

Academic Appointee Guide

IU School of Medicine

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INTRODUCTION

We are so pleased you are considering an appointment with the IU School of Medicine! This guide will provide you with the most relevant policy information as a future academic appointee at Indiana University. Although this does not encompass all employment policies, it provides an overview of the most important rights and responsibilities of being a member of the Indiana University academic community. Please read carefully, as you are abiding by these policies and principles when signing the accompanying offer letter. The matrix below will help you navigate policies pertinent to your specific faculty appointment type (noted on your offer letter). Following the matrix is a list of policies and resources that pertain to all faculty regardless of appointment type.

COMPLIANCE & CONDUCT

ETHICS

IUSM Mission, Vision and Core Values: IU School of Medicine is committed to maintaining an academic and clinical environment in which faculty, fellows, residents, students and staff can work together to further education and research and provide the highest level of patient care, whether in the classroom, laboratory or clinics. The school aims to train individuals to meet the highest standards of professionalism and work in an environment where effective, ethical and compassionate patient care is both expected and provided. To this end, the school recognizes that each member of the medical school community must be accepted as an individual and treated with respect and civility.

IU Principles of Ethical Conduct: These Principles are intended as a high-level statement of values and expectations at Indiana University. The Principles do not create additional or different rights or duties; rather, they help promote an organizational culture that encourages ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law and University codes, policies, and procedures.

IU Academic Appointee Responsibilities and Conduct: The central functions of an academic community are learning, teaching, and scholarship. They must be characterized by reasoned discourse, intellectual honesty, mutual respect, and openness to constructive change. By accepting membership in this community, an individual neither surrenders rights nor escapes fundamental responsibilities as a citizen but acquires additional rights and responsibilities to the entire University community. They do not require the individual to be passive and silent. They do require recognition of how easily an academic community can be violated.

RESEARCH

IUSM Industry Relations: Through this document, the Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) intends to provide an effective and practical set of rules and guidance for appropriately managing interactions between industry and IUSM faculty, trainees, medical students and staff, and in doing so, to reduce, manage or eliminate conflicts of interest. Establishing such rules and guidance entails being consistent and clear and providing an avenue of recourse for faculty, trainees, students, and staff with questions or scenarios not specifically addressed in this document.

IU Research Misconduct: This document sets forth Indiana University's policy and procedures concerning research misconduct. It is intended to ensure impartial and accurate adjudication of allegations of research misconduct that respects the legitimate interests of all parties, enhances professional and public trust, and ensures compliance with professional norms and applicable legal requirements.

Institutional Animal Care and Use: If you are involved with animal research or teaching activities as early as possible, you must submit a protocol application to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee using the submission guidelines and forms on this page. All participants listed on the protocol must also complete required [animal care and use training](#) before protocol approval.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

IU Conflicts of Interest & Commitment: Conflicts of interest occur when the private interests and university responsibilities of an academic appointee or an employee are at odds. Academic appointees and employees shall not use their university position to secure personal financial benefits for themselves or any immediate family member. Conflicts of interest should be avoided where possible or otherwise disclosed and managed.

Outside activities and extra compensation for academic appointees apply to full-time academic employees when they are on the IU payroll. The total amount of time devoted to outside work by an individual faculty member shall not exceed an average of one day a week during the period on the payroll. A faculty member may engage in such outside research and consulting activities only provided the nature of the activity is compatible with the broad objectives of the University and will enhance his or her effectiveness as a teacher and scholar. In all cases, departmental duties and one's obligations to the University must take priority over any outside commitments of an income-producing character.

TEACHING

IUSM Honor Code: All IU School of Medicine community members are expected to uphold the tenets of the Honor Code.

IUSM Teacher Learner Conduct: To maintain the highest standards of professionalism, IU School of Medicine responds systematically to incidents of student mistreatment and violations of the Honor Code and Teacher-Learner Conduct Policy

FACULTY GOVERNANCE

Constitution of the IU Faculty: The governing document which states the authority of the Indiana University Faculty and how that authority may be exercised. The University, through the Trustees, formally subscribes to principles of faculty government and relies on the University and campus faculty constitutions to meet that commitment.

Constitution of the IUPUI Faculty: Established to create a system that will aid in identifying, defining, and accomplishing major and specific objectives of this campus's faculty.

Constitution of the IUSM Faculty: Articulates the faculty authority and principles of shared governance in the School of Medicine.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

IUSM Grievance Process: The School of Medicine's Faculty Grievance Committee hears grievances of IUSM faculty members and librarians concerning dismissal, non-reappointment, tenure, promotion, academic freedom, salary adjustment, or other conditions of work. This Committee provides a means of peer evaluation, assessment of issues, and recommendations.

IU Employee Assistance Program: The IU Employee Assistance Program is a voluntary program that provides professional, confidential counseling to help individuals regain their balance when day-to-day activities are interrupted by stress.

IUSM Ombuds Office: The Ombuds Office is a safe place for learners and faculty to discuss concerns, complaints, and disputes with an impartial third party.

IUPUI Office of Institutional Equity: If you feel you have experienced or witnessed a violation of IU's nondiscrimination and/or sexual misconduct policy, please contact the Office of Institutional Equity.

CLOSING

This guide is an essential but not comprehensive primer for incoming academic appointees at the Indiana University School of Medicine. The following links provide additional information that will be useful throughout a career at IU. If this document does not answer your questions, your first point of contact is Faculty Affairs at the IU School of Medicine.

IU School of Medicine Faculty Affairs

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IUPUI Office of Faculty Affairs

Email: oa@iupui.edu

Web: <https://academicaffairs.iupui.edu/Faculty-Affairs/>

IU Policy Portal

Web: <https://policies.iu.edu/>