

FACULTY RESEARCH LEAVE

Virginia Tech provides tenured faculty, and faculty on continued appointment, with opportunities that include paid leave for intensive study or research that advances the individual's profession and contributions to the university.

Research Assignment

Research assignment is a special category of study-research leave that is awarded to a tenured or continued-appointment academic faculty member for one semester of intensive study or research that increases the quality of the individual's professional stature and future contributions to the university. It may be taken in lieu of an ordinary yearlong study-research leave.

Full-time tenured faculty members with the rank of associate professor or higher, or holding continued appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher, having accrued a minimum of six years of service, are eligible for research assignment leave. Following such a leave, an additional six years of full-time service is necessary before a faculty member may be considered for another research assignment. Requests may be submitted prior to completion of six years of service, but faculty members must have completed the sixth year before the leave period begins. Faculty members on calendar year appointments may take research assignment leave for up to six months.

The following faculty member is requesting a research assignment (full salary for one semester) for the purpose and period of time specified:

College of Engineering

Paul, Mark, professor, Mechanical Engineering, fall semester 2023; to develop new theoretical approaches and computational ideas related to the essential role of nonlinearity in a range of problems of intense scientific and engineering interest. (Virginia)

Queen, Robin, professor, Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics, fall semester 2023; to complete a multi-center clinical National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical trial, complete manuscripts, submit grant proposals to both the NIH and the National Science Foundation (NSF), and prepare materials in support of two awards nominations. (Virginia)

College of Veterinary Medicine

Meng, Xiang-Jin (XJ), University Distinguished Professor, Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, fall semester 2023; to advance research in hepatitis E virus-induced neurological injuries as well as chronic viral hepatitis associated immune dysregulation. (Massachusetts)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above research assignment leave be approved as requested.

June 6, 2023