

**COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL (CAP)**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**  
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**10. What are the criteria for acceleration?**

The criteria for an acceleration are unusually vigorous and accomplished academic productivity since the last advancement, coupled with continued excellence in teaching and/or service. For accelerations, CAP requires research or creative activity beyond the specific disciplinary norm in the period of review.

For accelerations of more than one year, CAP has considered exceptional productivity and external markers of professional distinction and achievement.

Extramural letters are not required for an acceleration. In those cases in which the department finds it helpful to solicit letters from extramural referees, letters from UC faculty at other campuses may be useful because "acceleration" may not be understood outside of the UC system.