

AFFILIATE FACULTY

- MBMG researchers, those employed in other research centers on campus, faculty at other universities, and researchers in industry, national laboratories, and other research-active institutions are eligible for Affiliate Faculty appointments with one or more academic departments at Montana Tech.
 - Appointment is subject to application by the prospective Affiliate Faculty member and approval by the department head, dean, and (if from MBMG or a Montana Tech research center) by the MBMG/Center director.
 - Academic credentials of the Affiliate Faculty member must be equivalent to those of academic faculty in the department (Ph.D. preferred, M.S. plus experience is appropriate for some departments).
 - Affiliate Faculty must be active in research, independent scholarship, and publication.
 - Academic rank of “Affiliate Research Assistant Professor,” “Affiliate Research Associate Professor,” or “Affiliate Research Professor” would match the researcher’s rank in MBMG/Center or employing institution.
 - Affiliate Faculty appointments are subject to reapplication and review every 3 years, renewable, and automatically expire if not renewed.
 - Renewal requires an updated application showing continuing strong activity in research, grant seeking, grant management, student research supervision, publication, and engagement with the host department(s). It is subject to the same approvals as the original application.
- Responsibilities and privileges of Affiliate Faculty.
 - Affiliate Faculty may serve as the primary thesis/project advisor for graduate students in the department hosting the affiliation, upon approval of the department.
 - Affiliate Faculty may be listed with their research interests on the department’s web page.
 - Affiliate Faculty may attend department meetings by invitation, but they do not have “voting rights” in departmental decision making.
 - Affiliation has no implications for compensation or benefits, nor do Affiliate Faculty participate in the review of academic faculty for promotion or tenure.
 - Affiliate Faculty may teach occasional courses in an adjunct capacity under the same procedures and approvals as others, who are not part of the academic faculty. The Department Head and Dean must approve the teaching appointment each term. For Affiliate Faculty associated with MBMG or a Montana Tech Center, the MBMG/Center Director must also approve the assignment, and determine whether it would constitute overload or be included within the person’s responsibilities. Compensation will be provided per the adjunct policies and practices in effect at the time.
- To apply for Affiliate Faculty status, MBMG/Center researchers must submit an application letter through the MBMG/Center director to the applicable department(s), stating interest and briefly summarizing recent (last 3 years) research activity (grants applied for, grants funded, research activities, student research mentoring activities, and publications). A current C.V. must be attached. It is suggested that MBMG/Center researchers discuss their interest with the MBMG/Center director AND the Department head(s) prior to preparing and submitting the application. Prospective Affiliate Faculty from other institutions must provide an application with the same information to the Head of the department of interest.
- Review of the application and decision on affiliate status would typically be completed within less than 1 calendar month. Departments may request contact information for references. Departments should notify the Provost’s Office of Affiliate Faculty appointments and effective dates, so it can maintain a current roster of Affiliate Faculty.