The appointment criteria for the Graduate Program in Physics and Astronomy are governed by and consistent with the Policy on Appointments to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, available at http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/faculty-staff/academic-affairs/faculty-membership/appointments-policy/, including the Faculty of Graduate Studies appointment criteria. The Executive Committee of the Graduate Program in Physics and Astronomy is responsible for advising the Graduate Program Director with respect to appointments.

In the Graduate Program, a Full Member must provide evidence of sustained and continuing research and scholarship at appropriate levels. Such evidence may include peer-reviewed publications in journals or conference proceedings, peer-adjudicated research grants, national and international responsibilities (i.e., conference organizing committees, scientific advisory committees, editorships), prizes/honours/awards, etc. A minimum requirement normally would be five peer-reviewed publications in the previous seven-year period.

Candidates recently hired into a tenure-track/tenured professorial stream position at York University in Physics and Astronomy or a related department are expected to be eligible for appointment as a Full Member.

Candidates seeking reappointment as a Full Member are expected to have been engaged in graduate supervision at the PhD level in the previous seven-year period and to demonstrate satisfactory performance as a supervisor, as normally indicated by the following:

i) the student(s) experienced a positive and supportive research environment;
ii) the supervised research resulted in peer-reviewed publication(s);
iii) the student(s) successfully completed the degree(s) in a timely manner.

Associate Membership is available for candidates who supervise at the MSc level and/or hold regular graduate teaching obligations.

The above criteria regarding sustained and continuing contribution to scholarly research shall also apply to Members Emeriti and Adjunct Members. Recommendations for appointments in these two categories, including the specific activities for which they are eligible, are governed by the Policy on Appointments to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

A candidate for appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies as an Instructor Member is an individual who is qualified to teach specific graduate student course(s). Instructor Members will normally possess senior academic
qualifications (PhD or equivalent) and meet the criteria set out for Associate Membership. The Instructor Membership term is coincident with the term(s) over which the graduate course(s) is(are) offered.

In all membership categories (Full, Associate, Emeriti, Adjunct and Instructor), candidates previously engaged in graduate teaching must demonstrate satisfactory performance as an instructor, as normally determined from student evaluations and student outcomes, i.e., grades and completion rates.

The Program Director will notify currently appointed members at least three months prior to the Program’s cyclical appraisal that their appointment will be reviewed. Individuals must provide before each appraisal cycle an up-to-date CV, attaching a description of graduate teaching and supervision. Prospective new members are invited to apply for consideration at any time.

The Program Director will notify individuals of the Program’s decision. The procedure specified in the Policy on Appointments to the Faculty of Graduate Studies governs the cases where the recommendation is against appointment, or imposes limitations on the appointment.