

The University of Saskatchewan

Distinguished Professorships

A Component of the University of Saskatchewan Chairs Program

Terms of Reference

Objectives: To honour and to celebrate exceptional achievement in research, scholarly, or artistic work by University of Saskatchewan faculty or emeriti.

- Distinguished Professorships are conferred to recognize senior faculty or emeriti:
 - whose research has contributed significantly to the enhancement of knowledge;
 - whose scholarly activity and accomplishments have enriched selected areas of research;
 - who are recognized nationally and internationally for their impact and leadership; and
 - who set a high standard of research excellence and have demonstrated an outstanding and sustained distinction in research.

Eligibility:

- Professors Emeriti, or current member of University of Saskatchewan faculty;
- Recipients possess academic qualifications corresponding with appointment at the rank of Full Professor.

Term of Professorship:

- Appointment will be for life.
- While a member of the University of Saskatchewan faculty, the awardee will bear the title of “Distinguished Professor”.
- On retirement, or when awarded to professors emeriti, the awardee will bear the title of “Distinguished Professor Emerita/us.”

Value:

- Honorary
- Does not replace faculty member’s tenured appointment as governed by the University’s normal policies and procedures.

Number:

- Selections will be made annually until, at any given time, not more than **thirty** individuals hold the title of Distinguished Professor. Distinguished Professors Emeriti will not be included in this quota.

Funding Implications and Source:

- None

Nomination Process (Internal to and determined by the University of Saskatchewan):

- There will be an annual nomination cycle.
- Nomination packages must include:
 - Statement of nomination from the Dean/Director of the College/School, including description of procedures undertaken to identify the nominee;
 - Brief assessment of nominee's research record, including rationale for appointment (1500 word maximum);
 - Current CV;
 - Brief description of nominee's most important contributions to research, scholarly, or artistic work;
 - Letters of recommendation:
 - two from referees internal to the University of Saskatchewan; and
 - three from external assessors.
- Nominee documentation is to be submitted to the Associate Vice-President Research prior to the advertised deadline (<http://www.usask.ca/researchawards/Distinguished-Chairs-Program.php>).

Selection Process:

- Selections made annually as vacancies arise.
- An Advisory Committee will be formed to review nominations and to provide advice to the Provost and Vice-President Academic on award of Distinguished Professorships on the basis of criteria consistent with the Objectives of the Program.
- Distinguished Chairs Advisory Committee composition:
 - Provost and Vice-President Academic or designate, Co-chair
 - Vice-President Research or designate, Co-chair
 - Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Research
 - Representative from the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee of Council
 - A tenured faculty member representing the General Academic Assembly
 - One external member from the community
 - Resource personnel from the Provost's Office and the Office of the Vice-President Research, as required, in a non-voting capacity
- Recommendations will be forwarded to the Provost and Vice-President Academic for approval.