Appointment of Trust/Research Academic Staff Procedure

Overview

The appointment of Trust/Research Academic Staff is subject to the terms of the Trust/Research Academic Staff Agreement and all other relevant University of Alberta policies, procedures and protocols.

Purpose

This procedure outlines the steps to be taken to initiate and to complete the appointment for a staff member under the Trust/Research Academic Staff Agreement.

PROCEDURE

1. RECRUITMENT PROCESS

a. The appointing officer, on a recommendation of a Trustholder, is responsible for the recruitment process for staff members under the Trust/Research Academic Staff Agreement.

b. All verbal or written discussions throughout the recruitment process must include explicit communication to the candidate that appointment to the University is subject to issuance and execution of a formal Letter of Appointment as described in this procedure.

c. A candidate will not be formally appointed to the University unless the Letter of Appointment has been completed and a fully executed copy has been returned to the University prior to the effective date of the appointment.

2. LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

a. The Letter of Appointment constitutes the entire formal appointment between the candidate and the University and must:

i. follow the template of Letter of Appointment in Appendix B to the Trust/Research Academic Staff Agreement; and

ii. conform to all applicable terms and conditions as set out in this procedure.

b. The appointing officer makes the offer of appointment to a candidate for a Trust/Research Academic position. A Letter of Appointment will be prepared by the Trustholder, signed by the appointing officer and Trustholder, and issued to the candidate.

c. The effective date of a candidate’s appointment under the Trust/Research Academic Staff Agreement is the date set out in the Letter of Appointment. The candidate will have no rights or entitlements under staff agreements, University policies, or the Letter of Appointment (unless expressly stated otherwise therein) until the effective date of the appointment.
d. Any subsequent amendments to the letter of appointment must be in writing and signed by all parties.

e. Supplementary Conditions may include those of the following University-wide terms and conditions of appointment that apply:

i. for foreign nationals, confirmation of immigration status to work in Canada as a pre-condition to any appointment or continuation of appointment as a staff member at the University;

ii. eligible to apply for research funding as a co-applicant and/or hold projects;

**DEFINITIONS**

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<th>Staff Member</th>
<th>A person employed by the University of Alberta and defined under Recruitment Policy (Appendix A) Definition and Categories of Academic Staff and Colleagues or Recruitment Policy (Appendix B) Definition and Categories of Support Staff</th>
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<td>Appointing Officer</td>
<td>The President, Vice-President, Dean or Department Chair responsible for appointing the Staff Member. (Article 1.03 Trust Research Academic Staff Agreement)</td>
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**RELATED LINKS**

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- Academic Staff Posting and Advertising Procedure (UAPPOL)
- Recruitment Policy (UAPPOL)
- Trust/Research Academic Staff Agreement (AASUA)