



## Status of scientists within the graduate schools: conditions, rights and obligations

The GSfBS has three categories of members, **Faculty**, **Associate Faculty** and **Affiliates**. Their functions are summarized in the table and explained in more detail below.

<b>Function within GSfBS</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Associate Faculty</b>	<b>Affiliates</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
official thesis 'Betreuer', thesis referees, examiners	X			Promotionsrecht in Mat.- Nat. Fakultät
independent supervision of graduate student	X	X		own funding, independent publications, competitive procedure for own position, supervision of rer. nat. students
thesis committee member	X	X	X	training of rer. nat. students, teaching experience, publications



## Conditions for Associate Faculty of the GSfBS:

- Associate faculty are normally scientists who
- have received their own position in a “berufungsähnliche” or highly competitive procedure (e. g. Emmy Noether, Heisenberg, Humboldt, selection committee after international advertisement, etc.)
- have supervised a minimum of three rer. nat. doctoral students and published with them (this requirement is waived for beginning junior group leaders)
- have a research programme that is independent of the lab or department director
- have publications that demonstrate their scientific independence
- have their own, independently acquired funding from a research agency



## **Conditions for Affiliates of the GSfBS:**

Affiliates may be group leaders without Associate Faculty status or experienced postdocs.

They should normally

- have sufficient experience in training rer. nat. doctoral students
- have teaching experience
- have a minimum of three publications in peer reviewed scientific journals



All scientists who wish to act as **independent supervisors** for **students** in the **GSfBS** must apply for membership as “**Faculty**” or “**Associate Faculty**” in the GSfBS (forms can be obtained from the GSfBS website at [http://www.gs-biosciences.uni-koeln.de/registration\\_faculty.html](http://www.gs-biosciences.uni-koeln.de/registration_faculty.html) )

Decisions about membership are made by the steering committee.

Those who were founding members of the GSfBS by being co-applicants in the Exzellenzinitiative do not need to apply again.