

Program Specific Criteria for YSGS Membership Appointments

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These appointment criteria are governed by, and intended to be consistent with, the [Yeates School of Graduate Studies \(YSGS\) Membership Policy](#), including the appointment criteria therein.

Only YSGS members may supervise students in the Philosophy MA program. Supervision includes overseeing the writing of theses or major research papers (MRPs). Since the area reading exam (ARE) requirement is typically a preparation for the writing of a thesis or MRP, the overseeing of AREs will normally be considered as supervision, rather than teaching. Non-YSGS faculty can teach in the program, but not supervise. Recognizing their workload expectations in research, undergraduate teaching and service, the program strongly recommends that untenured faculty not undertake an excessive role in graduate supervision, and not supervise more than one student at a time.

Applications for membership will be reviewed by the Program Membership Committee (PMC). Faculty applying for full YSGS membership must submit a current *curriculum vitae* to the PMC. Applicants must be RFA members, and will typically have a PhD in philosophy or a closely related discipline. They must demonstrate sustained and continuing contribution to scholarly research and professional activity since completion of their PhD or final degree. The PMC recognizes that new faculty may not have had time to compile a sustained record of research, and will adjust their standards for assessment accordingly.

The Program strongly recommends that only full YSGS members supervise students in the writing of MRP and thesis projects. Therefore applications for associate YSGS Membership will be considered only in exceptional circumstances, and for a term of one year only, after which the member would have to re-apply. The procedure and criteria for an application for associate membership are the same as for those for full membership.