

CREATING JOINT APPOINTMENTS

The **Auburn University Strategic Plan** encourages the development of joint appointments of current faculty on campus to enhance research opportunities.

Specifically, it states:

AU is committed to fostering research through a campus environment that provides needed resources to faculty (AU Strategic Plan, item #20, 2008)

and the progress expected in the 1st year is to

Create 50 joint appointments to facilitate interdisciplinary research.

These joint appointments will recognize faculty working in two or more disciplines with the intent of stimulating research possibilities and enhancing opportunities for extramural funding. They can include split appointments (with 2 or more funding sources) and courtesy appointments (where 1 unit pays but the faculty member collaborates with another unit).

These joint appointments mirror Auburn University's current definition of "adjunct appointments," defined in the *Faculty Handbook*, as an appointment whereby a regular faculty member serves in two departments.

To obtain joint (adjunct) faculty status, a current AU faculty member, or department head/chair on behalf of a faculty member, must:

- 1) fill out the Joint Appointment Form;
- 2) obtain approval of department head/chair and dean of faculty member's current college/school and second department head/chair and dean;
- 3) obtain faculty vote from second (joint) department;
- 4) submit form for approval and recording by Provost.

The Office of the Provost and the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment will keep track of faculty joint appointments.



Joint Appointment Form

Name of Faculty Member: _____

Title: _____

Current Department: _____ Current College: _____

Second (Joint) Department: _____ Second (Joint) College: _____

Courtesy Joint Appointment
Faculty Vote _____
2nd Dept

Split-funded Joint Appointment
Faculty Vote _____
1st Dept 2nd Dept

Term of Courtesy Joint Appointment _____ Funding: _____

Description of joint appointment (teaching/research/outreach, etc.): _____

APPROVALS:

Current Department Head Date

Second Department Head Date

Current Dean Date

Second Dean Date

Provost's Office Date