

November 12, 2011

To: Deans

From: Lon Kaufmann
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

Re: UIC Distinguished Professorship Nominations for 2012

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, is pleased to request nominations for the 2012 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 2012-2013.

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 17, 2012**. Nominations should be filed with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, c/o Elmira Perkins, Room 513 Student Center East, m/c 303. Please check the guidelines for new submission requirements. Call extension 6-5669 or email eperkins@uic.edu if you have questions. Information may also be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaafaculty/awards.html>.

Please bring this announcement to the attention of your faculty.

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Attachments

c: Paula Allen-Meares, Chancellor
Mo-Yin Tam, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

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; **please include short bio of each letter author**).
- Original nomination packet plus an electronic copy in PDF format on single CD.

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. The same nomination process is applied for both internal and external nominees with the exception of the Board of Trustees approval.

Nominations may originate from any academic unit at UIC. Whether nominations originate from a department, college, administrative office, or an individual faculty, the path of the nomination must follow the same pattern. The nomination will first be considered in the department or area of UIC where tenure is or would be held by the nominee. The department or area forwards the recommendation to the Dean. The Dean, with the approval of the college executive committee, submits the nomination to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. All nominations will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost and include individuals from the current roster of UIC Distinguished Professors. The panel forwards recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. The panel members hold their appointments for a period of at least three (3) years in order to maintain knowledge and history of the nomination process. Individual reviewers are given considerable time in order to solicit additional letters from nominees' colleagues and scholars in their area of expertise.

Recommendations are 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. Internal candidates will be reviewed once a year.

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 Celebration in the fall.

UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR RECIPIENTS LIST

2011 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

No Distinguished Professor named

2010 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

George Crabtree (LAS)
Richard L. Magin (ENGR)

2009 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Steven G. Jones (LAS)
Ahmed Shabana (ENGR)
Piergiorgio L.E. Uslenghi (ENGR)

2008 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Robert Bruegmann (A&A)

2007 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Juan-Carlos Campuzano (LAS)

2006 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Frank Chaloupka (BA)
Mark Rasenick (MED)

2005 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Stephen Yau (LAS)
Geula Gibori (MED)

2004 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Prith Banerjee (ENGR)
Mitra Dutta (ENGR)
Charles Mills (LAS)
Erminio Costa (MED)

2003 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Leon Fink (LAS)
Samad Hedayat (LAS)

2002 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Barry Chiswick (BA)
Tadao Murata (ENGR)
Peter Hylton (LAS)
Susan Liebman (LAS)
John M. Pezzuto (MED)

2001 UIC DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

Alexander Chudnovsky (ENGR)

Thomas DeFanti (ENGR)

Sander Gilman (LAS)

Deidre McCloskey (LAS)

Brain Flay (SPH)

Norman Farnsworth (PHARM)

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.