

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Chairs, and Directors
FROM: Mitzi M. Montoya, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
SUBJECT: **Distinguished Professor Nominations**

Nominations are being solicited for the rank of Distinguished Professor. Typically, up to six Distinguished Professors are selected each year. Nominations from all parts of the university are strongly encouraged.

Policy and Procedures 6-300 states, “*The rank of Distinguished Professor is reserved for selected individuals whose achievements exemplify the highest goals of scholarship as demonstrated by recognition accorded to them from peers with national and international stature, and whose record includes evidence of a high dedication to teaching as demonstrated by recognition accorded to them by students and/or colleagues.*” A person should not ordinarily be recommended to the distinguished professorship unless they are a member of the faculty who has completed **five** years of service at the University of Utah prior to the nomination.

The nomination and selection of Distinguished Professors occurs annually. Repeat nominations are permissible up to three years. After three years, the nominee must wait two years before being eligible for re-nomination. We strongly encourage repeat nominations to revise and update the file for this year’s consideration. The Committee is significantly less likely to recommend repeat nominations that have not been updated. If you would like feedback from last year’s committee regarding your candidate’s nomination, please reach out to Vice Provost Sarah Projansky at sarah.projansky@utah.edu and officeforfaculty@utah.edu; she will be happy to consult with you.

All nominations must be submitted electronically. A list of current Distinguished Professors, nomination guidelines and forms can be found on the web at <http://academic-affairs.utah.edu/awards-nominations/distinguished-professor/>. Remember that the content of these nominations differs from RPT packages, with a particular emphasis on the highest levels of distinction. Supporting documents should articulate how award criteria are met.

As you can see below, the selection committee is comprised of distinguished professors from a variety of disciplines, and thus the majority of the committee members will not know your field. In this context, the committee particularly appreciates nominations that build an argument that is persuasive to a multidisciplinary audience. As well, letters that contextualize particular achievements within the standards and internal norms of the relevant discipline help the multidisciplinary committee understand the impact, significance, and excellence of the work.

New This Year: If you would like help building the nomination packet, including the process of articulating the relationship between your candidate’s achievements and your field’s standards and internal norms, we would be happy to connect you with a distinguished professor who has volunteered to support the nomination process. Please contact Vice Provost Projansky at sarah.projansky@utah.edu and officeforfaculty@utah.edu, and she will set this up for you.

**Nomination forms and curriculum vitae must be submitted no later than
Friday, November 1, 2024**

For questions, please contact the Distinguished Professor Advisory Committee.

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