

QUICK REFERENCE CHART FOR MEMBERSHIP ON DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

ROLE	SOLE CHAIR	CO-CHAIR	COGNATE*	MEMBER
Full, Associate, or Assistant Professor with earned Doctorate and Rackham affiliation*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Research Professors or Research Associate Professors with earned Doctorate and Rackham affiliation*	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	Yes	No	Yes
Full, Associate, or Assistant Professor without earned Doctorate but with Rackham affiliation**	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents
Clinical Professor with earned Doctorate	No	With Regular Member	No	Yes
Instructor or Lecturer with earned Doctorate ***	No	With Regular Member	No	Yes
Adjunct Professor with earned Doctorate	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents
Research Scientists, Associate Research Scientists, Assistant Research Scientists, Research Assistant Professors or Research Investigators, all with earned Doctorate	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents
Retired/Emeritus Professor	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	Yes	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	Yes
Non-University of Michigan with or without earned Doctorate	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents
University of Michigan Non-Regular Faculty with or without earned Doctorate	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents	No	With Special Membership Form and Supporting Documents
Committee Member no longer employed at University of Michigan ****	No	With Regular Member	No	Yes

* Professors with less than a 50% appointment must have special approval from the Director of OARD (or designee) to serve as cognate.

** Must be approved on a case by case basis by the Director of OARD (or designee).

*** No Rackham affiliation required.

**** University faculty who were approved to serve as sole Chair or Cognate member but who are no longer affiliated with the University may not continue to serve as the sole Chair or Cognate member. The faculty member may serve as a Co-Chair or as a regular member based upon the eligibility guidelines for dissertation committee service.

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- A committee must have a minimum of four members.
- Of the four, three members must be from a Rackham Doctoral Program.
- Of the four, two members must be from the student's home department or program.
- Of the four, one member must have a 50% appointment in a Rackham doctoral program, other than the student's home department/program (except IDP programs).
- Three members must have an appointment as professor, associate professor, or assistant professor with an earned Doctorate.