

Temple Adjuncts Vote to Unionize

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On November 25, 2015 a simple majority of Temple adjuncts voted successfully to join TAUP, according to the tally counted by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PRLB). After final PLRB certification, 1400 Temple adjuncts will join full-time faculty as part of TAUP's bargaining unit, making it the largest college adjunct unionization in the past two years. Admission of adjuncts will double the total of unionized faculty at Temple University.

This election caps nearly four decades of various efforts by Temple adjuncts to organize. According to the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), Temple administrators who previously opposed the current unionization effort appear poised to accept the vote and to include adjunct faculty in the bargaining unit at the next negotiations. The results are good news to most adjuncts, who often work at multiple institutions to earn a livable wage.