

Draft Policy Clarifications/Changes for Admission of Geosciences Students to work with Laboratory of Tree Ring Research Faculty and Joint Faculty

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Consideration for Accepting New Graduate Students:

LTRR Admissions through Geosciences. LTRR students will be admitted to the Geosciences Department degree program provided that their academic qualifications are deemed acceptable by the Geosciences Admissions Committee. The Geosciences Department does not routinely guarantee Teaching Assistantships, Fellowships or Scholarship funding to students admitted to LTRR. LTRR students admitted through Geosciences will be instructed to contact LTRR to determine what funding the LTRR is willing to commit towards their degree program. Students who are initially admitted to work with Geosciences Department faculty, including Joint faculty, but who subsequently switch into the LTRR program to work with an LTRR faculty member who does not have Joint Geosciences status will not be guaranteed Geosciences Teaching Assistantships, Fellowships or Scholarship funding following that switch.

Applications Materials: LTRR faculty will be given access to the Geosciences graduate application website to ensure they can learn of prospective students with mutual interests. The LTRR will also appoint a liaison to work with the Geosciences Graduate Admissions Committee to ensure that promising applications are properly routed through the admissions evaluation process, either through the LTRR Admissions channel or the Joint Faculty Member channel as appropriate.

LTRR students admitted through the Geosciences will receive a distinct admissions letter indicating they will need to discuss with LTRR the level of support that LTRR will guarantee. Prospective LTRR students whose admission is being handled in this manner may be invited to visit during the regular spring Geosciences Visitation program if LTRR pays for the cost of these visitors at the same guaranteed level (currently up to \$500 per student) as Geoscience does for its other students.

Admissions through Geosciences for Students Advised by Joint Faculty Members. UA faculty members who do not have primary appointments in the Department of Geosciences but who have Joint Appointment status with the Department of Geosciences may recruit students through the normal Geosciences Department admissions process. All graduate admissions decisions will be made by the admissions committee, in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies and Department Head, on the basis of departmental priorities, with priority given to faculty with primary departmental appointments.