

Policy on Conferral of Honorary Academic Titles - Interim

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Additional References	Part VIII, Section I(l) of the ECU <i>Faculty Manual</i> (https://osrr.ecu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/234/2018/04/EastCarolinaUniversityFacultyManual.pdf)

1. Purpose:

The university benefits from the contributions of individuals who have primary employment responsibilities outside the university but who volunteer their professional expertise and other services to their respective academic programs. To recruit and recognize these professionals, especially those in healthcare and related fields who serve as preceptors for clinical clerkships or experiential learning, colleges or schools may confer upon them honorary academic titles with appointments as unpaid affiliate faculty. Persons with affiliate faculty appointments have no access rights to ECU resources or services, are not eligible for permanent tenure, and are not entitled to any of the rights afforded to tenured, probationary or fixed-term faculty in Chapter VI of *The Code* of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina ("UNC Code") and/or the ECU *Faculty Manual*.

2. Appointment of Honorary Affiliate Faculty:

Each college or school shall establish a Rule, as defined by ECU's policy on Formatting, Adopting and Publishing Policies, Regulations, and Rules (<https://policy.ecu.edu/01/15/01>), for the selection, appointment, and advancement in title for affiliate faculty. The relevant Dean should consult its faculty in the development and revision of these Rules. All Rules must be approved by the Provost and respective Dean, but are not subject to any of the requirements of the ECU *Faculty Manual* applicable to tenured, probationary and/or fixed-term faculty.

3. Affiliate Faculty Titles:

No school or college may confer an academic title otherwise designated for tenured, probationary or fixed-term faculty in the ECU *Faculty Manual*.

4. Termination of Affiliate Faculty Appointments:

The Chancellor, the Provost, or the Chancellor's or Provost's designees may revoke an affiliate faculty appointment for any reason not prohibited by law. Termination is not subject to appeal.

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