



University of Colorado Distinguished Professorships - CU Anschutz Guidelines

The title "Distinguished Professor" is the highest honor that the University of Colorado bestows on its own faculty members. This title recognizes the outstanding contributions of tenured faculty members to their academic disciplines. A candidate nominated for Distinguished Professor must demonstrate accomplishments in accordance with university-wide criteria. A list of Distinguished Professors can be found on the [University of Colorado Office of Academic Affairs website](#).

Relevant Policies

[APS 1017: Procedures for Implementing Regent Actions on Distinguished Professorships](#) Establishes criteria and procedures for nominating and recommending faculty for the title of Distinguished Professor at the University of Colorado.

[Campus Administrative Policy 1010: Distinguished Professorships](#) Details campus-level procedures for nominating candidates for consideration for the Distinguished Professor title.

Criteria

- Distinguished performance in scholarly/creative work;
- Excellence in the promotion of learning and student attainment of knowledge and skills; and
- Outstanding leadership and service to the profession and to CU and/or affiliate institutions.

A candidate must have served at least five years at the CU campus and/or affiliate institution making the nomination. This requirement may be waived with the approval of two-thirds of the campus review committee members and unanimous approval by the members of the president's advisory committee.

Nomination Procedures

For detailed nomination procedures, including information on the required nomination materials, see [APS 1017](#), section II.B.

Timeline

Deadline	Action
March 1	The nominator submits all required materials to Dean's Office for the dean's review and approval.
April 1	The dean prepares a letter of transmittal to the chancellor and submits nomination to Office of the Provost. (Send to Margo Waite, margo.waite@cuanschultz.edu .)
April-May	Nominations are screened by the Distinguished Professor Chancellors' Review Committee (senior faculty, typically distinguished professors). The primary nominator and/or the dean presents the nomination to the committee at a meeting.
June	The Chancellor's Review Committee advises the provost on the merits of each nomination and makes a positive or negative recommendation.
Early July	The provost consults with the chancellor; nominations are then submitted to CU System Office of Academic Affairs.
August-October	The President's Review Committee considers nominations from all campuses and submits recommendations to the president for review and action. The president transmits positive recommendations to Board of Regents. If a nomination receives a negative recommendation, the president notifies the campus chancellor and includes a rationale for the decision.
November Board of Regents Meeting	Distinguished Professorships are typically approved and announced at the November board meeting.

Questions? Contact Margo Waite, Faculty and Academic Affairs Campus Administrator, margo.waite@cuanschultz.edu.

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