

Affiliated Faculty Policy

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Purpose

The School of Forestry (SOF) aims to build interdisciplinary forestry-based research capacity and welcomes collaborations from across Northern Arizona University (NAU). The aim of our Affiliated Faculty designation is to support this research mission by facilitating the creation of interdisciplinary teams and formalizing significant collaborations with researchers and faculty in other academic units, centers, or institutes.

Eligibility

Affiliates should hold a terminal degree in their discipline, be a faculty member in another academic unit, research center, or institute at NAU, and have research and/or teaching interests in forestry, ecology, natural resources, or related field. In addition, they should be qualified to advise graduate students in one of the emphasis areas of the Forestry PhD program.

Expectations of Affiliates

- Regular engagement in SOF faculty meetings, as needed
- Co-advising of SOF graduate students and/or participation on thesis or dissertation committees
- Adherence to the highest ethical and scholarly standards of student mentorship focused on students' best interests
- Adherence to SOF graduate advising processes
- Affiliate faculty are required to give a seminar in SOF within a year of being appointed.

Benefits of Affiliation

- Listing on the SOF website, if the affiliate wishes
- Inclusion in internal SOF communications and use of mailing lists if the affiliate wishes
- Optionally reference affiliation with SOF in scholarly publications or proposals
- Serve as co-advisor and committee co-chair for students in the Forestry graduate program

Process

1. Nomination to the SOF Executive Director by a faculty member of SOF. Application package should include (a) a justification for the affiliation that highlights the candidate's expertise and potential for collaborative research, and (b) a current curriculum vitae.
2. If the Executive Director accepts the nomination, shares the application package with SOF faculty, with the option to proceed to a faculty vote.
3. SOF Executive Director reviews affiliate status every three years (at least) to ensure expectations are being met.
4. Upon request to the SOF Executive Director by any faculty member of SOF, the SOF faculty will discuss and vote to renew or revoke the candidate's affiliation status in the next faculty meeting.