



Guidelines for Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts

The title of Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts shall be conferred upon members of the faculty already holding the rank of Professor and who have established outstanding national and international recognition through research and publication or creative/artistic achievement in their disciplines.

Nomination procedures.

- Nominations for Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts may originate with any faculty member or department/school and shall be made to the Provost and Senior Vice President. Nominations shall carry the endorsement of the faculty member's dean.
- For nominations for the Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts, the Provost and Senior Vice President shall solicit from internal and external sources a list of names with national and international reputations as specialists in the nominee's academic field.

Criteria of research/artistic excellence.

The basis for review will be the nominee's comprehensive record of original substantive and influential research or artistic accomplishments as measured by such factors as:

- Quality and quantity of publications or creative works,
- Frequency of citations in scholarly literature and or artistic exhibits/performances,
- Quality and quantity of graduate students mentored by the nominee,
- Active membership in national and international organizations,
- Participation in national and international scholarly or creative activities,
- Peer selected awards and prizes,
- Externally funded, peer-reviewed research or artistic awards,
- Support of prominent scholars/artists in the field/discipline, and
- Demonstrable impact upon the way discipline views subject matter.

Committee assessment.

- The Provost and Senior Vice President shall then appoint a faculty committee to receive and review the nominations. This committee shall solicit the opinions of the listed persons with national or international reputations, consult additional appropriate references, and make a recommendation to the Provost and Senior Vice President on each nomination.

Award recommendations.

- The Provost and Senior Vice President shall consult with the Council of Deans regarding the recommendation of the committee and forward a recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
- The title of Distinguished Research Professor or Distinguished Professor of the Arts is awarded by special resolution of the Board of Trustees. No more than one or two awards should be made in any given year, but none has to be made each year.
- The title is conferred by the President at one of the regular University commencement exercises or at a special convocation.
- Distinguished Research Professors and Distinguished Professor of the Arts are given special recognition and accorded other honors and privileges the President and the Board of Trustees deem appropriate.