

## The University of Saskatchewan

### Distinguished Professorships

#### A Component of the University of Saskatchewan Chairs Program

## Terms of Reference

**Objectives:** To honour and to celebrate exceptional achievement in teaching, research, clinical achievement, professional service, community service, outreach, mentorship and training, and nontraditional areas of research, scholarly, or artistic work by University of Saskatchewan faculty or emeriti.

- Distinguished Professorships are conferred to recognize senior faculty or emeriti:
  - whose research has contributed significantly to the enhancement of knowledge;
  - whose scholarly activity and accomplishments have enriched selected areas of research;
  - who are recognized nationally and internationally for their impact and leadership; and
  - who set a high standard of research excellence and have demonstrated an outstanding and sustained distinction in research.

**Eligibility:**

- Professors Emeriti, or long-serving members of University of Saskatchewan faculty;
- Recipients possess academic qualifications corresponding with appointment at the rank of Full Professor.

**Term of Professorship:**

- Appointment will be for life.
- While a member of the University of Saskatchewan faculty, the awardee will bear the title of "Distinguished Professor".
- On retirement, or when awarded to professors emeriti, the awardee will bear the title of "Distinguished Professor Emerita/us."

**Value:**

- Honorary
- Does not replace faculty member's tenured appointment as governed by the university's normal policies and procedures.

**Number:**

- Selections will be made annually until, at any given time, not more than **thirty** individuals hold the title of Distinguished Professor. Distinguished Professors Emeriti will not be included in this quota.

**Funding Implications and Source:**

- None

***Nomination Process (Internal to and determined by the University of Saskatchewan):***

- There will be an annual nomination cycle.
- Nomination packages must include:
  - Statement of nomination from the dean/executive director of the college/school, including description of procedures undertaken to identify the nominee;
  - Brief assessment of nominee's research record, including nominee's most important contributions to research, scholarly, or artistic work, and the rationale for appointment (1000 word maximum);
  - Current UofS-format CV;
  - Letters of recommendation:
    - one from referees internal to the University of Saskatchewan; and
    - two from external referees.
- Nominee documentation is to be submitted to the Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations prior to the advertised deadline (<https://vpfaculty.usask.ca/chairs-programs/distinguished-professorship-program.php>).

***Selection Process:***

- Selections made annually as vacancies arise.
- An Advisory Committee will be formed to review nominations and to provide advice to the Provost and Vice-President Academic on award of Distinguished Professorships on the basis of criteria consistent with the Objectives of the Program.
- Distinguished Chairs Advisory Committee composition:
  - Provost and Vice-President Academic or designate, Co-chair
  - Vice-President Research or designate, Co-chair
  - Dean, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
  - Representative from the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee of Council
  - A tenured faculty member representing the General Academic Assembly
  - One external member from the community
  - Resource personnel from the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations Office and the Office of the Vice-President Research, as required, in a non voting capacity
- Recommendations will be forwarded to the Provost and Vice-President Academic for approval