

November 2007

To: Deans

From: R. Michael Tanner  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Re: UIC Distinguished Professorship Nominations for 2008

The Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is pleased to request nominations for the 2008 UIC Distinguished Professor. This appointment was created *to recruit and recognize persons who have made a significant impact upon their field through scholarship, creativity and leadership*. Professors selected for the award will receive a non-salaried, non-service appointment as UIC Distinguished Professor which will be effective with the new appointment year 2008-2009.

A review panel will make recommendations to the Provost who will submit names to the University Board of Trustees for approval. Criteria and procedures for appointment are attached along with a list of past recipients.

The deadline for receipt of nominations for candidates is **Friday, February 22, 2008**. Nominations should be filed with the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, c/o Elmira Perkins, Room 513 Student Center East, m/c 303. Call extension 6-5669 or email [eperkins@uic.edu](mailto:eperkins@uic.edu) if you have questions. Information may also be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/faculty/awards.html>.

**Please bring this announcement to the attention of your faculty.**

RMT/ep

Attachments

c: Sylvia Manning  
Mo-Yin Tam

## **THE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO**

### **Definition**

The Distinguished Professorship is created to recruit and recognize persons who have made a significant impact upon their field through scholarship, creativity, and leadership. This program shall facilitate the recruitment of the most distinguished scholars in the world.

### **Criteria for Appointment**

Criteria for appointment as a Distinguished Professor are discipline-specific. Standards of excellence are not the same for a physical scientist, a creative artist, or a social scientist, for example. The criteria used for nomination and appointment within a particular academic field must be ones that recognize only the highest level of attainment in the field. The specification of such criteria and verification that the candidate's work meets or exceeds them is a major responsibility of the person(s) nominating scholars for consideration as Distinguished Professors.

The criteria should reflect recognition of (1) outstanding scholarly/creative contributions; (2) widely regarded leadership status within the nominee's field; (3) recognition by arbiters of the highest level of intellectual eminence, for example, the National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, or the National Academy of Engineering.

The application supporting the nomination must contain at a minimum the following documentation for consideration of this honor:

- Letter of support from Department Head to the Dean
- Letter of support from Dean to the Provost
- Current curriculum vita
- Letters of support from leaders in the field explaining and documenting the impact of the nominee's work (minimum of three letters – nationally and internationally; letters must be detailed)
- Original nomination packet plus 15 copies

### **Procedures for Appointment**

Two routes of appointment of Distinguished Professor are envisioned: (1) recruitment of scholars from outside UIC and (2) appointment of current UIC faculty. With some minor modifications, procedures for appointment are the same for both routes.

Nominations for appointment of a Distinguished Professor from outside UIC may originate from any academic unit at UIC, whether from departments, colleges administrative offices, or individual professors. Whatever the point of origin, however, the path of the nomination must follow the same pattern. The nomination will be considered first in the department or area of UIC where tenure is or would be held by the Professor. The department or area forwards a recommendation to the Dean of the college in which the department or area is situated. The Dean, with the approval of the college executive committee, moves the nomination forward. All nominations will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the Provost and including individuals from the current roster of UIC Distinguished Professors. The panel will forward recommendations to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The panel members will hold their appointments for a period of at least three (3) years in order to maintain knowledge and history of this process. The reviewers will be given considerable time in order to solicit additional letters from nominees' colleagues and scholars in their area of expertise.

In cases of internal candidates, recommendations will be reviewed once a year. Recommendations will be forwarded for approval to the Board of Trustees. External candidates will be reviewed, as needed, at any time during the academic year, but must have prior Board of Trustees approval before they become effective.

### **Term of Appointment**

The appointment of UIC Distinguished Professors will become effective at the beginning of the next academic year following the Board of Trustees approval. The appointment is for the duration of their full-time tenure at UIC.

### **Institutional Support**

Distinguished Professors will be supported, according to the negotiated conditions of appointment agreed to at the time of appointment. Department or area resources, college resources, and campus resources, in combination, must assure sufficient recurring funds to support the Distinguished Professor according to the conditions of appointment agreed upon by the Professor and UIC officers. It is not anticipated that there be a formula that must be met for support to be forthcoming for each appointment. Rather, the three campus units (area/department, college, campus administration) must be considered as potential contributors to the Professor's support.

A one-time monetary award will be presented to faculty appointed as Distinguished Professors. Award recipients will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Dinner in the fall.

## UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR NOMINEES AND \*RECIPIENTS LIST

\*Indicates Award recipients

### 2007 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

**\*Juan-Carlos Campuzano (MED)**

Rong Chen (BA)  
Asgerally T. Fazleabas ((MED)  
Michael E. Johnson (PHARM)  
Bellur S. Prabhaker (MED)  
Ahmed A. Shabana (ENGR)

### 2006 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Georges Bordage (MED)

**\*Frank Chaloupka (BA)**

James Cracraft (LAS)  
Peter C. Nelson (ENGR)

**\*Mark Rasenick (MED)**

Charles K. Rhodes (LAS)  
Jeffrey J.P. Tsai (ENGR)

### 2005 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Michael McNallan (ENGR)

W.J. Minkowycz (ENGR)

Lawrence Keeley (LAS)

Roger Weissberg (LAS)

**\*Stephen Yau (LAS)**

**\*Geula Gibori (MED)**

### 2004 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Peter Hales (A&A)

Gary Kielhofner (AHS)

Robert Linden (BA)

Caswell Evans (DENT)

**\*Prith Banerjee (ENGR)**

**\*Mitra Dutta (ENGR)**

W. J. Minkowycz (ENGR)

Robert Gordon (LAS)

**\*Charles Mills (LAS)**

Peter Shalen (LAS)

Bonnie Spring (LAS)

Stephen Warner (LAS)

**\*Erminio Costa (MED)**

Beatrice Yue (MED)

### 2003 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Wolfgang Boerner (ENGR)

Tapas Das Gupta (MED)

**\*Leon Fink (LAS)**

**\*Samad Hedayat (LAS)**

Steve Jones (LAS)

Charles Mills (LAS)

W. J. Minkowycz (ENGR)

Ahmed Shavana (ENGR)

**2002 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS**

**\*Barry Chiswick (BA)**

**\*Tadao Murata (ENGR)**

Arye Nehorai (ENGR)

Ahmed Shabana (ENGR)

Michael A. Strosio (ENGR)

Jerry Bona (LAS)

Leon Fink (LAS)

Arun Ghosh (LAS)

Doris Graber (LAS)

**\*Peter Hylton (LAS)**

**\*Susan Liebman (LAS)**

Charles Mills (LAS)

Bonnie Spring (LAS)

Stephen Warner (LAS)

Sherman Elias (MED)

Geula Gibori (MED)

Joel Sugar (MED)

**\*John M. Pezzuto (MED)**

**2001 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS**

Barry Chiswick (BA)

Ahmed Riahi-Belkaoui (BA)

**\*Alexander Chudnovsky (ENGR)**

**\*Thomas DeFanti (ENGR)**

Daniel Corcos (HHDS)

**\*Sander Gilman (LAS)**

Paul Griffiths (LAS)

**\*Deidre McCloskey (LAS)**

**\*Brain Flay (SPH)**

**\*Norman Farnsworth (PHARM)**

Gerald Debrun (MED)

**\*Asrar Malik (MED)**

**\*\*DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS/DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS**

(awarded prior to September 1, 2000)

Ananda Chakrabarty, *Distinguished University Professor*, College of Medicine – Chicago

Paul Lauterbur, *Distinguished Professor*, College of Medicine – Urbana

Igor Roninson, *Distinguished University Professor*, College of Medicine – Chicago

Ross J. Solaro, *Distinguished University Professor*, College of Medicine – Chicago

\*\*Distinguished University Professor and Distinguished Professor are no longer being offered per a directive from the President's Office.

**Note:** In 2000-01, Interim Provost Charlotte (Toby) Tate eliminated the option for departments/colleges to offer this title.