

Using Interfolio

For TPAC Dossier Preparation
and Annual and Mid-Contract Reviews

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Recent updates at-a-glance

- Cover memo has been updated to replace “Lecturer” language with “Teaching Professor”
- Confirmation of receipt for annual, mid-contract, and reappointment reviews has been combined into one
- Mid-contract reviews for Associate and full (Research) faculty on five-year contracts will now take place in spring of the third year of the contract, with review drafts due to your Dean by Feb. 15th

Overview

- Reappointment process
- Annual & Mid-contract Review process
- TPAC Dossiers
- Using Interfolio
- Tips, tricks, resources, and FAQs
- Questions

Reappointments

- Reappointments for assistant (teaching) professors with academic year appointments due Sept. 15th
- Reappointments require a full, organized TPAC dossier
- Academic year faculty require notice of their reappointment outcome by November 1st, so the turnaround is tight!
- Updated combined confirmation of receipt now available on the DoF Tenure and Promotion page.

Reappointment Workflow in Interfolio

- 1 • Department admin review
- 2 • Voting faculty review (if still using)
- 3 • Divisional Dean's review (for BioMed, SPH)
- 4 • Dean of the Faculty Review
- 5 • TPAC Review
- 6 • Department feedback to candidate
- 7 • Submission of feedback and conf. of receipt

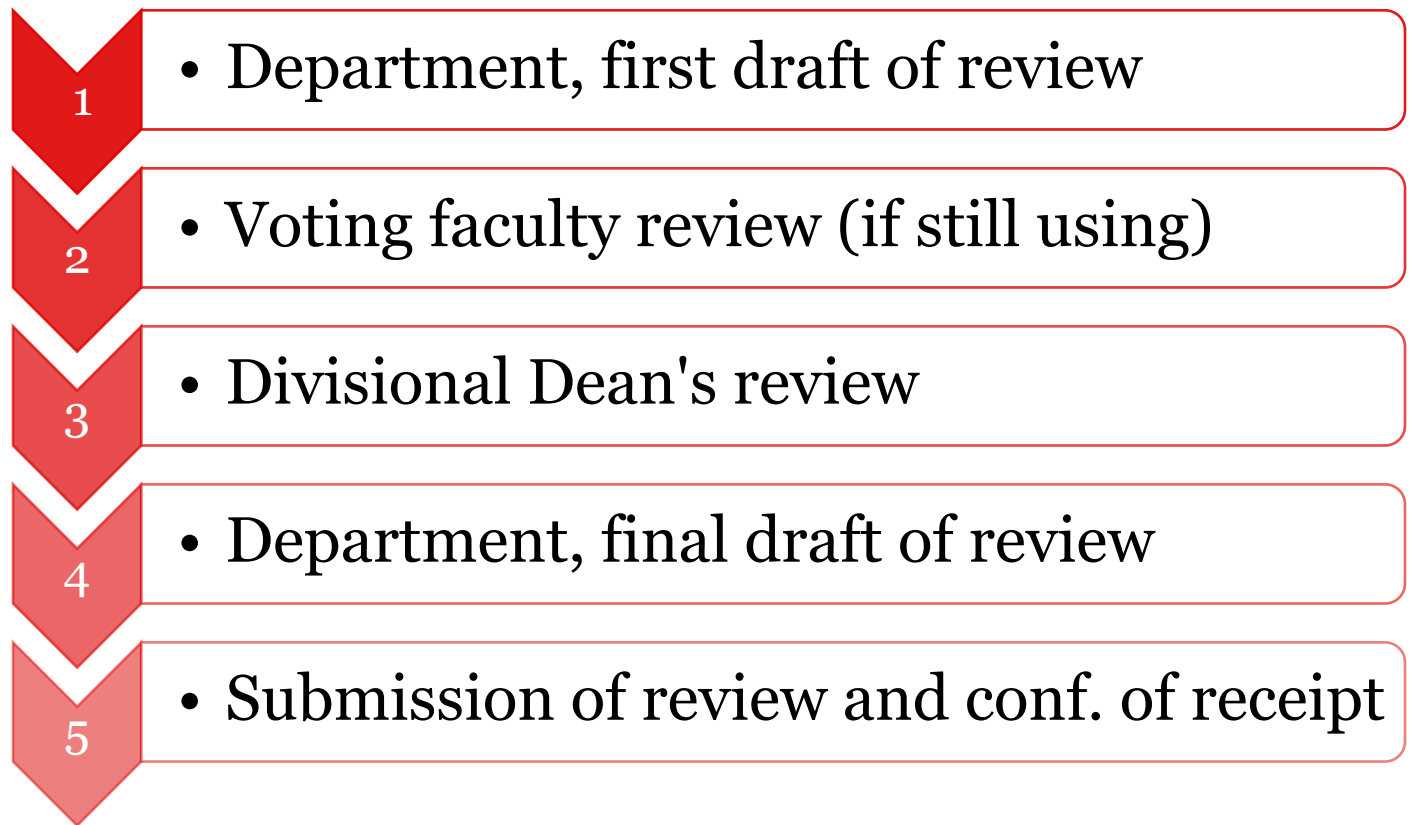


Annual and mid-contract reviews

- Pre-tenure, teaching professor, and (Research) in Interfolio
- First drafts are due to divisional Deans by October 15
 - Or February 15 for senior (Research) faculty on 5-year appointments
- Reviews do *not* require a full, organized TPAC dossier, not reviewed by TPAC
- All that needs to be in Interfolio is the faculty member's CV, their statement, and the review itself
- Deans will communicate any suggestions for changes to chairs before the feedback is given to the faculty member

Annual Review Workflow in Interfolio

The
review
process
always
moves
forward



TPAC Dossiers

- Dossiers are submitted for reappointments, promotions, and appointments
- 15 sections, some with specific subsections
- Allows for easier, more consistent review by multiple stakeholders (faculty, Deans, TPAC, Provost, President)
- Due to capacity, we can't commit to reading through dossiers before they're sent forward. We are always happy to answer questions and troubleshoot, though!

TPAC Dossiers

TPAC Dossier Preparation Guide

Instructions & Tips:

- Number the documents in the dossier according to the checklist below. Do not re-number the documents— skip those not required.
- Review the document “Submitting a dossier through Interfolio” for instructions on organizing and formatting the dossier
- Do you prefer to see what a well-prepared dossier looks like? Email matthew_wheeler@brown.edu for access to our template dossier

Documents

	Promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor (with tenure)	Promotion from Associate Professor to Professor (tenure previously granted)	Promotion to Senior Lecturer	Promotion to Distinguished Senior Lecturer (DSL)	Promotion to Associate or Full Professor of the Practice or (Research)	Reappointment as Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, or DSL	Reappointment (Asst. Assoc or Full) as Professor of the Practice or (Research)	Appointment as Associate Professor or Professor (with or without tenure)	Appointment as Professor of the Practice, Professor (Research), or Senior Lecturer
1. Cover memo	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X
2. Department recommendation , written explanation to the candidate	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	NA	NA
3. Waiver of candidate's right to a personal appearance before the department	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	NA	NA
4. Department review of scholarship, teaching, and service	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X
5. Information on teaching See below for guidance on Spring 2020 course evals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA
6. Candidate's current CV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. Candidate's statement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA
8. Annual or mid-contract reviews since last action (appointment or reappoint)	X	NA	X	X	NA	X	NA	NA	NA
9. Department correspondence with the selected evaluators	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	X	X
10. Letters of evaluation	8	8 ¹	5 ²	5 ³	5	NA	NA	8 ⁴	5
11. Brief biographies of external evaluators	X	X	X	X	X	NA	NA	X	X
12. Minutes of the official meeting in which the department voted on the recommendation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13. Department Standards and Criteria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14. Publications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15. Course Feedback Forms See below for guidance on Spring 2020 course evals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



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TPAC Dossiers

- Please ensure the standards and criteria being uploaded to the case are the most up-to-date ones.
- Please encourage your faculty to include syllabi to be included in dossier item #5, Information on Teaching
- If you have a promotion closely following a reappointment, consider including the reappointment review with the annual reviews
- Fall 2025 course feedback is now excluded by default, as was the case with Spring 2020 feedback.

TPAC Dossiers

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Internal Sections

These sections are available to committee members reviewing the case and cannot be viewed by the candidate. Please note that some materials added to internal sections can be shared with the candidate by an administrator or committee manager.

Committee Documents

Edit

Add File

Materials

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☐ 2. Department recommendation written explanation to candidate	Added by Eva Neczypor Jul 19, 2021	Edit
☐ 3. Waiver of candidate's right to appear before the department	Added by Eva Neczypor Nov 7, 2019	Edit
☐ 4. Department review	Added by Eva Neczypor Nov 7, 2019	Edit
☐ 5. Information on Teaching	Added by Eva Neczypor Aug 4, 2021	Edit
☐ 6. Candidate's CV	Added by Eva Neczypor Jul 19, 2021	Edit
☐ 7. Candidate's statement	Added by Eva Neczypor Aug 2, 2021	Edit
☐ 8. Annual or mid-contract reviews	Added by Eva Neczypor Aug 2, 2021	Edit



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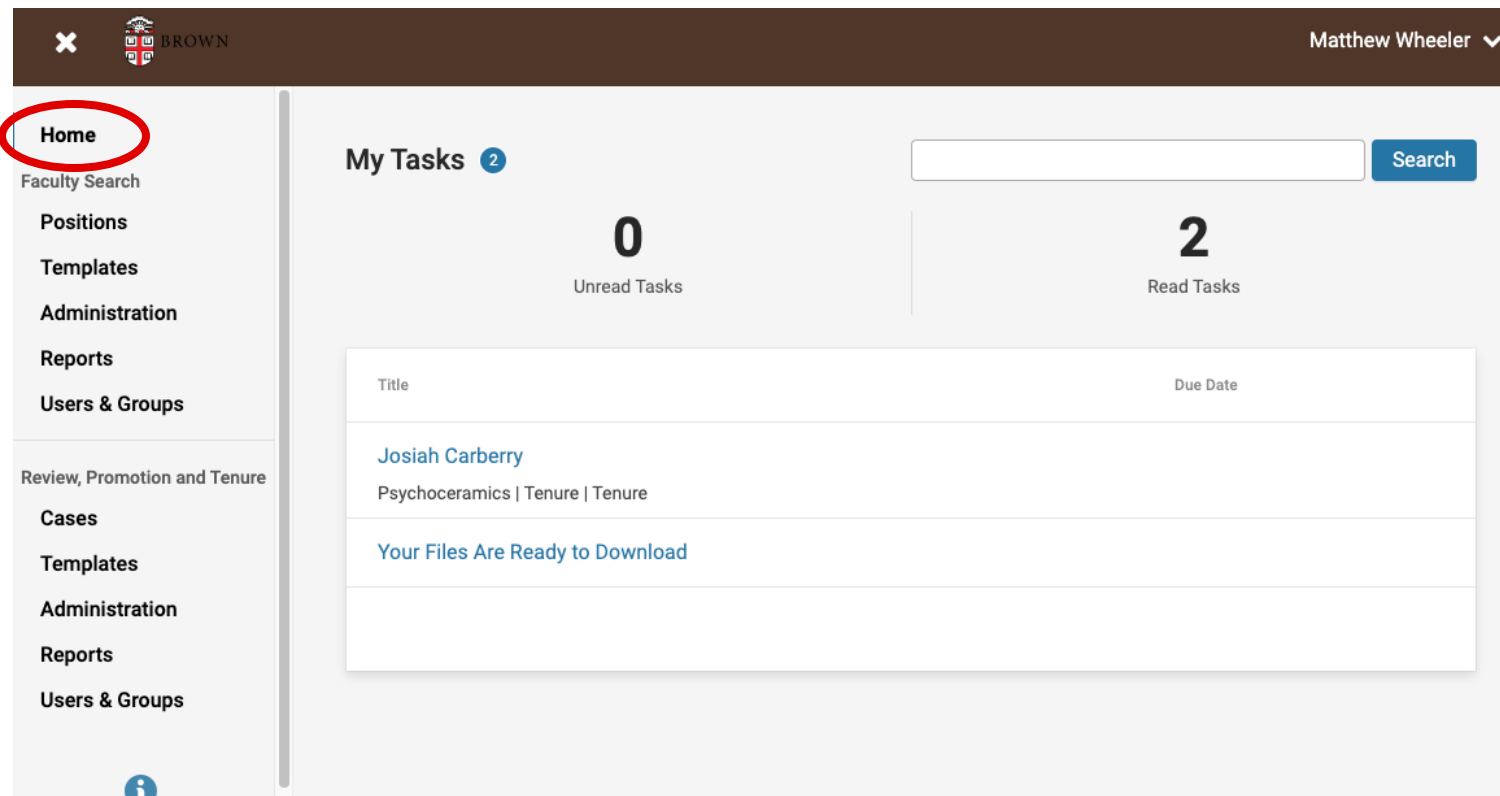
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When a case is on a workflow step you have access to, you'll see it in a queue in your "Home" tab

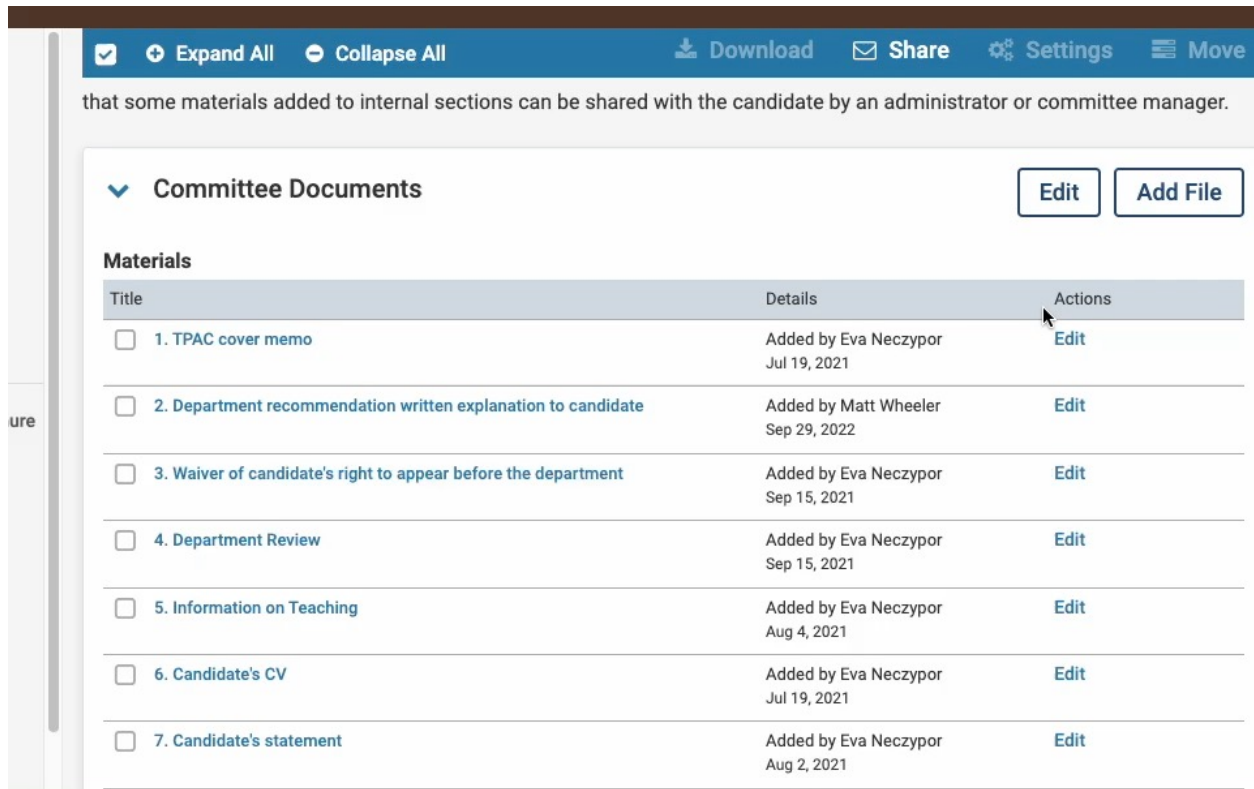


The screenshot displays the Interfolio user interface. At the top, a dark brown header bar contains a close button (X), the BROWN logo, and the user's name 'Matthew Wheeler' with a dropdown arrow. The left sidebar is divided into two sections. The top section, under the 'Home' tab (which is circled in red), includes links for 'Faculty Search', 'Positions', 'Templates', 'Administration', 'Reports', and 'Users & Groups'. The bottom section, titled 'Review, Promotion and Tenure', includes links for 'Cases', 'Templates', 'Administration', 'Reports', and 'Users & Groups'. The main content area is titled 'My Tasks' with a blue badge showing '2'. It features a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are two columns: 'Unread Tasks' with a large '0' and 'Read Tasks' with a large '2'. A table lists tasks with columns 'Title' and 'Due Date'. The first task is 'Josiah Carberry' with the description 'Psychoceramics | Tenure | Tenure'. The second task is 'Your Files Are Ready to Download'.

Title	Due Date
Josiah Carberry	
Psychoceramics Tenure Tenure	
Your Files Are Ready to Download	

Using Interfolio

Add new documents to the dossier in the “Committee Documents” section by clicking “Add File”



The screenshot shows the Interfolio interface for managing committee documents. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with icons for Expand All, Collapse All, Download, Share, Settings, and Move. Below this bar, a message states: "that some materials added to internal sections can be shared with the candidate by an administrator or committee manager." The main section is titled "Committee Documents" and includes an "Edit" button and an "Add File" button. Below this, there is a table of materials.

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Note: Candidates cannot see their materials in Interfolio. We do not use the “Candidate Materials” section since all documents are uploaded by the department.

Using Interfolio

Rename documents by clicking Edit > Edit Settings. You may need to refresh to see the updated name.

The screenshot shows the Interfolio web interface for a case named "Josiah Carberry". The interface is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Faculty Search, Positions, Templates, Administration, Reports, Users & Groups, Review, Promotion and Tenure, Cases, Templates, Administration, Reports, and Users & Groups. The main content area displays the case details for "Josiah Carberry", including the Unit (Psychoceramics), Template (Tenure), and Status (Select Status). There are buttons for "Send Case" and "Case Options". Below the case details, there is a section for "Case Materials" with a search bar and a "Read Case" button. At the bottom, there is a section for "Internal Sections" with a note about committee members reviewing the case. The footer includes the Brown University logo and the text "© 2024 Elsevier Inc. Privacy Policy".

Interfolio Interface Screenshot:

- Header:** Brown University logo, Matthew Wheeler (user name)
- Left Sidebar:** Home, Faculty Search, Positions, Templates, Administration, Reports, Users & Groups, Review, Promotion and Tenure, Cases, Templates, Administration, Reports, Users & Groups
- Main Content Area:**
 - Case Name:** Josiah Carberry
 - Buttons:** Send Case, Case Options
 - Unit:** Psychoceramics
 - Template:** Tenure
 - Status:** Select Status
 - Case Materials:** Search case materials by title, Read Case button
 - Internal Sections:** These sections are available to committee members reviewing the case and cannot be viewed by the candidate. Please note that some materials added to internal sections can be shared with the candidate by an administrator or committee manager.
 - Committee Documents:** Edit, Add File buttons

Using Interfolio

Reorder documents by simply clicking and dragging them.

☐ Expand All ☐ Collapse All

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Using Interfolio

Send a case forward to its next step by clicking “Send Case”

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Josiah Carberry

Unit: Psychoceramics Template: Tenure Status: Select Status

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Case Materials Case Details

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Committee Documents **Edit** **Add File**

Materials

Interfolio Roles

Institutional administrators (Anne and Matt)

- Create cases/workflows and view them throughout workflow
- Create and manage users and committees

Committee Managers (most dept managers/staff)

- See the cases when at department level
- Add/recuse users to case-specific comm.
- Upload, organize, and delete documents
- Forward the case to the next level

Committee Members (faculty, TPAC members)

- Read cases to which they are given access
- Download case documents as pdfs



Resources

- The Tenure and Promotion page on the DOF website contains a number of resources for TPAC cases and reviews (timelines, TPAC dossier prep guide, how to run teaching reports, template letters, etc.)*
- The Josiah Carberry case in Interfolio is a sample case that shows you how to organize a dossier and contains helpful information about its components

*Note: The cover memo has been updated to reflect the change to “teaching professor” language. Please ensure you’re using the new one!

Bookmarking in Acrobat

- Some TPAC dossier contents, including Information on Teaching, Letters of Evaluation, and Publications, require you add bookmarks in Adobe Acrobat.
- More information on how to bookmark is included in the sample Carberry case, under dossier item #5 (Information on Teaching)
- Please only use “level one” bookmarks—do not nest bookmarks
- Proofread to make sure there are no extraneous bookmarks!

Extraneous Bookmarks

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Master of Arts, Psychoceramics

Elite College, Village City, Newer York
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Art

EXPERIENCE

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Professor of Psychoceramics (1764–present)

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A standard CV from a faculty member. Looks good, right?



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Extraneous Bookmarks

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✓ EDUCATION

Lorem Ipsum University

Elite College

✓ EXPERIENCE

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Nope!
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picked up
document
headings
and added
bookmarks!



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Things to remember

- Different levels of access & roles for users
- Candidates for review cannot see material
- (Relatively) intuitive to use
- Dossiers are archived and can be accessed in the system by an administrator even after the case is complete

Things to remember

- Always follow the TPAC Dossier Prep Guide for the appropriate faculty action (tenure, reappointment, etc.)
- Maintain the numbering system from the TPAC Dossier Prep Guide, do not re-number dossier items
- Please upload documents in a non-modifiable format (pdf)
- After uploading documents, click the “Read” button and see what they look like! This is how TPAC will view them.

Things to remember

- Double check your PDF bookmarks in Acrobat before uploading
- ALL reappointments and ALL actions involving teaching professors and term faculty at any rank should have an end date on the cover memo.
- Please ensure right to appear/waiver notifications are timely

And one more thing to remember...

You are not alone!

We are here to help you throughout the year.



Office Hours

Matt will be holding virtual office hours ahead of the reappointment deadline for questions and live support:

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2:00–3:30pm*

Friday, Sept. 11, 11:00am–12:30pm

Zoom link in invitation to this workshop

*changed to avoid conflict with the AAIM meeting

Questions?

Thank you!

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