

**Policy Clarifications/Changes For Admission Of Geosciences Students to work with Laboratory of Tree Ring Research Faculty and Joint Faculty - 2017**

**Consideration for Accepting New Graduate Students:**

**LTRR Admissions through Geosciences.** LTRR students will be admitted to the Geosciences Department degree program provided that their academic qualifications are deemed acceptable by the Geosciences Admissions Committee. The Geosciences Department does not routinely guarantee Teaching Assistantships, Fellowships or Scholarship funding to students admitted to LTRR. LTRR students who receive acceptance letters from the Geosciences Department will be instructed to contact LTRR to determine what, if any, funding the LTRR is willing to commit towards their degree program. Students who are initially admitted to work with Geosciences Department faculty, including Joint faculty, but who subsequently switch into the LTRR program to work with an LTRR faculty member who does not have Joint Geosciences status will not be provided with Geosciences Teaching Assistantships, Fellowships or Scholarship funding following that switch.

**Admissions through Geosciences For Students Advised by Joint Faculty Members.** UA faculty members who do not have primary appointments in the Department of Geosciences but who have Joint Appointment status with the Department of Geosciences may recruit students through the normal Geosciences Department admissions process. However, in years when admission caps are deemed necessary (usually due to financial constraints) by the Department Head and Admissions Committee, it will be necessary for Joint Faculty in order to admit a prospective student to identify sources of support to complement Department of Geosciences resources to make an offer package the same as provided to other admittees at the same level (MS or PhD program). The Admissions Committee, in consultation with the Department Head and Graduate Coordinator will, in such cases, inform the Joint Faculty member of the level of support required to proceed with admission. . If admitted, students advised by joint-appointment-faculty would have identical funding commitments to those of any other student of equivalent status in the Geosciences program and are eligible for within-departmental funding opportunities (TA, internal scholarships and grants). Joint faculty admitting students under this arrangement will be expected to support these students with the same commitment level of non-departmental (i.e. RAs, external scholarships or fellowships) financial resources as would be the case with core Geoscience faculty. Currently this means that the Joint Faculty will be expected to provide at least 2 years of external support at 0.5 time for Ph.D. students and at least 1 year at 0.5 time for MSc students.