

2021 Distinguished University Professor Selection Committee Procedures

REVIEW

CRITERIA:

The award description is "The title of Distinguished University Professor is the highest appointment bestowed on a tenured faculty member, and is accompanied by an annual honorarium of \$5,000 to support the awardee's professional activities. It is a recognition not just of excellence, but of impact and significant contribution to the nominee's field, knowledge, profession, and/or practice."

This means that candidates must show evidence of each of the three items below:

- Recognition nationally and internationally for the importance of their scholarly and/or creative achievements.
 - Demonstration of the breadth of interest characteristically encompassed by the traditional role of scholar, teacher, and public servant.
 - Having brought distinction to the University of Maryland as a result of those activities.
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REVIEW PROCESS:

There is a rather traditional process but the committee certainly has the freedom to express the desire to proceed in a different manner. A suggested process is:

1. Each committee member will **review the materials of all nominees**. The nominees and materials are available on a secure website at: <https://faculty.umd.edu/apa>. After logging in, choose "Review Nominations" from the Awards menu.
2. In addition to reviewing all of the candidates, each committee member will be assigned the task of leading the discussion on specific nominations. Committee members should thus read these assigned files with particular care and attention.
3. Committee members will review each nominee's materials (click on the blue button labeled "Nomination Packet") and vote by selecting Yes, Not Sure, No, or Abstain (click on the gold button labeled "Enter your vote"). Please note that these votes are preliminary and will inevitably change in discussion. Evaluating is difficult because all of the candidates tend to be excellent and many will be out of your field, so committees generally think of these votes as a starting point.
4. Committee members should submit their votes **prior to the second meeting date**.
5. At the second meeting, nominees will be considered in the order of the preliminary votes, with brief introductions by the committee members to whom those files have been assigned. The committee recommends nominees to the President and Provost, who make the final decision.