



## Internal Grants & Awards

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## DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP

### Award Description

- The title of **Distinguished Research Professor** recognizes senior faculty who are internationally recognized for their innovative body of work and its transformational impact on the field. The Professorship is awarded to faculty working at the very top of their discipline, who are recognized as a preeminent leader in their field of study. Nominations should clearly describe the evidence of prominence and impact of the nominee's work, as well as the promise of ongoing and future scholarly work.
- Up to 5 faculty are recognized annually without specification of discipline.
- Prize: \$7,000 one-time, permanent salary increase; \$5,000 per year for 5 years in research support
- Title: Title of Distinguished Research Professor is given to each winner for an initial period of 5 years
- Eligibility: Full Professors who have been in residence at UGA for at least 3 years. Preference may be given to nominees not already holding major endowed professorships with significant research support.

### Nomination Process

- Nomination occurs in a 2-step process. Nominations are first submitted to the nominee's Dean's office or Center/Institute Director for initial review. Deans' offices or Center/Institute Directors then submit nominations to the Office of Research.
- Deans/Directors are strongly encouraged to solicit a pool of nominations that represent the full diversity of their faculty and forward only their most qualified candidates to the Office of Research.
- Deans' offices and Center/Institute Directors will submit their nomination list via the **Faculty Research Awards Nomination Form for Deans/Directors** on [UGA's InfoReady Portal](#). Full instructions for submission of the required nominations materials can be found on the InfoReady form.
- The final nomination list must be submitted to the Office of Research from Deans' offices or Centers/Institutes by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Contact your Dean's office or Center/Institute Director for internal submission deadlines.

### Nomination Materials

- The following nomination materials are required via the submission site:
  1. Dean/Director nomination letter (≤4 pages) to include:
    - Nominee name, rank, and date of faculty appointment at UGA,
    - Name of award,
    - Summary of nominee's qualifications, including specific examples of how they meet the criteria for this award. Evidence will vary by discipline but may include publications, performances, inventions, awards, etc.
    - As these awards are reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee, it is essential that the nomination letter convey the broad impact of the nominee's work. Nominations should also describe the extramural funding requirements and expectations in the field of study to provide context for the nominee's history and level of grant support.

2. Three external letters of recommendation (≤3 pages each).
  - Do not submit additional letters.
  - Letters from collaborators and former mentors are discouraged.
  - Must be dated within the past 2 years (as of application deadline) and specifically address qualifications for the Distinguished Research Professorship.
3. Brief bios (≤1 page total) of the 3 required referees, demonstrating suitability for evaluation of the nominee.
4. Nominee's curriculum vitae in the recommended vita format described in the [UGA P&T guide](#) (Appendix H). Teaching details may be omitted.

#### **Evaluation and Selection Process**

- Nomination packages are reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee of senior faculty.
  - Up to 5 nominees are selected.
- Recommendations are provided to the Vice President of Research, who forwards his recommendations to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; final selections are made in conjunction with the President.

## **RETENTION OF DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR TITLE**

#### **Eligibility and Required Materials:**

- The Distinguished Research Professor title can be held until retirement or resignation from the professorial ranks; rehired retirees and emeritus faculty are ineligible for retention of title.
- In the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the awarded title, recipients may apply for retention of title for an additional 5 years.
  - No additional salary increase or research support is provided.
  - Retention of title dossiers are assessed for merit and are not subject to a quota.
- To be nominated for retention of title, collect the following materials:
  1. Dean/Director endorsement letter (≤3 pages) to include:
    - Nominee name and date of previous DRP appointment/reappointment
    - Summary of evidence of nominee's continued excellence in research or creative activity
  2. Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Deans' offices and Center/Institute Directors will submit nominations via the UGA InfoReady submission portal using the same method as new nominations.
- The final nomination list must be submitted to the Office of Research from Deans' offices or Centers/Institutes by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Contact for questions:** [ovprip@uga.edu](mailto:ovprip@uga.edu)

*Office of Research strongly supports diversity in all its programs. Nominations of women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged. Nominators should ensure that nominees reflect unit diversity.*