



## Guidelines for affiliated faculty at KTH

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An institute of technology must be able to base its research and educational work on knowledge bases other than those represented by the university's own specialists. Important experiences regarding how research results are utilised in practical work and insights on society's need for scientific knowledge are found among people active outside of the university. The development of a modern society in turn opens the possibility for increased contact with the knowledge front, the renewal of which is best observed and evaluated in work inside the university.

Even within first-cycle studies, there is a need to bring experience and expertise from industry and society into the university. This can be achieved by taking advantage of the experience and expertise of people active in these areas within the university's courses.

This suggestion has been brought forward to satisfy the need for knowledge-exchange between KTH and the surrounding world. To this end, KTH, in accordance with the KTH development plan 2009-2012, is introducing a clear structure and guidelines for the exchange of personnel at various levels.

In dialogue with the KTH Schools and in discussion with KTH's strategic partners, the need for KTH to offer positions at the level of adjunct professor has been highlighted. There should be a position as affiliated faculty, which could include either research or teaching as the main task, or a combination of these. This should be specified in each case as part of a defined agreement.

Concerning the suggestions for choice of name

The term 'affiliated' has been used as this reflects an appointment regulated in contracts and refers to a title, not a position. The term 'adjunct' is, in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance, until further notice reserved to a form of employment.

Processing order upon appointment

An affiliated faculty is linked to one of KTH's schools whilst appointed for one to three years, with the possibility of extension. The decision is made by the President in consultation with the Dean, based upon proposals from the school dean and the operations concerned. The proposal is to contain a content description in addition to potential benefits to KTH and the employers involved. Appointment to affiliated faculty is to be seen as a strategic instrument for both parties to strengthen/influence the direction of a research area or strengthen basic and

advanced education at KTH. The affiliation is to be evaluated by the school concerned after the first year.

Agreement of affiliation, including its content, scope, time frame and any potential remuneration should be written advantageously, so the proposed person has the opportunity to qualify in accordance with the appointments procedure for appointment to adjunct professor.

### **Eligibility, affiliated faculty**

To be eligible for appointment as affiliated faculty at KTH with research as a primary task, the person should be educated at a post-graduate level and hold a degree, usually a doctoral degree or equivalent, within the field of the desirable area. Furthermore they should have specific competence to be able to contribute with knowledge of applied research in a context outside the academic environment.

To be eligible for appointment as affiliated faculty at KTH with teaching as a primary task, the person should be educated at a post-graduate level or hold other important competences for the subject in question. Furthermore they should have shown the necessary pedagogical ability and suitability. Of particular importance is the interest and ability to link undergraduate education subjects to practical application. Qualifications in teaching and learning at a higher education level are not formal requirements for affiliated teachers.

Summary: adjunct and affiliated faculty at KTH include

Adjunct Professor (in accordance with new appointment procedures)

Affiliated Professor (in accordance with existing regulations)

Affiliated Faculty (in accordance with the above suggestions, replaces affiliated senior faculty)