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University of Alberta Distinguished Professor Application and Selection Procedure

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Scope:	Compliance with University procedure extends to all members of the University community.

Overview

The title of University of Alberta Distinguished Professor is one of the highest honours this University can bestow on a member of its academic staff. The University awards the title only to those individuals who have achieved outstanding distinction and scholarship in each of the areas of teaching, research and/or creative endeavours, and service to the University and the community at large. Their scholarly work must have merited international recognition; their teaching and student supervision ability must be highly esteemed by colleagues and students; and, they must be regarded as exceptional citizens.

The incumbent will have teaching duties throughout the period of the appointment. The Department Chair or Dean is responsible for assigning such duties and for costs associated with reduced responsibilities.

Purpose

The title of University of Alberta Distinguished Professor recognizes those exceptional faculty members who are globally recognized leaders and whose exemplary teaching, scholarly work and citizenship have made them leaders in their disciplines.

PROCEDURE

1. ELIGIBILITY

This is an equal opportunity award and is merit based. Any full-time member ranked as Professor of the Faculty (Categories A1.1 and A1.6) with at least 10 years of service as a faculty member at the University of Alberta may apply. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.

2. SELECTION PROCESSES

The University of Alberta Distinguished Professors are determined by a process of nomination and selection using the guidelines described in this procedure and the criteria listed on the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) website. For further details on the submission process, please see the CTL website.

3. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The following criteria will be used when selecting eligible applicants:

- Evidence for internationally recognized contributions in their fields
- Evidence of a career commitment to excellence in: teaching, research and/or creative activities, and service to the University and the community at large
- Evidence of an outstanding reputation in student supervision, mentorship and educational leadership
- Merits of the proposed project, including articulation of how their project aligns with the University's strategic plan

4. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Normally two awards a year shall be given.

Commencement of appointments will be determined individually for a three-year term, renewable once upon review. Applications for renewal should provide a retrospective of the first three-year term and a prospective of what will be accomplished in the second two-year term.

Recommendation for merit increments for University of Alberta Distinguished Professors will be made, as per the Faculty Agreement, by the Department Chair and in non-departmental Faculties by the Dean.

Generally, University of Alberta Distinguished Professors appointed to senior administrative positions during the term of their appointment will retain the title of University of Alberta Distinguished Professor but must suspend obligations and forego funding provided to the position during the term of their administration.

Upon completion of the term of appointment, and on application from the Dean to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (research), consideration will be given to awarding the title "University of Alberta Distinguished Professor" in perpetuity.

5. VALUE

Funds in the amount of \$20,000/annum during the first and any second term for up to five years total, will be available for approved research and creative scholarly activities. The funds may be used for a variety of purposes and in a combination of ways. (e.g., hiring a graduate teaching or research assistant to increase diversity in their group, developing a new teaching technology to expand the diversity of learners, travel to conferences, partial payment of a postdoctoral fellow). No portion of the award may be taken as salary for the recipient. Funds are to be discontinued if a University of Alberta Distinguished Professor vacates the position for any reason other than approved sabbatical leave.

Funds are held by the University of Alberta and spent as outlined in the approved application and in accordance with University of Alberta policies and procedures.

As is customary in each Department or Faculty, the Department Chair and/or Dean will assign teaching responsibilities. No compensation will be due a department should a University of Alberta Distinguished Professor position be vacated and allocated elsewhere.

DEFINITIONS

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