

How to Become a Member of the ERP Program

Membership Benefits

- Ability to train graduate students.
- Develop associations with other faculty on campus interested in Endocrinology & Reproductive Physiology.
- Access to future training grant funds.
- Leadership opportunities within the program.

Responsibilities of Program Membership

Faculty can retain full membership by fulfilling two of the four items below.

- Train graduate students within the ERP Program.
- Serve on standing administrative committees.
- Teach Courses.
- Attend 50% of the seminars each semester.

Membership Categories

Full Member: Individuals seeking full member status with the ERP Program will:

- Have a terminal degree within their field of study.
- Hold a tenure-track faculty appointment in their primary department.
- Evidence of productive scholarly activity in the areas of publications and funding.
- Evidence of successfully training graduate students.
- Willing to accept new graduate students in to their research programs when space and funds allow.
- Actively participate in the general program operations as defined in Responsibilities of Program Membership.

Membership Privileges

- Access to the ERP student applications.
- Serve as a major professor for both MS and Ph.D. candidates (includes serving as the chair of the committee).
- Vote at the faculty meetings.
- Serve as a member or chair of a standing committee.
- Serve on the Steering Committee.
- Develop and teach graduate courses.
- Access for Students and Faculty to ERP resources and Student travel funds.

Renewal Criteria

- ERP Program Membership renewal will be based on meeting the required Responsibilities of Membership each review period and be extended automatically if in good standing.
- If a Full Member has not fulfilled the criteria during his/her appointment, the Steering Committee will ask the member to submit additional supporting information to justify the re-appointment.
- At the time of re-appointment, a member may elect to change his/her membership level to Associate Member or Emeritus Member by notifying the Steering Committee in writing no less than two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting.

Associate Member : Many members of the program may be either too junior (Postdoctoral fellows) for full membership or have a primary focus in another program and are not willing to devote time when they are not taking students. However, such members also have no voting privileges at faculty meetings, or

access to ERP funds. Such individuals may hold an indefinite appointment as Associate members, and may on application convert up to Full Membership for a five- year period or until the students graduation. During that time the obligations of Full members must be fulfilled to remain in good standing.

Individuals seeking associate member status with the ERP Program will:

- Have a terminal degree within their field of study.
- Hold a postdoctoral, scientist or faculty appointment in their primary department.
- Evidence of productive scholarly activity in the areas of publications and funding.
- Be available to present research data at the Annual ERP Symposium.

Associate Membership Privileges

- Serve as a member of a MS or Ph.D. Committee of a student under Full ERP faculty.
- Notification of all events and seminars.
- Access to ERP resources but not funds.
- Attendance of meetings but without voting privileges.

Renewal Criteria

- ERP Associate Program Membership does not require periodic renewal and will be extended automatically if in good standing.
- In the event of a change of membership status to Full level, the applicant must meet all requirements for that level. In the first instance a full application procedure and vote must be followed. Thereafter re-appointment to Full Faculty is at the approval of the Steering Committee.

A yearly questionnaire will be sent to all faculty members as part of the renewal process.

How to Join

New faculty members are welcome to submit an application for membership any time during the year. Please electronically submit the following items to Tiffany Bachmann, Program Coordinator at tabachmann@wisc.edu :

- A cover letter stating your interest in the program.
- Current NIH or USDA biographical sketch including information on current grant funding.
- Statement on your research interests and teaching philosophy.