



## The SUNY Distinguished Professorships Awards Program

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To: FIT Faculty, Staff and Students

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Re: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SUNY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM 2009-2010

### GENERAL INFORMATION

This new SUNY Distinguished Professorship Awards Program is different from the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. [Only full professors are eligible for the Distinguished Awards.](#) Please submit all nominations to Elaine Maldonado, CET, Room B502, by [November 2, 2009.](#)

Created by the State University Board of Trustees as a prestigious system-level distinction, this program recognizes and rewards SUNY's finest and most accomplished faculty in three categories:

1. Distinguished Professorship (DP),
2. Distinguished Service Professorship (DSP)
3. Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP)

### SCOPE OF PROGRAMS

1. The Distinguished Professorship is conferred upon faculty having achieved national or international prominence AND a distinguished reputation within the individual's chosen field through significant contributions to the research literature and scholarship, or through artistic performance or achievement in the fine and performing arts.
2. The Distinguished Service Professorship is conferred upon tenured instructional faculty for distinguished service to the local campus and/or local community or regional level AND at the State-wide and/or national or international level through sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern. It is bestowed on faculty in any of the disciplines or fields of study. The nominee must have held the rank of full professor for five years, with three of those years teaching fulltime on the recommending campus and 10 years full-time service within the System.

3. The Distinguished Teaching Professorship is conferred upon instructional faculty for outstanding teaching competence at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional levels. Teaching mastery is to be consistently demonstrated over multiple years at the institution where the Distinguished Teaching Professorship is bestowed. The nominee must have held the rank of full professor for five years, with three of those years teaching full-time on the recommending campus and 10 years full-time service within the System.

#### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

All nominees must be full professors. Retired or faculty serving in part-time capacities are ineligible, and faculty holding an administrative appointment above the level of chair are ineligible.

#### NOMINATION PROCEDURES

No one may self-nominate. If you wish to nominate an individual who meets the program criteria, please submit a nomination in writing. The letter of nomination, about 300-500 words long, must address the criteria in sufficient detail to establish eligibility for the award. Students, faculty and administrators may submit nominations for the three categories of awards.

#### DOCUMENTATION

Evidence must be submitted by the candidate, demonstrating achievements for the specific award criteria. Curriculum Vitae must be up-to-date with separate sections on educational background, academic/visiting appointments, honors and awards received, publications, external funding, invited/keynote presentations, teaching accomplishments and service to the University, the community, the profession. The significance of each entry must be described. For detailed information, please refer to the full version of the program guidelines.

#### REWARDS OF CONFERRAL

In acknowledgement of the significance of appointment, the campus catalogue will list Distinguished Professors, Distinguished Service Professors and Distinguished Teaching Professors separately at the head of the faculty list. Such persons will be placed again in the faculty list and their specific rank will be indicated. The Distinguished Rank carries honorific distinction and salary increase. The Distinguished Faculty medallion, specifically commissioned to commemorate this distinction, is awarded to each newly promoted faculty member. Distinguished professors are expected to offer lectures and seminars for students and scholars on other campuses of the University, or other appropriate presentations the individual might bring to them.

#### DETAILED ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

##### Distinguished Professorship – DP

- Academic Rank – Candidates must have attained the rank of full professor.
- Criteria for Selection - To be nominated for the Distinguished Professorship the person's work must be of such a character that the individual's presence will elevate the standards of scholarship of colleagues both within and beyond the individual's respective academic field.
- The individual must have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within the individual's chosen field through significant contributions to the research literature or through artistic performance or achievement in the case of the fine and performing arts, beyond that which is expected for a full professor.

- The individual must have obtained national or international awards that provide evidence of distinguished research, scholarship, or other creative activity.

#### Distinguished Service Professorship – DSP

- Academic Rank – Candidates must have attained the rank of full professor.
- Length of Service – Candidates must have held the rank of full professor for five years, must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution, and must have completed at least ten years of full-time service in the State University of New York.
- Criteria for Selection – A candidate for Distinguished Service Professor must demonstrate substantial distinguished service both at the local campus level and/or local community or regional level; and at the state-wide and/or nation-wide and/or international level.
- Distinguished service must exceed the work generally considered to be part of a candidate's basic professional work (professional committees, etc.) and should include service that exceeds that for which professors are normally compensated. Thus, faculty with a concurrent administrative appointment – above the level of department chair/director or equivalent – for which they receive extra compensation are ineligible. Furthermore, it is not appropriate to build a nomination dossier of a former administrator based upon service while in an administrative appointment. Distinguished service must extend over multiple years and involve the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern, and may include, but not be solely based upon, exceptional leadership in local and system-wide faculty governance.

#### Distinguished Teaching Professorship – DTP

- Academic Rank – Candidates must have attained the rank of full professor.
- Length of Service – Candidates must have held the rank of full professor for five years, have completed at least three years of full-time teaching on the campus that recommends the appointment and ten years of full-time teaching within the system.
- Nominations must be drawn from faculty members who have regularly carried a full-time teaching load, both in terms of the number of semester hours taught and the number of students served, as defined by the campus for full-time faculty.
- Department chairpersons/directors or equivalent may be nominated for the DTP contingent upon the individual's carrying the campus-defined full-time teaching load for all persons performing such administrative responsibilities (e.g., if a campus defines 15 hours as a full-time teaching load for full-time faculty and 12 hours as a full-time teaching load for department chairs, then an individual serving as a department chair teaching the 12 hours and meeting the other eligibility requirements would be eligible for nomination). Administrators with less than a campus-defined teaching load (e.g., dean, associate dean) are ineligible.

If you have any questions, including whether a candidate is a full professor, please contact Elaine Maldonado, X7-4062.

To read about the new program in its entirety, please visit the SUNY website, [www.suny.edu/provost/facultyawards.cfm](http://www.suny.edu/provost/facultyawards.cfm).