

FAS Guide to Research Appointments, FY 2027

Note: Questions about staff appointment should be directed to HR, while questions about research appointments should be directed to the faculty affairs associate dean of your division.														
Appointment	Typical title(s)	Job code	Short Job Description ***	Working for a PI?	Doctoral degree?	In a Life Science dept?	Paid through Harvard?	PD Fellows hip?	Payroll object code	Fringe object code	FY26 Fringe Rates	Description / Comment	How paid?	Benefits
Postdoctoral Fellows	Postdoctoral Fellow in [department or center]	069591	Fellow, Post Doc (Int PD)	yes	yes	N / A	yes	no	6150	6260	24.5%	Ph.D. working for a PI.	On HU payroll/internal Harvard funds	All employee benefits except pension and pay for unused vacation on departure
	Postdoctoral Fellow in [department or center]	000949	Fellow, Post Doc (Ext PD/Int PD)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6450**	6261	\$17,724 / year (\$1,477 / month)	Ph.D. With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	Stipend paid through Harvard or on appropriate internal stipendee funds	All employee benefits except pension, TDA, FSA, and pay for unused vacation on departure
	Postdoctoral Fellow in [department or center]	061019	Post Doc, Visiting (Stip)	N / A	yes	no	yes	yes	6452 **	None	None	Ph.D. Unpaid appts. only unless w/pre-approval from Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs to supplement a primary post doc appt to reach salary minimum.	Stipend top-up paid by Harvard	None
	Postdoctoral Fellow in [department or center]	061019	Post Doc, Visiting (Stip)	N / A	yes	N / A	no	yes	None	None	None	Must have a Ph.D.	Not paid through Harvard	None
Research Associates	Research Associate in [department or center]	061101	Research Associate (Oth Fac)	yes	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	Postdoc beyond the 5th year must be reappointed as Research Associate or some other faculty or staff position.	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pay for unused vacation on departure
Research Scientists	Research Scientist in [department or center]/Research Scholar in [department or center within FAS Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences]	061605	Research Scientist	yes	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	Five-year term limit pending funding and space. Addt'l five-year term requires review in first six months of fifth year w/reappt reviews thereafter	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pay for unused vacation on departure
	Senior Research Scientists in [department or center]/Senior Research Scholar in [department or center within FAS Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences]	061604	Research Scientist, Senior	N / A	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	Five-year term limit pending funding and space. Addt'l five-year term requires review in first six months of fifth year w/reappt reviews thereafter	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pay for unused vacation on departure
Department or Program Fellows	Fellow in [dept or center] or Visiting Fellow in [dept or center]	069649	Fellow, Dept/Prog (Stip)	N / A	N / A	N / A	yes	no	6452 **	None	None	May not have Ph.D. With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	Stipend paid through Harvard	None
	Fellow in [dept or center] or Visiting Fellow in [dept or center]	069649	Fellow, Dept/Prog (Stip)	N / A	N / A	N / A	no	no	None	None	None	May not have Ph.D.	Not paid through Harvard	None
	Fellow in [dept or center] or Visiting Fellow in [dept or center]	000913	Fellow, Institute	N / A	N / A	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pay for unused vacation on departure
Visiting Scholars	Visiting Scholar in [department or center]	069602	Scholar, Visiting	N / A	yes	N / A	yes	no	6452**	None	None	Usually faculty from another institution. If paid, with permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	Stipend paid through Harvard, or unpaid	None
	Visiting Scholar in [department or center]	069603	Scholar, Visiting (EE)	yes	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	Usually faculty from another institution. With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pension and pay for unused vacation on departure
Associates	Associate of [department or center]	000502	Associate (Unpaid)	N / A	N / A	N / A	no	no	None	None	None	May or may not have Ph.D. Dept or center must provide rationale for the collaboration annually. Must hold outside paid position.	Not paid through Harvard	None
Special Appointees	Senior Research Fellow in [department or center]	061303	Research Fellow (Oth Fac)	no	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	Non-faculty, usually eligible to serve as PI.	On HU payroll	Full faculty benefits
	Research Fellow in [Rowland Institute, Simons Center, or JHDSF]	061605	Fellow (Oth Fac)	yes	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pay for unused vacation on departure
	Junior Fellow in the Rowland Institute at Harvard	061605	Fellow (Oth Fac)	Yes	yes	N / A	yes	no	6030	6250	24.5%	With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	On HU payroll	All employee benefits except pay for unused vacation on departure
	Bureau of Study Counsel Intern (Fellow)	061011	Fellow, Visiting (Int PD)	no	N / A	N / A	yes	no	6152	6262	10.9%	May or may not have a Ph.D.	On HU payroll	Health, TDA, and statutory coverage (same as current)
	Junior Fellow in the Society of Fellows	069659	Junior Fellow	no	yes	N / A	yes	no	6452 **	None	None	Society of Fellows only, eligible to serve as PI. With permission from appropriate Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs.	Stipend paid through Harvard	None
	Senior Fellow in [department or center]	000941	Fellow, Senior (Faculty)	no	yes	N / A	yes	no	6010	6250	24.5%	Harvard faculty members only.	On HU payroll, or unpaid	Full faculty benefits, if paid
	(*) Note that titles in these categories are flexible.													
	(**) 6450 and 6452 are stipend object codes and stipends are not compensation for services rendered and, therefore, are not allowable on federal research funds. 6450 and 6452 require the approval of the Faculty Affairs Divisional Associate Deans; please submit your requests for appointments on 6450 and 6452 to the appropriate Divisional Associate Dean. Stipends are only allowed if there are specific training activities included in the scope of work as proposed and awarded by the federal sponsor. Stipends may be allowable on non-federal research awards, however they should be anticipated and included in proposal budgets, and approved by the sponsor, as well as comply with University HR policies. Please refer to the “Guidance Concerning Charging Stipends to Sponsored Awards” for specific details: https://osp.finance.harvard.edu/files/osp/files/guidance-concerning-charging-stipends-to-sponsored-awardsdecember-2014.pdf .													
	(***) Note that parenthesized items in the short job descriptions are a key to the object code: Faculty = 6010, Oth Fac = 6030, Admin = 6050, Int PD = 6150 or 6152, Ext PD and Stip = 6450 or 6452.													
	(****) As of 7/1/07, fringe rates for employees paid in object code 6050 now include a "vacation assessment" (10.1% in FY 27) used to accrue salary for future vacation time.													