Types of Affiliates

**Academic Affiliates**

Academic affiliates are non-salaried individuals sponsored by an academic unit who volunteer and are allowed to perform specific activities related to instructional programs. Affiliate appointments are uncompensated University appointments and persons holding affiliate appointments earn no credit toward tenure. Academic affiliates must be approved by the director of the sponsoring unit and the college/school dean or division head as appropriate.

Academic affiliate status may be used to provide pending hires access to University privileges prior to their official date of employment.

Academic affiliate appointments may be made to individuals who hold primary appointments in other departments or schools of the University system to formally recognize their contributions to a program outside their home department.

**Non-Academic Affiliates**

Non-academic affiliates are individuals fulfilling roles related to support services. Non-academic affiliates must be approved by the director of the sponsoring unit, and the campus/college/school dean or division head as appropriate. Examples of non-academic affiliates are as follows:

i. **Contractor/Vendor Affiliate**: An individual who through a formal procurement arrangement or Memorandum of Agreement with the University works on a University campus providing a service including, but not limited to, information technology, food services, the bookstore, or telecommunications.

ii. **Foundation Affiliate**: An individual who is employed by the University Foundations for the purpose of fundraising and is assigned to work on a University campus.

iii. **Research Affiliate**: An individual who is designated as a volunteer and contributes voluntarily to research pursuant to a sponsored program, project, contract, or grant.

iv. **Campus Minister/Chaplain**: An affiliate who has been designated by the Division of Student Affairs as a volunteer to perform official religious activities within a campus based religious program or an official student religious organization.

v. **ROTC Affiliate**: An individual who is employed by the United States armed services and assigned to work on the University campus in the Department of Military Sciences.

vi. **Presidential Affiliate**: An individual who is designated as an affiliate by the President.

vii. **Other**: An individual who is designated as an affiliate by a campus, division, college, or department.

**Student Affiliates**

Student affiliates are individuals aspiring to become an official USC student who are participating in a program to support their future admission or who are otherwise fulfilling a role aligned with student activities. Student affiliates are not officially enrolled in a college or academic degree program. Appointment as a student affiliate must be approved by the sponsoring unit, the college/school dean or division head as appropriate, and the Division of Student Affairs. Examples of Student Affiliates include Gamecock Gateway students who are not yet enrolled at USC and prospective students who are participating in English Programs for Internationals.

For additional information regarding Affiliates, please reference **UNIV 2.50 – Affiliate Appointments**.