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FACULTY ROLES ON THESIS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Graduate faculty scholars and members of the Graduate Faculty may be eligible to assume the following roles as part of their service on thesis advisory committees:

- Member of a thesis committee.
- Chair of a thesis committee: in the vast majority of cases, the chair is the advisor of the scholarly activities of the student. A chair of a thesis committee also oversees all of the administrative functions of the committee. A graduate faculty scholar is not eligible to serve as a chair of a thesis committee.
- Co-chair of a thesis committee: a co-chair is a member of a thesis committee who shares with the chair in advising the scholarly activities of the student. In cases in which a graduate faculty scholar oversees the day-to-day scholarly activities of the student, the graduate faculty scholar may be appointed as a co-chair of the thesis committee.
- Vice-chair of a thesis committee: a vice-chair serves as a voice of experience on thesis advisory committees in cases in which the chair has not previously served on an advisory committee that graduated a student. To be appointed as a vice-chair, the committee member must have prior experience serving on at least one thesis or dissertation committee that has successfully graduated a student. A graduate faculty scholar may be appointed as vice chair only if they have advisory committee experience and either are serving as the student's day-to-day advisor or are UCF retired or emeritus faculty.