

Memo

To: Deans, Executive Directors, Associate Deans and Department Heads
From: Ken Wilson, Vice-Provost Faculty Relations
Date: October 4, 2021
Subject: **Call for Nominations: Distinguished Professorship**

The Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations in conjunction with the Office of the Vice-President Research are pleased to issue a call for nominations for the Distinguished Professorship Program (a component of the University of Saskatchewan Chairs Program). The intent of this program is to honour and celebrate exceptional achievement in research, scholarly, or artistic work by University of Saskatchewan faculty or emeriti.

The title of Distinguished Professor is awarded to recognize senior faculty whose activities and accomplishments have significantly enriched their scholarly discipline, who are recognized nationally and internationally for their impact and leadership, who set a high standard of excellence, and who have achieved and sustained distinction in their academic communities. Activities and accomplishments that can be highlighted in the nomination include teaching and research, clinical achievement, professional service, community service, outreach, mentorship and training, and nontraditional areas of research, scholarly, or artistic work and/or outputs.

We actively seek diversity among those nominated to reflect the University of Saskatchewan's diverse faculty community. The principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion will be a hallmark of this program. In the spirit of the University Plan 2025, University of Saskatchewan holds that diversity - both diverse perspectives and diverse backgrounds - is key to achieving academic excellence at the institutional level. We know that faculty from under-represented groups tend to be nominated for awards less often, despite their substantial academic accomplishments. The same is true for faculty who pursue less traditional areas of research, scholarly, and artistic work. With this in mind, we specifically ask those in leadership roles to look beyond their normal list of nominees.

The Distinguished Professor title is honorary and is retained for life. The title does not replace a faculty member's tenured appointment as governed by the university's standard policies and procedures. A maximum of 30 distinguished professorships may exist at any one time; Distinguished Professors Emeriti will not be included in this quota. Recipients must possess academic qualifications corresponding with appointment at the rank of full professor. Professors emeriti or current members of the University of Saskatchewan faculty shall be eligible for appointment to these professorship positions.

There will be an annual nomination cycle, with selections made by an advisory committee, which will review nominations and provide a recommendation to the provost and vice-president academic on the awarding of Distinguished Professor titles until such time as thirty active faculty members hold the title.

Nomination packages should include the following:

- A statement of nomination from the dean/executive director of the college/school, including a description of procedures undertaken to identify the nominee
- A brief assessment of the nominee's most important contributions to research, scholarly, or artistic work, and the rationale for appointment as a Distinguished Professor (1000 word maximum);
- Current UofS-format CV;
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from within the university and two from external referees.

Additional information regarding the distinguished professorship program is available on the following website: <https://vpfaculty.usask.ca/chairs-programs/distinguished-professorship-program.php>

Nominations packages should be submitted to Anna Okapiec in the Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations by **December 15, 2021**. For more information, please contact Anna at anna.okapiec@usask.ca.