

The UP Visiting Professor Program

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1. Establish the UP Visiting Professor Program to increase the number of PhD and MS mentors in UP.
2. Identify Filipinos and foreign nationals outside UP, based in foreign and local institutions, who are recognized experts in their fields of specialization, to become Visiting Professors of UP, to collaborate in projects to produce high quality research publications and other innovative and creative output, to mentor and produce PhD and MS graduates in/for UP in the short-to-medium term.
3. Invite expert Filipinos and foreign nationals from the following groups:
 - a. currently affiliated with or retired from foreign or leading Philippine universities and other academic institutions;
 - b. currently employed or retired expert consultants from foreign and local industries, government agencies and private foundations
 - c. foreign and local collaborators and consultants who are already involved in UP, local and foreign-funded research and creative work of our faculty, researchers and creative artists
4. Identify/match a UP counterpart faculty researcher/artist as the collaborator of the UP Visiting Professor, e.g., the PhD or postdoctoral supervisor or *sensei* of the UP faculty.
5. Create a workplan to build and support the research/creative work collaboration and the research/ creative work group consisting of the Visiting Professor, the UP faculty researcher/artist and their graduate students.
6. Support the UP Visiting Professor for 1-2 months; and in exceptional cases, with strong justification, for a minimum of 3 weeks or a maximum of 1 year, providing the round trip airfare and a reasonable living allowance.
7. Provide an official appointment as a UP Visiting Professor so that he/she becomes part of UP's academic roster and contributes to the international ranking of UP.
 - a. All degree-granting units are encouraged to host Visiting Professors.
 - b. All non-degree-granting units are encouraged to partner with graduate degree-granting units in hosting Visiting Professors.
 - c. All academic units of UP which lack expertise on the PhD level to implement their strategic plans are strongly encouraged to invite Visiting Professors.
8. Complete the VPP application process from the CU host unit to the OVPAA in ~2 months. The Academic Personnel Committee of each college should hold a meeting or referendum at least twice a semester to act on VPP applications.

If the VPP application is not acted on in 2 months at the CU level, the VPP applicant and/or host faculty/researcher/artist/unit can appeal directly to the President through the VPAA, and the President in consultation with the concerned Chancellor can act on the application.

9. Visiting Professors should be included in the roster of academic staff of the host unit. The appointment, activities and accomplishments of the Visiting Professor should be publicized at the unit, CU and System levels.