Membership in the OCS Graduate Group

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A. Membership in the Group shall be open to those persons who have an active interest in oral and craniofacial sciences and who are qualified to supervise graduate students. To accept Ph.D. and/or M.S. candidates, members must have: a Ph.D. degree or training equivalent to a Ph.D. degree in a discipline related to oral and craniofacial sciences, a steady record of publications in scholarly, peer-reviewed publications, the ability to provide a supportive research environment for graduate students, and active participation in the activities of the group. In addition, the mentor must have sufficient funding (Federal grant (R-, K-, U, P- or as determined by the OCS Steering Committee) to support the student's stipend, tuition and fees, and research expenses.

B. Any member of the Group may submit to the Chair of the Steering Committee a written nomination including the qualifications of the nominee and a statement that the nominee has agreed to become a member if elected. A person desiring to become a member of the Group may submit an application to the Chair giving his/her qualifications for membership and the names of two members of the Group who have agreed to sponsor his/her application.

C. Nominations and applications shall be approved or disapproved by the Steering Committee (or its appointed Membership Committee), and the person nominated or applying shall be notified by the Steering Committee of the decision.

D. Membership in the Group shall be reviewed annually by the Steering Committee, at which time inactive members will be removed from the membership list. In order to maintain active status, members must have participated in at least one of the following over the past year:

- Teaching in OCS core curriculum course
- Serving as a dissertation or rotation lab mentor for a Ph.D. student
- Serving as a dissertation or qualifying committee member
- Serving as a graduate academic advisor
- Program committee membership (steering, admissions, retreat)
- OCS Journal Club student coaching
- Attendance at retreat, journal club, seminars (including hosting speakers)
- Participation in admissions – interviewing, recruitment talks, presentation at recruitment day poster session, etc.
E. All dissertation mentors must agree to sign a financial responsibility agreement confirming commitment of support before a student will be allowed to join a dissertation laboratory.