

Memo

To: Deans, Executive Directors, Associate Deans and Department Heads
From: Scott Walsworth, Vice-Provost Faculty Relations
Dawn Wallin, Associate Vice-President Research Engagement
Date: Oct. 4, 2023
Subject: **Call for Nominations: Distinguished Professorship**

The Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice-President Research, is 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 non-traditional 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 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 are not included in this quota. Recipients must possess academic qualifications corresponding with appointment at the rank of full professor. Professors emeriti or current University of Saskatchewan faculty members are eligible for this prestigious distinction.

There is an annual nomination cycle. Selections are made by an advisory committee, which reviews nominations and provides a recommendation to the Provost and Vice-President Academic. Nomination packages must 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 (1,000 words maximum);
- a current USask formatted CV; and
- 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>

Nomination packages should be submitted to the Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations (vpfaculty.relations@usask.ca), care of executive assistant Lenore Bzdel. The complete nomination package must be received by **Nov. 30, 2023**. For more information, please contact the Office of the Vice-Provost Faculty Relations.

