership** role (e.g., residency or fellowship director, course or seminar director)
  - Examples of Metrics
    - Quality as measured by evaluations and success of courses/programs for which the candidate was a leader
Recognition

- Examples of Metrics: May have evidence of contributions in education such as:
  - Role in professional organization related to education
  - Local leadership role in educational organizations
  - Invitations to speak on issues related to education
  - Service on education-related committees
  - Awards for teaching, mentoring or other education-related achievements

9.4. Procedures for Promotion to Assistant Professor by Longer Service Criteria

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Promotion to Assistant Professor by Longer Service Criteria

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department assesses candidate’s qualifications for promotion

**Step 2**
Department / Institution
Department head proposes candidate to Department Executive Committee

**Step 3**
Department / Institution
Department prepares dossier for submission to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) conducts detailed review of dossier

**Step 5**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Longer Service Committee (LSC) reviews dossier and makes recommendation

**Step 6**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean makes a recommendation to the University

**Step 7**
University
University renders a decision

**Step 8**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Promotion to Assistant Professor by Longer Service Criteria

**Step 1:** Department assesses candidate’s qualifications for promotion
- The process begins with a meeting of the Department Head (or designee such as a mentor or Division Chief) and the candidate to review the candidate’s Faculty of Medicine CV in consideration of the academic criteria for promotion to Assistant Professor by Longer Service criteria
- Academic Department Heads are the only individuals who can propose candidates for promotion
- Candidate prepares CV in the required Faculty of Medicine format. Care should be taken to report in detail teaching and clinical contributions.
- Department Head determines whether or not the candidate’s contributions to clinical care and teaching meet Longer Service criteria
- Candidate and Department Head gather and summarize available teaching evaluations across the continuum in which the candidate teaches
- Department Head prepares a letter of nomination recommending the candidate for promotion. The letter of nomination must include mention of available teaching evaluations.
- The candidate may be asked to provide a list of potential letter writers to the Department Head
- Department Head (not the candidate) solicits letters of evaluation (see step 3 below for dossier requirements)

**Step 2:** Department Head proposes candidate to Department Executive Committee
- The Department Head reviews the candidate’s qualifications with members of the Departmental Executive Committee and, in the absence of an Executive Committee, senior faculty in the department, or both. The faculty provide feedback to the Department Head on the proposed candidate and Area of Excellence and may recommend that the promotion move forward, that the Department Head obtain additional information, or that the department delay consideration pending achievement of other academic accomplishments by the candidate.
- The Executive Committee may alternatively determine that the candidate should be promoted based upon academic achievements through the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) mechanism with a specific Area of Excellence
- The Executive Committee makes a formal recommendation in writing to the Dean supporting the candidate’s promotion. If there is any dissent or abstention, the letter to the Dean includes the reasons for either dissents or abstentions. If there is none, signature of the chair of the Executive Committee on the Assistant and Associate Term Appointment Promotion Cover Sheet will suffice

**Step 3:** Department prepares dossier for submission to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Please submit materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at:

pnr@hms.harvard.edu
- Form for Assistant and Associate Term Appointment Promotion Cover Sheet, signed by the Department Head and the Executive Committee chair. The cover sheet should note the use of Longer Service criteria and should not include selection of Area of Excellence or Significant Supporting Activities
- Medical Area Reporting System (MARS) Job summary, which should be consistent with information on the Faculty of Medicine CV
- The Department Head nominating letter
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- All letters of evaluation solicited by the Department Head. There should be a minimum of three (3) letters, all of which should be written by faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor and above. All letters may be from HMS/HSDM faculty. Additional letters from others may be included if the writers have a unique and valued perspective on the candidate
- Candidates should not contact letter writers or potential letter writers directly; inquiries from letter writers should be directed to the Department
- For specific requirements, see the [Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates](#) page of our website

**Step 4: Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) conducts detailed review of dossier**

Upon receipt of the candidate dossier, the staff of the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will:

- Provide access to a confidential website for tracking the status of the promotion available only to the candidate, the Department Head and the department promotion administrators
- Send an email to the candidate to alert him/her that the dossier has been received, the HMS evaluation process has started, and the website is available.
- Request modifications or additions as needed from the department
- Once the materials are complete, schedule the dossier for review by the Longer Service Subcommittee of the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R)

**Step 5: Longer Service Committee reviews dossier and makes recommendation**

- The Longer Service Committee meets approximately 5 times per academic year
- Before each meeting of the Longer Service Committee, one member of the committee, not based in the candidate’s department or institution, is assigned to review each candidate’s dossier
- At the meeting, the committee deliberates and members render their recommendation to the Dean in the form of a confidential written ballot

**Step 6: Dean makes a recommendation to the University**

- The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine reviews all recommendations from the Longer Service Committee
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) submits the Dean’s recommendation to the University
- No decision is final until the University review is complete

**Step 7: University renders a decision**

- The University reviews the proposed promotion
- A final decision is communicated to the Dean’s office and the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

**Step 8: Notification of approval**

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head of the outcome via email
- Formal letter is sent from the University directly to candidate
9.5. Procedure for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

Faculty who retire at the rank of Assistant Professor, have completed at least ten (10) years of service to Harvard University, reached the age of 60, and will maintain some role in the academic department may transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status at the time of retirement if requested by the Department Head. Corresponding Members of the Faculty hold active appointments that must be renewed annually and, to the extent that they and their Department Heads wish, continue to participate in the academic life of the community.

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

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Detailed Process for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

**Step 1:** Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status

- Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
  - eTAD requesting a change to Corresponding Member of the Faculty
  - Letter to the Dean including effective date through 6/30 of the following year, with an explanation of how the faculty member will continue to contribute to the Department and the continued affiliation with HMS

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment
- Appointment must be renewed annually

**Step 3:** Notification of approval

- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment

9.6. Procedures for Reappointment

The following procedures are required for reappointment as Assistant Professor:

- Assistant Professors must be reappointed every three (3) years.
- The Department Head submits to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) an updated CV in the Faculty of Medicine format and letter reviewing the faculty member's contributions to teaching, research, clinical and administrative needs of the department, and plans for academic contributions and the department's expectations for the coming term. Department Heads will provide an update in the letter to the Dean regarding the academic trajectory for the faculty member and the likelihood of academic advancement.
The letter should include an assessment of the level of productivity and the quality of the contributions as well as source(s) of funding.

- Department Head confirms that the current title reflects the obligations associated with a full or part-time appointment (see section 4.2), that the faculty member has met the annual teaching obligation of 50 hours per year, and that the faculty member has complied with all faculty policies, see section 3. The Department Head documents the name of the faculty member's mentor and the date of the most recent career conference.

**Additional Resources for Section 9:**

- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
10. **Appointment of Instructors**

As of September 2018

10.1. **Definition, Eligibility, Criteria, Term of Appointment**

**Definition:**
The Instructor appointment is an entry, ladder, non-voting faculty appointment following postdoctoral clinical or research training which may be renewed annually according to guidelines below. Faculty appointed as Instructors are individuals who are considered by their Department Heads to be potentially eligible for future promotion upon meeting criteria for the rank of Assistant Professor or to be future candidates in searches for faculty at the Assistant Professor rank. The faculty member’s title, Instructor or Instructor, Part-time, is based on whether the individual's commitment to the HMS role meets full-time or part-time criteria, see section 4.2.

**Eligibility:**
The Instructor title is typically the first faculty appointment following postdoctoral clinical or research training* for those individuals who do not meet the criteria for appointment as Assistant Professor.

The appointment as Instructor is based on the candidate’s academic promise. Department Heads nominate candidates for the Instructor appointment directly to the Dean. Those who meet eligibility criteria (see below) are approved following review by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). The Instructor appointment is a one-year, non-voting appointment that may be renewed annually. Individuals do not need to commit to an Area of Excellence at the Instructor level. Instructors may be appointed from outside Harvard following a search process (see section 5.5) or may be appointed following a postdoctoral training appointment at Harvard.

The decision to advance an internal candidate from a training role to a faculty appointment at the Instructor level will vary based on the candidate’s background and the department’s needs. The decision is entirely at the discretion of the Department Head based on pre-established recruitment goals. For example, in the research setting, a Department Head may consider advancing a Research Fellow to Instructor based on evidence of emerging independence, such as obtaining intra- or extramural funding, or scholarly achievements, such as successful first author publications. For clinical fellows, completion of clinical fellowship training coupled with responsibility for clinical practice may be among the criteria a Department Head will consider before proposing an individual for an Instructor appointment.

The appointment of an Instructor represents three commitments: 1) on the part of the department to the mentorship and career support of the new faculty member; 2) on the part of Harvard Medical School to provide faculty development programs, including orientation, to the new faculty member; and 3) on the part of the Instructor to contribute to the academic mission of the school through teaching Harvard learners a minimum of 50 hours per year and participation in the scholarly enterprise, see section 4.3.
**Criteria for Appointment:**
All candidates for appointment as Instructor will:

- Hold a doctoral degree.
- Have completed at least one (1) postdoctoral training program or have a documented exception for postdoctoral training (*).
- Hold an active hospital appointment at a primary affiliate of HMS or HSDM or be appointed in a Basic or Social Science department (HMS Quad).
- Not concurrently be serving primarily in a training role or an Associate appointment (see section 14) (**).
- If clinically active, be licensed and approved by the hospital credentialing committee or under review for credentialing at the primary affiliate.
- Have evidence of teaching at Harvard for a minimum of 50 hours annually documented in the CV or, for first appointment, intended teaching responsibilities documented in Department Head nominating letter.
- Teaching is broadly defined to include the teaching of medical, dental, graduate and undergraduate students, trainees, or peers at any Harvard institution.
- Agree to comply with HMS policies and procedures, including Conflict of Interest disclosures and Use of Harvard Name requirements.
- Meet criteria for a full-time or part-time appointment.

(*) In rare instances, postdoctoral training would not be the norm prior to a faculty appointment, such as in the case of some social scientists. The nominating letter should address this exception.

(**) Some faculty will seek additional, part-time training through a fellowship program while still primarily serving as a faculty member. Departments will be asked to explain the percent effort dedicated to this additional training role in determining whether the Instructor or Fellow title is appropriate.

**Search documentation must be provided at the time of first Instructor appointment** unless the candidate meets criteria for exception to a search, see section 5.3.3. If the latter case applies, documentation of the exception should be included in the letter requesting appointment.

10.2. Expectations of Instructor, Appointing Department, and Harvard Medical and Dental Schools

**Expectations of the Instructor:**
As with all faculty appointments, Instructors will participate in the teaching mission of the Faculty of Medicine with rare exception. Teaching is defined broadly to include education leadership activities and the teaching of medical, dental and graduate students; residents; research and clinical fellows; and peers. The minimum expectation is 50 hours of teaching Harvard learners at Harvard and/or its affiliated institutions per year. Plans for teaching activities must be included in the initial nomination for appointment and annual documentation of teaching activities must be included in the request for reappointment and be documented in the CV. Faculty holding the Instructor title must follow all policies of the Faculty of Medicine, including the HMS Conflict of Interest and Use of the Harvard Name policies.

**Expectations of the Department:**
The department agrees to provide the Instructor mentorship represented by, at a minimum, appointing of a faculty mentor for the Instructor and an annual career conference at which expectations for advancement in the department will be addressed. The initial letter of appointment will note the name of the mentor and each reappointment will document the completion of an annual career conference. In addition, every five (5) years the department will conduct a formal review beyond the annual mentorship career conference and will submit documentation of the review to the Dean. If the department opts not to renew the Instructor appointment at times other than the annual renewal date, the Department Head or designee will provide written notice of non-renewal to the faculty member, with a copy to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA), three (3) months prior to the end of the appointment. Terminations for cause do not require three (3) months written notice, see section 3.12.
Expectations of HMS/HSDM:
The school will offer an orientation to first year Instructors, including presentations by key offices of the Dean and opportunities to meet with leaders from the HMS/HSDM community. The School will maintain a website that will provide information about opportunities to teach, training programs for teachers through the Academy/Centre for Teaching and Learning, and information about the process for academic promotion. Resources for faculty development, including competitive intramural and extramural fellowships and leadership training will be made available. Faculty will have access to the services of the HMS/HSDM Ombuds office for addressing concerns related to their appointment at Harvard.

10.3. Procedures for First Appointment as Instructor

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for First Appointment of Instructor

Step 1
Department / Institution
Department Head (or designee) writes to the Dean requesting approval for an Instructor appointment

Step 2
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs reviews submitted materials

Step 3
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval

Detailed Process for First Appointment as Instructor

Step 1: Department Head writes to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine requesting approval for appointment as Instructor
Department Administrator completes:
  ➢ QuickHire Form in PeopleSoft (or eTAD if candidate has already been in the HMS system, as referenced below),
  ➢ Submits materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
      ➢ Nominating letter describing the candidate’s role in the department, including anticipated teaching responsibilities, confirmation of part-time or full-time status
      ➢ eTAD if candidate is already in the HMS system (e.g., as a prior fellow)
      ➢ Documentation of eligibility criteria via the Faculty Profile Form by confirming minimum teaching commitment, work location, and assignment of a mentor
      ➢ Search documentation if applicable, see section 5
      ➢ Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format

Step 2: Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
  ➢ The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment

Step 3: Notification of approval
  ➢ Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment/reappointment
  ➢ Department Administrator receives electronic notification when an HUID has been created in the Harvard University system (new to HU)
10.4. Procedures for Reappointment of Instructors

The Instructor appointment may be renewed annually. The renewal is typically requested through the annual reappointment process (RAAP) that documents teaching hours and mentor conferences.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Reappointment as Instructor**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head requests approval for reappointment as Instructor

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Reappointment as Instructor

**Step 1:** Department Head requests approval for reappointment as Instructor
Each Spring, the Department Head submits via the RAAP process by email to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
- the faculty member’s teaching hours from the prior year
- confirmation of the current mentor name
- date of the most recent career conference

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed reappointment

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the reappointment

In addition, every five (5) years the department will conduct a formal review beyond the annual career conference and will submit documentation of the review to the Dean.

**Step 1:** The Department Head requests approval for reappointment as Instructor
Every 5 years, the Department Head submits the following materials by email to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
- Letter describing the candidate’s role in the department, including teaching responsibilities, candidate’s potential for academic advancement, and statement of integrity and professionalism in addition to confirmation of items listed below.
  - Candidate holds active hospital appointment at primary affiliate (those appointed through an affiliated institution)
  - Candidate has been re-credentialed (if a clinical appointment)
  - Distribution of effort by job location
  - Current teaching activities
  - That candidate not currently serving as a trainee (Some faculty will seek additional, part-time training through a fellowship program while still primarily serving as a faculty member. Departments will be asked to explain the percent effort dedicated to this additional training role in determining whether the Instructor or Fellow title is appropriate.)
  - Name of candidate’s mentor
  - Date that the annual career conference was completed
  - That HMS policies have been re-reviewed with the candidate
  - Conflict of Interest forms on file with the department are up to date
  - Candidate’s current home address, phone and email
  - Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format, including documentation of teaching activities.

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed reappointment

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the reappointment
10.5. Procedure for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

Faculty who retire at the rank of Instructor, have completed at least ten (10) years of service to Harvard University, reached the age of 60, and will maintain some role in the academic department may transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status at the time of retirement if requested by the Department Head. Corresponding Members of the Faculty hold active appointments that must be renewed annually and, to the extent that they and their Department Heads wish, continue to participate in the academic life of the community.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty**

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Appointment as Corresponding Member of the Faculty

**Step 1:** Department Head requests transition to Corresponding Member of the Faculty status
Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
- eTAD requesting a change to Corresponding Member of the Faculty
- Letter to the Dean including effective date through 6/30 of the following year, with an explanation of how the faculty member will continue to contribute to the Department and the continued affiliation with HMS

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment
- Appointment must be renewed annually

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment/reappointment

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**Additional Resources for Section 10:**

- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
11. **Appointment of Lecturers**  
As of September 2018

11.1. **Definition, Eligibility, Criteria, Term of Appointment**

**Definition:**
The title of Lecturer is reserved for individuals whose primary faculty role is to contribute to the teaching mission of the Faculty of Medicine. Teaching is defined broadly to include educational leadership activities and the teaching of the following Harvard learners: medical, dental and graduate students; residents, fellows and postdoctoral trainees; and peers. For the purposes of this section, the term Lecturer will be used to represent Lecturers and Senior Lecturers unless procedures vary between the two. Senior Lecturers are individuals whose academic contributions and reputation are consistent with the general criteria for a full Professor appointment.

**Eligibility:**
Faculty appointed as Lecturers must commit a minimum of 50 hours of teaching per year. As a rule, faculty who hold the Lecturer title will not be pursuing promotion along the academic ladder, although transition to the ladder (Instructor, Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) will be dependent on nomination from a Department Head, meeting the academic criteria for a ladder appointment and meeting the requirements for a search. Faculty whose role in the Faculty of Medicine is limited to less than one (1) day per week, who hold voting appointments at other academic institutions, or who spend the majority of their time at other academic institutions would be candidates for annual Lecturer, Part-time appointments.

**Criteria for Appointment:**
All candidates for appointment as Lecturer will:
- Hold an active hospital appointment at a primary affiliate of HMS, be appointed at HSDM or be appointed in a Basic or Social Science department (HMS Quad)
- Not concurrently be serving primarily in a training role or an Associate appointment (see Section 14) (*).
- If clinically active, be licensed and approved by the hospital credentialing committee or under review for credentialing at the primary affiliate
- Have evidence of teaching at Harvard for a minimum of 50 hours annually documented in the CV or, for first appointment, intended teaching responsibilities documented in Department Head nominating letter. Teaching is broadly defined to include educational leadership activities and the teaching of medical, dental, graduate and undergraduate students, trainees, or peers at any Harvard institution.
- Agree to comply with HMS policies and procedures, including Conflict of Interest disclosures and Use of Harvard Name requirements
- Meet criteria for a full-time or part-time appointment
(*) Some faculty will seek additional, part-time training through a fellowship program while still primarily serving as a faculty member. Departments will be asked to explain the percent effort dedicated to this additional training role in determining whether the Lecturer or Fellow title is appropriate.

Term:
The types of Lecturer Appointments are Lecturer, Part-time (Annual, non-voting); Lecturer, Part-time (3-year appointment, voting); Lecturer (Full-time; annual, non-voting); Lecturer (Full-time, 3-year appointment, voting); Senior Lecturer, Part-time (Annual, non-voting); Senior Lecturer, Part-time (3-year appointment, voting); Senior Lecturer (Full-time, annual, non-voting); Senior Lecturer (Full-time, 3-year appointment, voting).

Initial appointment for a Lecturer, Part-time or Lecturer (Full-time) or Senior Lecturer, Part-time or Senior Lecturer (Full-time) is for one (1) year. If after three (3) consecutive 1-year terms a Lecturer has demonstrated excellence in teaching as documented through evaluations, performance reviews, peer feedback and other mechanisms, a Department Head may propose the candidate for a 3-year term. For further information on achievements in teaching to be considered at the time of reappointment, see section 6.4.

Review Process:
Candidates for appointment as Lecturer are reviewed by the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) and/or by the Lecturer Subcommittee of the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee. Candidates for appointment as Senior Lecturer are reviewed by the Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs and/or by the Lecturer Subcommittee of the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee.

Expectations of Lecturers
As with all faculty appointments, Lecturers will participate in the teaching mission of the Faculty of Medicine. Teaching is defined broadly to include educational leadership activities and the teaching of medical, dental and graduate students; residents; research and clinical fellows; and peers. The minimum expectation is 50 hours of teaching at Harvard and/or its affiliated institutions per year. Plans for teaching activities must be included in the initial nomination for appointment and annual documentation of teaching activities must be included in the request for reappointment. Faculty holding the Lecturer title must follow all policies of the Faculty of Medicine, including the HMS Conflict of Interest and Use of the Harvard Name policies. Faculty titles, full-time or part-time, will align with the level of contribution to the HMS/HSDM community.
11.2. Procedures for First Appointment of Lecturers

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for First Appointment of Lecturer

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head writes to the Dean requesting approval for a Lecturer appointment

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval

Detailed Process for First Appointment as Lecturer

**Step 1:** Department Head writes to the Dean requesting approval for a Lecturer appointment
Department Administrator completes:
- QuickHire Form in PeopleSoft (or eTAD if candidate already has been in the HMS system, as referenced below) and
- Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facappt@hms.harvard.edu
  - Nominating letter describing the candidate’s role in the department, including anticipated teaching responsibilities, confirmation of part-time or full-time role
  - eTAD if candidate has already been in the HMS system
  - Documentation of eligibility criteria via the Faculty Profile Form by confirming minimum teaching commitment and work location
  - Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment
- Department Administrator receives electronic notification when an HUID has been created in the Harvard University system (new to HU)
11.3. Procedures for Reappointment of Lecturers

Lecturer (Annual) and Senior Lecturer (Annual), full and part-time appointments, must be renewed annually; the Lecturer (3 year) and Senior Lecturer (3 year), full and part-time appointments, are reviewed for renewal every three (3) years. Renewal is typically requested through the annual reappointment process (RAAP) for annual Lecturer appointments, and in the term reappointment process (TRAPP) for voting (3 year) appointments. These processes document the teaching efforts supporting the reappointments in a given department.

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**Process Flowchart At-A-Glance**

**Reappointment of Lecturer**

**Step 1**  
Department / Institution  
Department Head writes to the Dean requesting approval for a Lecturer appointment

**Step 2**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**  
Office for Faculty Affairs  
Notification of approval

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**Detailed Process for Reappointment as Lecturer**

**Step 1:** Department Head submits documentation of teaching activities over the past academic year to support the reappointment as Lecturer
- The teaching hours and area of activity are submitted in batch format via the RAAP Process, which takes place in the spring each academic year for reappointments effective July 1
- Departments should also use this process to confirm the individual’s affiliation with the department is active and in good standing

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed reappointment

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the reappointment

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**Additional Resources for Section 11:**
- [Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)](#)
- [Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines](#)
- [Glossary](#)
12. Visiting Faculty

As of September 2018

12.1. Definition, Eligibility, Criteria, Term of Appointment

A visiting appointment is provided for individuals who are visiting the University as teachers and/or investigators for variable periods.

Eligibility
Faculty offered a visiting appointment must hold a title at another accredited academic or educational institution or a scientific appointment in industry. Visiting appointments are limited to a maximum of two full years within a six-year period and may be renewed only six years after the end date of the last visiting appointment. For example, if a faculty member visits for one (1) month in one (1) year and six (6) months in a second year, the next time a visiting appointment would be available would be six (6) years after the end of the second appointment.

Criteria for appointment
A visiting title is appropriate for individuals from other academic institutions or industry coming to HMS or HSDM for one week or more as an invited Professor or intermittently throughout an academic year, and who are:
- From other institutions and on sabbatical or a leave of absence from their home institution for up to 24 months or
- Involved in on-site research collaboration while the individual is working at HMS, HSDM, or one of the affiliated institutions.

Rank of Appointment
The rank of a Visiting Faculty member should be identical to that at the visitor’s home university and may be Visiting Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, Visiting Assistant Professor, Visiting Instructor or, if professorial titles are not in use at the home institution, Visiting Lecturer. For scientists from non-university scientific institutions with no academic titles, an appointment as Visiting Scientist may be appropriate.

Term
Visiting Faculty members are typically appointed for 12 months or less. In some instances, visiting appointments may be extended for another 12-month period with approval from the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA).
Appointment after Completion of Term
Visiting Faculty who continue to contribute to the teaching mission of HMS/HSDM for at least 50 hours per year following their maximum two-year visiting term may be considered for a Lecturer, part-time appointment.

Note: A Visiting Faculty member cannot become a term or permanent faculty member unless s/he is found to be the leading candidate in a full and open search.

Visiting Faculty Involved in Clinical Care
The academic department assumes responsibility for all licensing and credentialing for those individuals who will be involved in clinical care during the period of the visiting appointment.

12.2. Procedures for Appointment of Visiting Faculty

Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Appointment of Visiting Faculty

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Department Head writes to the Dean requesting approval for a Visiting Faculty appointment

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval

Detailed Process for Appointment as Visiting Faculty Member

**Step 1:** Department Head writes to the Dean requesting approval for a visiting appointment
Department Administrator completes the QuickHire form in PeopleSoft. Please submit materials electronically in one (1) PDF to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: facapt@hms.harvard.edu
- Nominating letter describing the need for the appointment and the expectations of the individual as well as the length of the appointment (not to exceed 24 months)
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format

**Step 2:** Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews submitted materials
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) reviews and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment

**Step 3:** Notification of approval
- Department Administrator has access to reporting data to confirm approval of the appointment
- Department Administrator receives electronic notification when an HUID has been created in the Harvard University system (new to HU)

Additional Resources for Section 12:
- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
13. Joint Appointments within the Faculty of Medicine, across The Schools of Harvard, and Faculty Appointments at non-Harvard Institutions

As of June 2022

13.1. Policies and Procedures for Joint Appointments within the Faculty of Medicine

1. Joint appointments within the Faculty of Medicine should be made only in exceptional cases and should recognize a significant contribution to the teaching, research, and/or clinical programs of a second department. Occasional contributions to teaching may be acknowledged by a notice of affiliation appended to the departmental faculty listing. Infrequent contributions need not be recognized.

2. At the outset, a clear decision should be made regarding which department bears the primary responsibility for an individual faculty member’s salary, benefits, space, career advancement, and promotions. That department is considered the primary appointing department, and the other is the secondary department. With each reappointment, there should be a reassessment of the individual’s interests and the departments’ needs to determine the distribution of support which should be noted in the joint appointment form on our website in the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page. This re-evaluation is intended to avoid the hazard of one department paying for an individual who spends all her/his time in a second department.

3. At the time of initiation of a search for a joint appointee, whether or not at Professorial rank, the distribution of support should be negotiated between the departments, along with a mutual commitment for career development. With each reappointment there should be a reassessment of the individual’s interests, the adequacy of career support from both departments, and the departments’ needs to determine the distribution of support which should be noted in the joint appointment form on our website in the Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page. This re-evaluation is intended to avoid the hazard of one department paying for an individual who spends all her/his time in a second department.

4. In some instances, a faculty member appointed originally in one department may change the direction of her/his academic or clinical work so that a joint appointment is indicated. Under these circumstances, the two Department Heads should carry on the same negotiations as described above.

5. If an appointment below Professorial level is under consideration, there should be an agreement at the outset that the appointments will be coterminous and that each department will continue support in accordance with the original agreement until the expiration of the term (unless by mutual agreement the distribution of support is readjusted).

6. Secondary appointments are renewable appointments available for five (5) year terms for Professors and Associate Professors and three (3) year terms for Assistant Professors.
7. When a junior faculty member is considered for a joint appointment between departments, care must be given to problems of establishing criteria of excellence at the time of promotion. Where will scholarly works be published? Will the primary department assess readiness for promotion or will both departments? What opportunities will there be for a permanent position in an interdisciplinary area? How will strength be maintained in the primary discipline?

8. To make a simultaneous joint appointment or promotion at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, each department should follow the normal process for making appointments, see sections 8.2 and 9.2. Both recommendations will then be scheduled for consideration at the same meeting of the Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R) Committee. The criteria for each appointment may differ between the departments. If a joint appointment or promotion is considered simultaneously, the total number of letters required is reduced. Internal referees supporting the secondary appointment must be in the department in which that appointment is requested. Internal referees should use the form; external referees should write a letter that speaks primarily to the candidate’s work in the secondary field. In addition, a form documenting the rationale for the joint appointment, distribution of effort, and approval of both departments must be submitted with the materials. Both the letter requirements, the internal referee form and the joint appointment form can be found on our Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website.

9. If an appointment at the Assistant or Associate Professor level has already been made in one department, the second department should follow the regular appointment/promotion process and should include, in the submitted recommendation, documentation that the first department is in agreement with the request for a second appointment. If the second appointment is considered after the first appointment is complete, the full complement of letters (see sections 8.2 and 9.2) is required for the second appointment. Referees supporting the secondary appointment must be in the department in which the appointment is requested. Internal referees should use the form; external referees should write a letter that speaks primarily to the candidate’s work in the secondary field. In addition, a form documenting the rationale for the joint appointment, distribution of effort, and approval of both departments must be submitted with the materials and can be found on our Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates page of our website.

10. Joint appointments between departments for annual appointees are not encouraged.

11. It is possible for faculty, in rare cases, to hold different ranks in different departments based on different levels of accomplishment in each field, but the rank in the secondary department cannot be higher than the rank in the primary department. Promotion may not proceed solely in the secondary department.

12. For faculty with primary and secondary appointments at the same rank, the primary and secondary appointments can be switched if requested by both departments.

13. Secondary appointments at HMS are dependent on a primary appointment at HMS or other Harvard School. If the primary appointment is terminated, the secondary appointment will also terminate unless the secondary (or another) department or school becomes primary.
13.2 Procedures for Obtaining Joint Appointments for Professors within the Faculty of Medicine

Joint appointments at the professorial level are evaluated sequentially. First a faculty member is evaluated for promotion to professor by the primary department. Once that appointment is approved, the evaluation for a professorial appointment in the secondary department may proceed. The secondary appointment evaluation focuses on the candidate’s contributions to the secondary department.

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Process Flowchart At-A-Glance for Joint Appointments for Professors in the Faculty of Medicine

**Step 1**
Department / Institution
Letter to Dean requesting a Joint (second) Appointment as Professor

**Step 2**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Review by Council of Academic Deans (CAD) (for clinical departments)
or the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) (for basic science departments)
or Social Science Council (SSC) (for social science departments)

**Step 3**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Dean renders a decision

**Step 4**
Office for Faculty Affairs
Notification of approval
Detailed Process for Joint Appointments for Professors in the Faculty of Medicine

Step 1: Letter to Dean requesting a Joint (second) Appointment as Professor
The Department Head of the second appointing department submits materials electronically to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at: professorial.materials@hms.harvard.edu
- A letter containing a description of the candidate, and an explanation of the significant contribution to the teaching, research and/or clinical programs that would warrant the second appointment
- Co-signature on this letter or a separate letter from the Head of the primary department, indicating approval
- For faculty in clinical departments, documentation of approval from the Executive Committee of the secondary department
- For faculty from institutions that have Senior Appointments Committee, documentation of approval from that committee
- Candidate’s CV in the Faculty of Medicine format
- Two (2) letters from Professors in the secondary department, documenting the rationale for the secondary appointment

Step 2: Review by Council of Academic Deans (CAD) (for clinical departments) or the Preclinical Chairs (PCC) (for basic science departments) or Social Science Council (SSC) (for social science departments)
- A recommendation of these bodies is advisory to the Dean

Step 3: Dean renders a decision
- The Dean reviews advisory bodies such as Council of Academic Deans (CAD), Social Science Council (SSC) or Preclinical Chairs (PCC) assessment and renders a decision regarding the proposed appointment/reappointment
- A final decision is communicated to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA)

Step 4: Notification of approval
- The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) informs the Department Head and/or CEO/President of the outcome via email
- Formal letter from the Dean is sent directly to candidate

13.2.1. Joint Appointments between Schools of Harvard University

1. Joint appointments at voting faculty rank (Assistant Professor and above) should be used to recognize a significant commitment to a second faculty. Occasional contributions to teaching should be noted by an annual appointment, such as Lecturer, proposed by the involved school. Infrequent contributions (e.g., one or two lectures) need not be recognized with an appointment.

2. At the outset, a clear decision involving the Deans of both schools should be made regarding which school bears the primary responsibility for the individual faculty member’s salary, benefits, space, teaching obligations, career advancement, and promotions.

3. At the time of initiation of a search for a joint appointee, whether or not at Professorial rank, the distribution of support should be negotiated between the faculties or departments. With each reappointment, there should be a reassessment of the individual’s interests and the departments’ needs to determine the distribution of support. This re-evaluation is intended to avoid the hazard of one department paying for an individual who spends all her/his time in a second faculty.

4. When the search for a Professor has been conducted entirely by one faculty, ordinarily the title in a second faculty should be Lecturer or Member of the Faculty. In those instances when the nature of a faculty member’s academic work has changed so that the purpose of the work is benefited by a joint appointment at the Professorial level, the two Deans should carry on the same negotiations as those described above.
5. If an appointment below Professorial level is under consideration, there should be an agreement at the outset that the appointments will be coterminous and that each department will continue support in accordance with the original agreement until the expiration of the term (unless by mutual agreement the distribution of support is readjusted).

6. When a junior faculty member is considered for a joint appointment between departments in different faculties, care must be given to problems of establishing criteria of excellence at the time of promotion. Where will scholarly works be published? Will the primary school assess readiness for promotion or will both? What opportunities will there be for a permanent position in an interdisciplinary area? How will strength be maintained in the primary discipline?

13.2.2 Joint Appointments between the Faculty of Medicine and non-Harvard Academic Institutions

1. An individual who holds a voting appointment part-time or full-time, in the Faculty of Medicine (i.e., an appointment at the level of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Professor in Residence, Professor of the Practice, three (3) year Lecturer, three (3) year Senior Lecturer, or, in some cases, Principal Associate) is not, in general, permitted to hold a voting appointment on the faculty of any other non-Harvard academic institutions. Unmodified ladder titles at other institutions (e.g. Assistant Professor) are not permitted, regardless of voting status.

2. Unusual situations may warrant an exception to the general policy outlined above. Accordingly, the Dean, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Promotions, Reappointments and Appointments Committee (P&R), or the Subcommittee of Professors (SOP) should have discretion to recommend exceptions to the non-dual appointment policy to the Provost, subject to such conditions as may be appropriate to the circumstances.

3. Once faculty have indicated a commitment to accept a voting and/or unmodified title at another academic institution, any promotion process that has started will be discontinued.

Additional Resources for Section 13:

- [Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)]
- [Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines]
- [Glossary]
14. Non-Faculty Appointments

As of June 2022

14.1. Definitions of Training Status Appointments

- **Clinical fellow**, for interns, residents, fellows, or individuals in other clinical training positions in Harvard-affiliated institutions. This appointment can be held only for the duration of formal clinical training. Appointment term extension requests which will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Office for Human Resources (for HMS-paid individuals) or to the Office for Faculty Affairs (for individuals based at affiliates).

- **Research fellow**, for individuals who hold an advanced degree in an appropriate field and who are conducting mentored research with members of the faculty as postdoctoral fellows to develop their research ability and skill. Appointment term extension requests which will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Office for Human Resources (for HMS-paid individuals) or to the Office for Faculty Affairs (for individuals based at affiliates).

Expectations regarding roles as teachers of medical students can be found in the *Resident, Fellow and Graduate Teaching Assistant as Teacher Policy* at [https://meded.hms.harvard.edu/residents-and-fellows-teaching-portal](https://meded.hms.harvard.edu/residents-and-fellows-teaching-portal)

14.2. Definitions and Criteria for Associate Appointments

**Associate appointments:**

- Professional non-faculty appointments, recommended by a department for persons working in a technical, educational, or professional capacity in association with members of the faculty. Their contribution is primarily in support of research, service, or teaching programs (see criteria below). Teaching of Harvard learners is not a requirement of Associate appointments.

- Associate appointments may be recommended directly to the Office for Human Resources (for HMS-paid individuals) or to the Office for Faculty Affairs (for individuals based at affiliates) by Department Heads subject to the criteria indicated below. These appointments may also be reviewed by the appointing Department Executive Committee if such is the agreed upon practice within that particular group.

- Associates may only move to faculty positions following a search, see section 5.5

- Principal Associate is a term appointment, recommended by the Department Head to the Dean. A nominating letter, a CV in Faculty of Medicine format, and three (3) letters of support (typically from Harvard faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor or above) are submitted to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at pnr@hms.harvard.edu.
Criteria

Research Associate
- 1 year
- Contribute significantly to the design and execution of experiments or research projects, working in collaboration with the research sponsor.
- Hold an advanced degree appropriate to the field of research or a combination of related education and a high level of research experience.
- Incumbents are not generally accorded the status of principal investigator, but authorization may be granted upon recommendation of the Department Head.
- This appointment may be used as a first appointment after research training.

Teaching Associate
- 1 year
- Provide teaching support for an educational program under the direction of a Department Head or the Dean for Medical Education.
- Holding an advanced degree in a field related to the teaching program will be required.

Associate
- 1 year
- Provide support services (professional and technical) for a program or research project under the direction of a principal investigator or for a department or clinical service under the direction of a faculty member.
- A bachelor’s degree in a field directly related to the work or a combination of related education and experience will be required.

Principal Associate
- 3 year
- Provide significant support services (professional and technical) for a program or research project under the direction of a principal investigator or for a department or clinical service under the direction of a faculty member.
- Ordinarily hold an advanced degree in a field directly related to the work or in rare cases, a combination of related education and substantial experience within HMS/HSDM.
- Incumbents are not generally accorded the status of principal investigator, but authorization may be granted upon recommendation of the Department Head.
- This appointment is not typically an entry-level appointment. Ordinarily, approval is based on evidence of achievement in another Associate role at HMS/HSDM.

Additional Resources for Section 14:
- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
15. Absences, Leaves, and Re-instatement after Breaks in Service

As of June 2022

15.1. Leave of Absence

If a faculty member intends to be away for an extended period of time, not exceeding three (3) months, the Department Head or designee should be notified and plans for coverage of academic and clinical responsibilities should be shared.

A faculty member who intends to be away for more than three (3) months will need approval from the Department Head and the Dean's office for a leave of absence. There is no guarantee that a leave will be granted by the department or the Dean. The guidelines for requesting a leave of absence are as follows:

- A letter from the Department Head (or faculty member with written approval of the Department Head), outlining the duration and purpose of the leave should be submitted to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at facappt@hms.harvard.edu.
- Faculty may not obtain a leave of absence to work for another academic institution other than in a visiting or adjunct capacity.
- A letter of approval from the Dean's office must be issued prior to commencement of the leave of absence.
- In accordance with the Harvard Corporation policy reaffirmed on October 6, 1975, leaves of absence will be granted for periods up to one (1) year with the possible renewal for one (1) more year. Leaves of absence will not be extended beyond two (2) consecutive years. Any appointment, tenured or otherwise, automatically terminates at the end of two (2) years leave of absence if the faculty member does not return.
- The request to renew the leave of absence should likewise provide a restatement of the purpose of the leave, particularly if the reason has shifted.
- Leaves of absence may be requested no more frequently than every seventh year.
- Granting of a leave of absence indicates that the position is guaranteed upon return of the faculty member to Harvard Medical School and, as applicable, the affiliated institution as long as the return is prior to the end of the leave period.
- Faculty who seek leaves of absence to work in the for-profit sector should consult with the Office for Academic and Research Integrity and/or their affiliate outside activities office regarding the application of the Faculty of Medicine Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment.
- Faculty on LOA may not supervise Harvard medical students on clinical rotations while on leave.
- When referring to their titles, faculty should note that they are on a leave of absence. For example, a proper description would be Professor of Medicine (on leave AY 2022-23).

15.2. Sabbatical Leave for Professors

Professors without limit of time may request sabbaticals after six years of service while in residence at the University. Sabbaticals may not be requested in the year prior to retirement. Sabbaticals may be requested for
one (1) year with half pay or half a year with full pay. Sabbatical pay is equivalent to the faculty member's HMS/HSDM academic salary only. Sabbaticals must be spaced in a way to avoid compromising the capacity of a department to meet its academic obligations.

Procedure to request sabbatical leave:
● Letters of request from the Professor to the Dean should indicate the intended length and goal of the sabbatical leave. Letter should be submitted to facappt@hms.harvard.edu.
● An accompanying letter from the Department Head should indicate to the Dean approval of the Professor's request and the plans for covering the academic and clinical responsibilities of the faculty member making the application. Letter should be submitted to facappt@hms.harvard.edu.
● A letter of approval from the Dean’s office must be issued prior to assumption of the sabbatical leave.
● Faculty on sabbatical leave will continue to be governed by Harvard Medical School’s Faculty Policies on Integrity in Science including the Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment.
● Faculty who seek sabbaticals to work in the for-profit sector should consult with the Office for Academic and Research Integrity and/or their affiliate outside activities office regarding the application of the Faculty of Medicine Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment, see section 4.2.3 for titles.
● When referring to their titles, faculty should note that they are on a leave of absence. For example, a proper description would be Professor of Medicine (on leave AY 2018-19).

15.3. Reinstatement after Break in Service

Faculty members and trainees who have terminated their full-time or part-time ladder HMS/HSDM appointments may be reinstated if their time away has been less than two (2) years. The process requires a written letter to the Dean from the individual’s Department Head requesting reinstatement and must include specific information about the individual’s activities during the absence. The Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) will review the letter and inform the Department Head requesting the faculty reinstatement of the outcome.

Faculty who have had a break in service that exceeds two (2) years may only return to a full-time ladder appointment at HMS following a search unless they meet criteria for an exception to a search, see section 5.3.3. Faculty under consideration for return to full-time (through a search or search exception) or part-time ladder faculty appointments at or above the rank of assistant professor will be subject to an academic evaluation process, which will ordinarily involve the collection of letters of evaluation and/or review by appointment evaluation committees.

Additional Resources for Section 15:
● Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
● Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
● Glossary
16. Policies for Harvard Paid Faculty

As of June 2022

Harvard's size and decentralized structure allow for diverse sets of rules among the University's different entities. To find the full array of policies that apply across the University to ensure a safe, fair work experience for paid employees, please visit: http://provost.harvard.edu/pages/policies.

For general information about HMS/HSDM human resource policies for faculty employees, please visit: https://hr.hms.harvard.edu/working-hms/policies-procedures. All other faculty should consult the Human Resources offices at the institutions by which they are paid.

The following sections apply to faculty paid by Harvard University with one exception: rules regarding the tenure clock and tenure clock extensions are only relevant to faculty who hold primary appointments in the Basic and Social Science departments and apply regardless of employer.

16.1. Childcare Resources

Harvard University provides employees information about and access to a variety of childcare resources, including cooperative day care sites, childcare centers, and family day care. For more information, see: https://hlc.harvard.edu/lma-child-care-resources/ and http://hr.harvard.edu/childcare/.

16.2. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

For more specific information on the Harvard University FMLA policies see: http://hr.harvard.edu/staff-personnel-manual/time-away-work/family-medical-leave

For more specific information on Taking a Leave of Absence see: https://hlc.harvard.edu/taking-a-leave-of-absence/
16.3. Medical Leave

Faculty may request up to 6 months of paid medical leave, which would run concurrent with leave taken through the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Requests for medical leave should be brought to the attention of the Department Head and Department Administrator. Faculty and administrators should consult with the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) and Human Resources to request paid medical leave and to provide the necessary documentation.

Full-time ladder faculty members who are birth mothers may take eight weeks of paid medical leave out of their allotted medical benefit. The paid medical leave will not extend beyond the faculty member’s appointment. These medical leaves count toward the fulfillment of the FMLA 12-week or Massachusetts Parental Leave Act (MPLA) eight-week leave entitlement if the reason for the leave meets the FMLA or MPLA criteria.

16.4. Parental Leave

To support the ability of faculty to sustain their academic careers at the time of birth or adoption, HMS/HSDM has developed a Parental Leave Benefits Program for faculty (Lecturers, Instructors, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors). Eligible faculty are those who receive salary support either from the school or by grants or sponsored funds administered through HMS/HSDM and are not reimbursed to HMS/HSDM by any other organization or source.

The faculty benefits program at HMS/HSDM provides 4 weeks of parental leave at 100% pay for birth mothers, adoptive parents and partners of birth mothers. This leave runs concurrently with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) that provides job protection for up to 12 weeks of leave per year and the Massachusetts Parental Leave Act (MPLA) which provides that a faculty member who has been employed for at least three (3) months is entitled to eight (8) weeks of full leave, which need not be paid, to care for a newborn or newly-adopted child. Birth mothers may request additional medical leave (see above), typically up to eight (8) weeks, to cover the medical recovery from the birth of a child.

To request parental leave, the process is as follows:

- Inform Department Head and Department Administrator as early as possible for planning purposes
- Inform HMS/HSDM Human Resources office and complete Parental Leave documents including any necessary funding source costing code changes in payroll.

16.5. Parental Teaching Relief/Workload Reduction

School policies provide that a faculty member who assumes substantial and sustained responsibility for the care of a newborn or newly adopted child as the primary caregiver is entitled to a workload reduction for up to one (1) semester on a full-time basis or over the course of two (2) semesters or one (1) year on a part-time basis. The reduction must be taken within the first year of the birth or adoption and may be requested following up to two (2) birth or adoption events while on faculty. Faculty may request additional consideration for workload reduction for a third birth or adoption.

A faculty member using workload reduction would be the primary caregiver for at least twenty (20) hours during the work week, normally during the hours of 9AM-5PM, Monday through Friday. The faculty member requesting workload reduction should provide a statement to confirm primary caregiver status. Workload reduction is not intended for parents whose newborn or newly adopted child is cared for more than half the time by either a spouse/partner and/or a childcare provider.

To request workload reduction, the faculty member should provide the Department Head and Department Administrator a statement of parental activities as described above. The Department Head should submit the documentation and Departmental approval to the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA).
16.6. Research Policies and Guidance

The HMS Office of Research Administration (ORA) provides pre- and post-award management by assisting Principal Investigators and staff with proposal submission, award administration, and reporting. ORA is comprised of teams offering a range of expertise and managing a diverse group of portfolios from HMS and the HSDM, including the basic science departments, core centers, and affiliate institutions. For more information about research resources and policies, please visit: https://researchadmin.hms.harvard.edu/policies-guidance

16.7. Sick Leave Policy

Faculty earn one (1) hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum accrual of 40 hours of sick time per fiscal year. Faculty have access to use earned sick time after 90 days of employment. Sick time earned in one (1) year cannot be carried forward to a subsequent year, although those who have a break in service of less than one (1) year will retain an earned sick time balance of up to 40 hours. Faculty may access their full entitlement at the start of each academic year, except that individuals hired on a semester basis instead receive their full entitlement at the start of the semester. Unused sick time does not roll over from one (1) academic year to the next.

Employees can use paid sick time to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or condition affecting the employee or the employee’s child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse, to attend routine medical appointments for these individuals, and to address the psychological, physical or legal effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee’s family member. Individuals may not be treated adversely because they have exercised their rights under the Law, including in taking earned sick time.

Faculty should follow their Department’s normal protocols for advance notice (unless the need for sick time is not foreseeable), including when the need for sick time will conflict with normally scheduled class hours. For questions concerning sick leave entitlement, please contact the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA) at 617-432-1540 or the Human Resources Office at https://hr.hms.harvard.edu/.

16.8. Tenure Clock and Tenure Clock Extensions

For faculty whose primary appointment is based in a Basic and Social Science department (HMS Quad), there is a limit of eleven (11) years at voting faculty rank (see section 4.1) prior to appointment as Professor without limit of time. Most faculty will have two (2) three-year terms as Assistant Professor and one (1) five-year term as Associate Professor, although there is no requirement that a candidate serve the full eleven (11) years prior to tenure review. Once a faculty member has been promoted to or appointed as the rank of Associate Professor, review for tenure will occur by the end of the five (5) year Associate Professor term. Appointments for faculty who do not achieve the rank of professor within the allotted time may be extended up to one (1) year following the tenure review.

Extension of the 11-year tenure clock may be permitted in recognition of the often-conflicting obligations of parental and career responsibilities. It is the policy of the Faculty of Medicine to grant an extension of time to a faculty member who takes the major responsibility for parenting in a family. Extensions are granted for one (1) year on the occasion of the birth or adoption of a child, up to a total of two (2) years for two or more children, and are added to the current appointment as well as the 11-year rule for tenure consideration. Extensions are requested in a letter from the Department Head to the Dean and are reviewed in the Office for Faculty Affairs (OFA). Extension may occur at any time during the eleven (11) year period.

16.9. Vacation

Faculty are entitled to all University holidays and typically an additional twenty (20) vacation days which do not carry forward from year to year. Faculty should inform their Department Heads of intended time away.
16.10. Criteria for Promotion

Faculty with their primary ladder academic appointment in a Basic and Social Sciences department (HMS Quad) will have Investigation as their Area of Excellence. All will be evaluated for teaching and faculty may include any of the optional Significant Supporting Activities (see section 6.5) as components of the promotion profile.

Additional Resources for Section 16:

- Checklists, Forms, Guides and Templates (see by section)
- Faculty of Medicine CV Guidelines
- Glossary
17. **Faculty of Medicine Curriculum Vitae (CV) Guidelines**

As of September 2018

For general instructions for preparation of the Faculty of Medicine Curriculum Vitae, please visit: [https://fa.hms.harvard.edu/faculty-medicine-cv-guidelines](https://fa.hms.harvard.edu/faculty-medicine-cv-guidelines)

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**Additional Resources for Section 17:**

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- Glossary