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## University of Alberta Distinguished Professor

University of Alberta Distinguished Professors have achieved significant distinction and scholarship in each of the areas of teaching, research and/or creative endeavours, and service to the University and the community at large. Their scholarly work must have merited broad recognition; their teaching and student supervision ability must be widely recognized by colleagues and students; and, they must be regarded as exceptional citizens.

Funds in the amount of \$20,000/annum during the first and any second term for up to five years total, will be available for approved research and/or creative scholarly activities. The funds may be used for a variety of purposes and in a combination of ways. No portion of the award may be taken as salary for the recipient. Funds are to be discontinued if a University of Alberta Distinguished Professor vacates the position for any reason other than approved sabbatical leave.

### Eligibility

Any **Continuing** Academic Staff at the University of Alberta from the following categories (as outlined in the [UAPPOL Recruitment Policy \(Appendix A\)](#)) may apply:

- A1 (Schedule A - Academic Faculty Member, Schedule F - Administrative and Professional Officers (APO) Member, Schedule B - Faculty Service Officers (FSO) Member, Schedule C - Librarian);
- A2.1 (Schedule D - Academic Teaching Staff (ATS) Members (Career, Term 12, Term Recurring))

### Selection Guidelines

As outlined in the [UAPPOL Application and Selection Procedure](#), the following was considered in the development of the adjudication criteria for the University of Alberta Distinguished Professor award:

- Evidence of recognized contributions in their fields
- Evidence of a career commitment to excellence in teaching, research and/or creative activities, and service to the University and the community at large
- Evidence of an outstanding reputation in student supervision, mentorship and educational leadership
- Merits of the proposed project, including articulation of how their project aligns with the University's strategic plan(s).

University of Alberta Distinguished Professor recognizes those exceptional faculty members who are globally recognized leaders and whose teaching, scholarly work, and service have made them leaders in their disciplines.

## Application Process

### Two-Phase Application Approach

In **Phase 1** of the application process, we invite you to submit an expression of interest. This should introduce yourself to the committee, describe how you engage with the institutional commitments outlined in [Braiding Past, Present and Future: University of Alberta's Indigenous Strategic Plan](#) and our institutional commitments to enhancing access, building interconnected and vibrant communities and promoting experiences of belonging for all members of our community in keeping with [Changing the Story: An Integrated Action Plan](#). Your expression of interest should also highlight your commitment and dedication to excellence in teaching, research, and service. Those selected to advance to **Phase 2** will be asked to provide a detailed narrative application, including specific evidence demonstrating excellence in these areas.

In other words, Phase 1 is about introducing yourself and your story, and Phase 2 is about diving deeper and providing concrete examples and evidence to support that story.

An **Application Template** is available online through the [Awards for Faculty Excellence](#) website.

Translation services are available upon request at no cost to the applicant.

### Multi-Modal Application

You are welcome to submit your application in the modality of your choosing (written, audio, video, graphics/animation etc.). The application template is designed to provide guidance on the criteria and specific information that should be included in your submission. If you prefer an alternative submission method or modality, please contact [excellence.awards@ualberta.ca](mailto:excellence.awards@ualberta.ca) for assistance.

The [Digital Scholarship Centre](#) offers support for the creation and production of multimedia resources, including access to a new media studio, assistance with video production, and [free consultations with knowledgeable staff](#).

## Deadline and Submission

Combine all pages into one PDF file and upload your single PDF application **by 9:00 a.m. on April 13, 2026**.

### File Naming Convention:

Name your file as: Lastname\_Firstname\_UADP.pdf

**Submit** your complete application online through the [Awards for Faculty Excellence](#) website.

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The University of Alberta Distinguished Professor Award will be adjudicated by the Awards for Faculty Excellence Adjudication Committee. The Committee requires that no more than one member is absent from any meeting where decisions are made. All proceedings are to remain confidential.

### **Committee Membership**

Chair (non-voting)

- Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives)

Members (voting)

- Member appointed by the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research)
- Member appointed by the Vice-Provost (Access, Community and Belonging)
- Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research or delegate
- An executive member of the Students' Union or delegate (one-year appointment and may be appointed for a second year)
- An executive member of the Graduate Students' Association or delegate (one-year appointment and may be appointed for a second year)
- Executive Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning or delegate
- Dean or representative from each College
- Dean or representative from one of the stand-alone faculties
- A member of the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment appointed by the Chair
- A member of the University Teaching Awards Committee appointed by the Chair
- Two (2) Academic Staff members selected at large by GFC

Resource Members (non-voting)

- Portfolio Initiatives Coordinator, Office of the Provost
- Executive Assistant, Office of the Provost

Many considerations guided the development of this adjudication committee, including a range of expertise that will enhance the Committee's ability to execute this process using an equity lens.

### **Announcement of the Award**

The appointment will be formally recognized at the annual *Celebrate! Teaching. Learning. Research* event.

## Support

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