



Distinguished Professorships

Call for Nominations

The Provost invites nominations of candidates for one University Distinguished Professorship and one Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professorship. Depending on availability of funds, it may be possible to award two Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professorships. **The nomination and selection process are open until 5pm on Friday, February 28, 2020.** These professorships 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. Departments and schools are encouraged to think broadly and inclusively when considering nominees.

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Appointment as a distinguished professor (both the University Distinguished Professorship and the Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professorship) is a significant honor, reflecting the recipient's many valued accomplishments and contributions to the University and the field.

The Professorships awarded through this call for nominations will be effective in the Fall of 2020. The professorships carry an annual stipend of \$15,000.

Eligibility

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

Qualifications

The major criteria for selecting 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.

- A record of notable service to communities at the local, state, national, and/or international levels.

All nominees will be considered in accordance with the University policy on nondiscrimination, available at <https://policy.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 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 below.

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 submit nomination dossiers [via the linked Qualtrics form](#).

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

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2020

Distinguished Professor Website

The [Distinguished Professor website](#) contains a list of current distinguished professors, committee members, and policies on distinguished professor nominations.

Questions

Please contact The Center for Faculty Development and Mentoring at 785-864-6489 or facultydev@ku.edu



Named and Distinguished University Professorships

Required Documentation

Files forwarded to the Provost's office for review by the University Committee on Distinguished Professorship must include, at minimum, the following items:

1. A letter of nomination, placing the nominee's achievements within the context of the Procedures and Criteria for Appointment to Named and University Distinguished Professorships.
2. The nominee's comprehensive curriculum vitae
3. Letters from five distinguished external scholars who can provide an objective evaluation of the nominee's research contributions to the discipline, his/her stature in the field, and, as appropriate, speak to the other criteria for a distinguished professorship. Accordingly, the majority of the external scholars should have no close personal or professional association with the nominee (e.g., as co-authors, former students, etc.). Invitations to external scholars should request that they include in the letter a description of the length and nature of their association with the nominee.
4. One document containing brief biographical paragraphs about the external scholars
5. A letter of support from the nominee's department chair (if the chair has not written the nomination letter)
6. A letter of endorsement from the nominee's dean (if the dean has not written the nomination letter)
7. Additional documentation sufficient to establish that the candidate meets the standards in teaching, research, and service as specified in the criteria for a distinguished professorship (e.g., letters from former students or other evidence of teaching excellence, etc.)

Submission of the Documents

Submit the documents in PDF format using the nominee's last name to begin the file names as follows:

- LastName FirstInitial Nomination.pdf,
- LastName FirstInitial CV.pdf,
- LastName FirstInitial ExternalLetters.pdf,
- LastName FirstInitial ShortBios.pdf,
- LastName FirstInitial ChairLetter.pdf (if applicable)
- LastName FirstInitial DeanLetter.pdf (if applicable)
- LastName FirstInitial AdditionalDocumentation.pdf

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