

# THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF ARMS

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AS A FACULTY MEMBER

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The Classical Academy of Arms identifies four categories of faculty required to operate its training and credentialing program for individuals engaged in teaching classical fencing. The scope of practice of these faculty positions is as follows:

### FACULTY

Faculty Members design, develop, and teach knowledge and skills and develop abilities required to teach and train classical fencers. They serve as chairs of practical examination panels for candidates for credentialing. They are expected to from time to time prepare monographs and papers that contribute to knowledge of the practice of Fencing Masters of the classical period. As required they serve in leadership positions in the management and administration of the Academy.

### ASSOCIATE FACULTY

Associate Faculty Members assist in the design, development, and teaching of knowledge and skills and in the development of abilities required to teach and train classical fencers. They serve as chairs or members of practical examination panels for candidates for credentialing.

### RESEARCH FELLOW

Research Fellows actively participate in research regarding the technique, tactics, and equipment of classical fencing, the context of classical fencing, the forms of instruction used in the period, and the lives of the Masters of the period. Research Fellows prepare monographs for publication by the Academy or separately publish their research as books, fencing manuals, articles in peer reviewed journals, or as papers in online academic paper collections.

### EVALUATOR

Evaluators administer Academy practical examinations, evaluate performance, determine whether that performance meets standards, and provide feedback to candidates to improve their performance as a trainer.

Faculty Members may serve as full time or adjunct members of the faculty. Associate Faculty Members, Research Fellows, and Evaluators all serve as adjunct members of the faculty. Appointments as faculty members are continuing appointments for three year terms, renewed annually based on satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

The Academy generally requires that faculty hold both Classical Academy of Arms and appropriate United States Fencing Coaches Association, other national academy of arms, Academie d'Armes Internationale, or International Fencing Coaches Association credentials. This provides faculty members a wider experience in coaching certification and serves as an independent validation of teaching and training ability. We believe that it is also important as a component of our philosophy that fencing,

whether Medieval, Renaissance, Enlightenment, Classical, or Modern, is all part of a common evolutionary tree in which knowledge of each period informs the whole.

Individuals who serve as faculty members of the Classical Academy of Arms are required to meet the following minimum requirements:

	Faculty Member	Associate Faculty Member	Research Fellow	Evaluator
Academic credentials	Earned research doctorate	Bachelor's degree with at least a minor in a related field	Earned research doctorate	
Current Classical Fencing Trainer credential	Classical Fencing Master or Classical Fencing Master Trainer	Classical Fencing Provost		Classical Fencing Master (for Classical Fencing Master and Classical Fencing Provost), Classical Fencing Provost, (for Classical Fencing Instructor), Classical Fencing Instructor (for Classical Fencing Demonstrator)
Other trainer credentials	Maitre d'Armes certified by AAI, USFCA, other national academy of arms, or IFCA	Prevot certified by AAI, USFCA, other national academy of arms, or IFCA or endorsed at the Prevot level to teach a specific school by a Maitre of that school		Minimum of USFCA Assistant Moniteur
Experience	Minimum of 10 years teaching classical fencing	Minimum of 6 years teaching classical fencing	Record of publication of significant research related to classical fencing or current participation in a major Academy research project	Minimum of 1 year teaching classical fencing at the level for which examining
Continuing Education	Minimum of 12 hours in the last 12 months	Minimum of 12 hours in the last 12 months		Minimum of 12 hours in the last 12 months