

**Proposal from
Faculty Senate Council on Governance**

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6.3. Distinguished and University Professorships

The Distinguished Professorship and University Professorship represent the highest academic recognitions at ISU and are bestowed on faculty who have demonstrated exemplary performance in their faculty activities. They represent the very best of our faculty. These two recognitions exist to reflect the fact that faculty have multiple responsibilities and that there are different ways for a faculty member to demonstrate excellence. The differences between the Distinguished Professorship and the University Professorship are based on the nature and focus of the faculty member's accomplishments. The Distinguished Professorship is bestowed on faculty members who have outstanding accomplishments in their research and/or creative activities that have had a significant impact on their fields of expertise. The University Professorship is bestowed on faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to ISU that have significantly changed and improved ISU. These differences are described in detail in the sections below.

6.3.1. Distinguished Professor

A Distinguished Professorship is awarded for exemplary performance in research and/or creative activities as reflected by a national or international reputation in the nominee's discipline. A Distinguished Professor above all else must have accomplishments in research, and/or creative activities that have had a significant impact on, or improved the quality of, their discipline. In addition a Distinguished Professor must have demonstrated outstanding performance in at least one other area of faculty responsibility: (1) teaching and advising, (2) extension/professional practice, or (3) institutional service.

6.3.1.1. Eligibility

Nominees should hold the rank of professor and should have served for at least five years on the Iowa State University faculty.

6.3.1.2. Procedures for the Selection Process

The procedures for the nomination and selection process are provided on the Provost's web page under Faculty, Awards at <http://www.provost.iastate.edu/faculty/awards.html>.

The Distinguished Professor Nomination Review Committee is appointed by the Provost following procedures established by the Faculty Senate. The Distinguished Professor Nomination Review Committee receives nominations for Distinguished Professor from colleges and makes recommendations to the Faculty Senate Executive Board. The Executive Board forwards recommendations to the Provost.

6.3.2. University Professor

A University Professor must above all else have acted as a change agent by having made significant contributions that improve the quality of the university through their institutional service. The University Professorship recognizes faculty members whose institutional service has had a significant impact on the university, their college, and/or their department in the course of their career at Iowa State University. In addition a University Professor must have demonstrated outstanding performance in at least one other area of faculty responsibility: (1) research and/or creative activities, (2) teaching and advising, or (3) extension/professional practice.

6.3.2.1. Eligibility

Nominees should hold the rank of professor and should have served for at least ten years on the Iowa State University faculty prior to the beginning of the academic year in which they are nominated. The nominees must be individuals whose contributions extend well beyond a one-time impact. Having held an administrative position in and of itself is insufficient for consideration for this recognition. Faculty who have served as administrators (e.g. department chairs, deans, vice president, provost, or staff members in those offices) may be nominated only after they have been out of their administrative roles and functioning as faculty members for at least three years.

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