Professor / Research Track

Appointment, reappointment and promotion to the rank of Research Professor may be extended to outstanding individuals renowned for their expertise. Research Professors play an indispensable and distinct senior role as a member of a research team pursuing cutting edge science, or serve as Director of an institutional shared research facility (SRF) that is on the cutting edge of science. Although a candidate is not required to have independent extramural funding, he/she must play an indispensable role in obtaining extramural funding for multiple projects and/or groups, and must have demonstrated creative scholarship through extensive peer-reviewed publications to which he/she made specialized contributions. Innovative, even entrepreneurial, approaches will be well received. The candidate is expected to have earned a national reputation, e.g., invited scientific presentations, publications, consulting, use of a shared research facility by extramural scientists. Educational contributions may be demonstrated through such activities as training other scientists to run a shared research facility or training other scientists to function independently.

Appointment and Term

Appointment and promotion to the rank of Research Professor are upon recommendation by the Department Chair with subsequent approval by the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure. The term of appointment can be one, two, three, four or five years.

Reappointment and Non-Reappointment

The Chair will provide notice of reappointment or non-reappointment.

Reappointment at this rank can be for a term that is one, two, three, four or five years in length. Reappointment to a term greater than one year in length requires review and approval by the Office of the Dean. There is no limit on the number of reappointments permitted.

If a decision to reappoint a faculty member is made during a term extension as described in the section on notices of non-reappointment (about/faculty-resources/handbook/appointments/full-time/non-reappointment), the reappointment notice must be in writing from the Chair. The reappointment will commence retroactive to the first day following completion of the original term of appointment.

In the event of non-reappointment, the Chair will provide written notice. The timing of notices of non-reappointment (about/faculty-resources/handbook/appointments/full-time/non-reappointment) to the full-time faculty is determined by the length of the term of appointment.

Tenure

Under exceptional circumstances, Research Professors may be considered for tenure.

Candidates for tenure must not only fulfill, but also far exceed, the requirements for their rank. Their careers must reflect continuous and sustained accomplishment. Whether candidates are members of research teams or leaders of SRFs, they must have their own record of independent research, as evidenced by extramural funding support and original publications. A significant level of international recognition is required.

The recommendation of exceptionally qualified faculty for tenure may be made at any time by the Chair, and requires approval by the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure.

Updated November 2014

Contact Us

1 Gustave L. Levy Place
New York, NY 10029-5674

P: 212-241-6500