

Approved by the Faculty
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The Vaughn Professor of Mathematics

The Department Head, with the advice of the Personnel Committee, may select a faculty member with the rank of full professor in the Department of Mathematics whose area of research is number theory to be the Vaughn Professor. The basis for selection is excellence in research. This selection will be made at least three months prior to the starting date of the appointment. The appointment will be for five years and is renewable. The Vaughn Professor will receive a discretionary fund from the endowment provided by the Vaughn Foundation. This fund may be used for a variety of research-related expenses, such as travel, purchase of books and computer equipment, graduate student support, payment of visitors' expenses, support for a small conference. The funds may also be used for summer salary support, sabbatical support, or to replace Departmental funds to achieve a reduced teaching load during the academic year. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. It is ultimately the responsibility of the Department Head and the Vaughn Professor to decide what are appropriate expenditures, keeping in mind the purpose of the original endowment.

It is not intended for the Vaughn Professorship to rotate on a regular basis. The Vaughn Professorship is to be awarded for excellence in number theory research, and it is expected that a recipient will retain the Vaughn Professorship as long as his/her work meets the high standard that the Department expects of a Vaughn Professor.

If not reappointed at the end of five years, the outgoing Vaughn Professor may elect to carry over unspent funds and request an extension of one year for the purpose of spending those funds. Arrangements for the carry over must be made three months prior to the end of the term. No additional funds would be provided during the extension and the title would be relinquished at the end of the five-year term. A new Vaughn Professor may be appointed and he/she will assume responsibility over the Vaughn account.

The appointment of a Vaughn Professor is not mandatory on the Department. If the Department Head and Personnel Committee choose not to appoint anyone to the Vaughn Professorship, then the Vaughn endowment is to be used as it is currently, for the general support of number theory at OSU.