

Call for Nominations University Distinguished Professorships

The Provost invites nominations of candidates for up to five University Distinguished Professorships. These professorships are unrestricted and may be filled by a distinguished scholar in any field, although special consideration will be given to nominations of faculty from groups, fields, or disciplines that have limited representation among the individuals currently holding named or university distinguished professorships. A list of the current distinguished professors can be found here: <http://www.distinguishedprofessors.ku.edu/name>.

University Distinguished Professors

Appointment as a University Distinguished Professor is a significant honor, reflecting the recipient's many valued accomplishments and contributions to the University and the field.

The University Distinguished Professorships awarded through this call for nominations will be effective in the fall of 2016. The professorships carry an annual stipend of \$15,000.

Eligibility

Nominees for University distinguished professorships must be current KU University full professors who do not currently hold a named or teaching professorship.

Qualifications

The major criteria for selecting University distinguished professors are:

- A truly distinguished record of scholarship. Although this criterion is highly dependent on the breadth of an area, nominees generally should rank among the most distinguished scholars in their fields in this country and usually should possess an international reputation.
- A proven record of interest in and concern for the growth and success of their students, colleagues, and the University.
- A demonstrated interest in activities in related fields and in participation in University affairs generally as well as professional organizations.
- Nominees must expect to identify themselves with the community and the state, and their appointment should serve the needs of the community and state in special ways perhaps not generally accomplished with regular professional appointments.

All nominees will be considered in accordance with the University policy on nondiscrimination, available at <https://policy.drupal.ku.edu/IOA/nondiscrimination>

Nomination Process

Nominations normally will be initiated at the department level by an individual or group in the appropriate discipline or by an interdisciplinary group. The nominations and supporting materials should be submitted through the appropriate administrative officers (i.e., departmental chairpersons and/or deans) and include their comments and recommendations.

The designation of an individual as a University distinguished professor recognizes an extended appointment and stellar accomplishments as a faculty member at the university. Therefore, nominations should not be made based solely on time in rank as a full professor or as a reward for service, however long or devoted. Nominators should focus on selecting nominees whose records of achievement establish their excellence in relation to the four criteria for award of the professorship.

The individual or group preparing the nomination is responsible for providing complete information and supporting material as outlined in the “Required Documentation” summary at <https://policy.drupal.ku.edu/provost/distinguished-professor-nomination>.

There should be no more than one nomination submitted from a department, or school without departments. Schools with departments are encouraged to review and rank all the nominations before moving them forward to the Provost office.

Dean’s offices should forward nomination dossiers via email to: ImageNowMail_FacDev@ku.edu, document type: faculty DP nomination, or in hard copy to Vice Provost Mary Lee Hummert, Office of the Provost.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **5:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 3, 2016**.

All nominations will be reviewed by the University Committee on Distinguished Professorships.

The Distinguished Professor website contains a list of current distinguished professors, committee members, and policies on distinguished professor nominations:
<http://www.distinguishedprofessors.ku.edu/>

Questions may be directed to Vice Provost for Faculty Development Mary Lee Hummert, mlhummert@ku.edu.

Name	Professorship Held	Department/School	School
Bowman-James, Kristin	University	Chemistry	CLAS
Graham, Maryemma	University	English	CLAS
Nagel, Joane	University	Sociology	CLAS
Peterson, A. Townsend	University	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	CLAS
Soberon, Jorge	University	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology/Biodiversity Institute	CLAS
Wu, Judy	University	Physics & Astronomy	CLAS
Mandel, Rolfe	University	Anthropology/Geology	CLAS/Research
Castle, Joyce	University	School of Music	Music
Stella, Valentino	University	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	Pharmacy
Timmermann, Barbara	Distinguished Professor	Medicinal Chemistry	Pharmacy