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Subject: SUNY Distinguished Faculty Rank Awards

The SUNY Distinguished Service Professorship and the SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professorship were created by the State University Board of Trustees as a prestigious system-level distinction. The Distinguished Faculty Rank (DFR) and Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP) are two of the four designations that constitute this highest system tribute conferred upon SUNY instructional faculty. The other two designations are the Distinguished Librarian and the Distinguished Professorship.

Distinguished Faculty Rank programs encourage ongoing commitment to excellence, kindle intellectual vibrancy, elevate the standards of instruction and enrich contributions to public service. They demonstrate the State University's pride and gratitude for the consummate professionalism, the groundbreaking scholarship, the exceptional instruction and the breadth and significance of service contributions of its faculty.

The following awards are available to faculty and staff:

- Distinguished Service Professorship
- Distinguished Teaching Professorship'
- Distinguished Librarian
- Distinguished Professorship

Distinguished Service Professorship

This rank is conferred upon faculty having achieved a reputation of distinguished service over multiple years to the campus and college, to the community, to the State of New York, the nation, or the world and have made sustained application of their intellectual skills and research to issues of public concern.

A more complete description of the selection criteria and eligibility requirements are available from any of the campus governance chairs or online at www.suny.edu/provost/facultyAwards.cfm?navLevel=5 .

Distinguished Teaching Professorship

This rank is conferred upon faculty having demonstrated sustained, outstanding teaching competence and mastery over multiple years. The primary criterion is skill in teaching, but consideration should also be given to mastery of subject, scholarship, service to the college and community and professional growth.

A more complete description of the selection criteria and eligibility requirements are available from any of the campus governance chairs or online at www.suny.edu/provost/facultyAwards.cfm?navLevel=5 .

Distinguished Librarian Professorship

A prestigious tenured University rank that is awarded to librarians whose contributions have been transformational in creating a new information environment by providing access to information, sharing or networking information resources, and fostering information literacy. In extending its "Distinguished" ranks to the library faculty, SUNY recognizes the accomplishments of all its faculty and assumes national leadership within the academy by becoming the first university system to so encourage and foster the full potential of the faculty status to librarians.

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Distinguished Professorship

Awarded to individuals who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within the individual's chosen field. This distinction is attained through significant contributions to the research literature or through artistic performance or achievement in the fine and performing arts. The candidates' work must be of such character that the individuals' presence will elevate the standards of scholarship of colleagues both within and beyond the individual's academic field.

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Policies and Procedures can be found here:

http://www.suny.edu/provost/academic_affairs/Dist_Prof_Guide.cfm