

NCTA is a unique unit of the University of Nebraska, with a special mission designed to complement the outstanding work done by the other four campuses of the system. The University of Nebraska Board of Regents has been charged by the Nebraska legislature with having administrative oversight over NCTA. Due to its unique structure, the Board of Regents has a special set of rules to add clarity to the operations and administration of NCTA. The set of rules is called Executive Memorandum Number 12 and may be found here: <http://nebraska.edu/bylaws-and-policies/executive-memoranda.html>. These are some of the key points of executive memorandum number 12:

1. NCTA is considered a two- year degree granting campus of the University of Nebraska under the control and direction of the Board of Regents.
2. NCTA is assisted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). NCTA is not a unit of UNL. NCTA is independently accredited by HLC and NCTA is a separately budgeted line item from the Nebraska legislature. However, NCTA receives significant expertise and assistance from UNL in areas such as financial aid, government relations, ADA compliance, title IX compliance, legal issues, equity issues, student mental health issues, and student support services.
3. The Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources/Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has primary administrative responsibility for operation of the programs of NCTA. NCTA is headed by a Dean who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the NCTA programs. The Dean reports directly to the Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources/Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
4. Generally, all personnel policies, procedures, rules, and regulations contained in the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, the University-wide Personnel Policy Manual, the UNL personnel policies and other written personnel policies, procedures, rules, and regulations adopted by IANR and the Board of Regents apply to employees of NCTA. NCTA follows the UNL policies unless NCTA takes action to modify those policies to fit the unique needs of the NCTA campus. In that case, any proposed modifications of UNL policies must be approved by the Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
5. Faculty at NCTA are considered faculty of the University of Nebraska. NCTA faculty may be assigned academic rank, but are not be eligible for continuous appointment (tenure). NCTA faculty shall be employed only by Special Appointment.