

SIO Teaching Policy for Researchers

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Professors at SIO hold the primary responsibility for curriculum development and classroom instruction, but Researchers also contribute greatly to the educational program. Many Researchers mentor graduate students, either informally or with a lecturer appointment. A smaller number of researchers also teach courses, and in accordance with UCSD policy (<http://adminrecords.ucsd.edu/PPM/docs/230-21.html>) must be compensated under an appropriate fractional lecturer appointment when they do so. This can be accomplished either (1) by using temporary additional funding from the SIO department, effectively increasing overall institutional support for the individual in question, or (2) by re-designating existing institutional support to the researcher as salary for the fractional lecturer appointment.

The SIO department approves course and curriculum content and determines who will teach what, based on input from curricular groups and education program directors. All courses taught by researchers (with or without additional departmental funding) must be approved by the Department. The relevant Program or Curricular Group is expected to document the importance of specific courses for either the graduate or undergraduate curriculum and the need and desirability for the individual researcher to teach in each case. The SIO department will make a decision regarding any additional salary support, based on the overall need for the course and its contribution to the Researcher's professional development. The usual level for a fractional lecture appointment is 1 month (33%) for a standard four-unit course, or 1.5 months (50%) for: (a) four-unit courses with ~200 or more students; (b) the first offering of a new four-unit course; or (c) a laboratory course (four to six units). These levels are consistent with those in place elsewhere at UCSD.