

UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Colorado State University

Purpose and Selection

I. Purpose

The purposes of the University Distinguished Professorships are 1) to confer honor upon faculty members for outstanding scholarship, and 2) to symbolize the continuing commitment of Colorado State University to the pursuit of excellence. The status of the University depends upon the stature of the faculty, and the University chooses through this distinction to recognize role models for emulation. To assure the fulfillment of the intended purposes, the University relies upon faculty judgments in the appointment process.

The title of "University Distinguished Professor" is conferred upon the most outstanding faculty members of Colorado State University for the duration of their association with the institution. Upon retirement, those holding the title will be designated Distinguished Professor Emeritus. The title of University Distinguished Professor does not refer to another academic rank analogous to Professor or Associate Professor. All persons who hold this title must have as a precondition the rank of Professor and must have tenure.

Those faculty members appointed as University Distinguished Professors will have records of performance ranking them among the most outstanding members of their disciplines, as reflected by their research publication, exhibition, artistic performance, or other mode of accomplishments appropriate to their disciplines. Distinguished Professors will have received national and international competitive awards, prizes, honors, and/or other forms of recognition of outstanding achievement. Finally they will have earned the title of University Distinguished Professor because of their records of continuing and cumulative accomplishment in their areas of specialization, artistry, or expertise.

II. Privileges of the Title Holders

- A. Those faculty members designated as University Distinguished Professors:
 - May be identified by title in matters relating to the University and all academic settings;
 - Will be identified by title in University publications;
 - Will receive appropriate recognition at academic ceremonies;
 - Will receive a special medallion suitable for wearing with academic regalia; and
 - Will receive a permanent base salary increment of \$7,500.
- B. Those faculty members who hold the title of University Distinguished Professor Emeritus will receive all of the privileges of University Distinguished Professors except the salary increment.

III. Nomination Criteria

- A. Any group of three or more faculty members may nominate a candidate. However, the supporting information that is required to proffer a candidate (see below) should be developed and submitted in confidence.
- B. Nomination materials must include the following:
 - 1. A resume listing all relevant accomplishments;
 - 2. Evidence of the impact of the nominee's accomplishments (e.g., favorable mention in appropriate publications; receipt of honors, prizes, and/or recognitions; citations in the literature);

3. The names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of no more than ten internationally recognized disciplinary peers prepared to write regarding the qualifications of the nominee; and
4. A concise narrative statement interpreting the information provided and indicating why the nominee merits the title of Distinguished Professor.

C. Nomination materials and additional copies (11) should be submitted to the Provost's Office by February 1.

IV. Selection Process

- A. Nominations will be presented to the incumbent University Distinguished Professors and incumbent University Distinguished Professors Emeritus. Acting as a single group, hereafter called the Incumbent Professors, they will review the nominations.
 1. The Provost will appoint one of the Incumbent Professors as chairperson in order to facilitate the conduct of business relating to review of nominations.
 2. The Incumbent Professors have the authority to call for additional materials on nominees (letters from disciplinary peers, copies of published works, and the like) and may secure the aid of nominators in assembling any additional information needed to evaluate the nominations.
 3. Unanimous endorsement of all Incumbent Professors participating in the decision process is required.
- B. The Provost shall transmit any nominations with which he/she concurs to the President.