Overview

I write with details on procedures for leave applications for tenure-track faculty for the 2018-19 academic year, or 2019 calendar year.

- Assistant professors governed by FASTAP 2007 are eligible for a one-year leave at full salary, typically taken during a single academic year during the second, third, or fourth year of their initial appointments. (In the case of faculty whose work is laboratory based, the faculty member may, with the approval of the department and FAS dean, take one semester of their first leave during their first semester at Yale in order to set up their laboratory.) Assistant professor leaves under FASTAP 2007 are called Morse Fellowships (Humanities) and Junior Faculty Fellowships (Social Sciences, Sciences, and Engineering).

- Associate professors on term governed by FASTAP 2007 are eligible for a one-year leave at full salary, called an Associate Professor Leave (APL), in the first or second academic year of their appointment at that rank.

Schedule

The schedule for submitting materials in support of leaves requested for the 2018-19 academic year, or 2019 calendar year is as follows:

(a) October 23, 2017: The assistant professor submits leave proposal to department. This proposal should be a five-page single-spaced (maximum) explanation of the project which describes how it will contribute to the candidate’s growth as a researcher and teacher. The proposal should explain the significance of the project to the candidate’s field of study, describe the methods to be used in undertaking the project, and articulate a plan to achieve publication.

(b) October 2017: The department chair appoints a departmental committee of permanent officers to evaluate proposals for leaves for tenure-track faculty. The committee assesses each proposal’s strengths, weaknesses, and feasibility, and then one or more of the
committee members meets with the tenure-track faculty member to provide mentoring feedback. The applicant revises proposal as needed, based on committee input. The chair of the departmental committee then forwards a short report (typically less than one page) to the department chair detailing the committee’s evaluation of the proposal and summarizing the discussion with the tenure-track faculty member.

(c) November 13, 2017: The department chair, on behalf of the department, submits electronic copies of the candidate’s proposal, candidate’s CV, departmental committee report, and chair’s recommendation to fas.dean@yale.edu.

(d) December 15, 2017: The Dean notifies departments of decisions regarding tenure-track leaves.

Additional information

Timing of Morse/JFF Leaves
Tenure-track faculty members should be encouraged to take the Morse or Junior Faculty Fellowship when it best advances their research programs. Except in unusual circumstances, we recommend taking the leave in the third or fourth year. This schedule provides the faculty member an opportunity to become integrated into the department and University, and to develop a strong teaching record prior to the first review. We value high quality teaching not only for its importance to our undergraduate and graduate students, but also because it enriches the scholarship of our faculty member. That said, in the sciences and engineering, where setting up a new laboratory may be time consuming, tenure-track faculty may wish to take one semester of the leave in their first semester at Yale for this purpose and take the second semester in the third or fourth year. Except in exceptional circumstances, a full-year leave should be taken over an academic rather than a calendar year, to allow the candidate to participate fully in the life of the University.

Timing of APL
Faculty members who wish to take their APL in the first year following promotion to associate professor on term must apply for the leave during the same academic year as the promotion review. In such cases, the approval of the application will be offered contingent upon successful promotion. Faculty members should not wait until the review is completed before applying for the APL for the following year.

External funding
We encourage tenure-track faculty members who are applying for leave also to apply for external fellowships at the same time. Winning an external award is, of course, beneficial for one’s career,
but even submitting such a proposal may raise a scholar’s visibility among the senior scholars in the discipline serving on awards committees. If a member of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences who has been granted a paid leave is also successful in obtaining from outside sources any portion of the salary that he or she is eligible to receive from Yale for the term of that leave, one half of the resulting salary savings to the University up to $25,000 will be used to create an individual research account, which may be used for any legitimate research expenses.

**Review process and mentoring**

Implementation of these leave procedures requires the energy and cooperation of the tenured members of the FAS faculty, but we know that the permanent officers share our commitment to enhancing the scholarly productivity of our tenure-track colleagues.

The review and evaluation of proposals for leaves for assistant professors is an important component of a broader mentoring plan for tenure-track faculty.

**Faculty Handbook**

Leave descriptions and policies are available in the Faculty Handbook online at [http://provost.yale.edu/faculty-handbook](http://provost.yale.edu/faculty-handbook), section XVII, *Leaves of Absence: University-wide*.

Please feel free to contact the FAS Dean’s Office at fas.dean@yale.edu if you have questions or need additional information.