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Memorandum

To: Vice-Presidents
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From: Shayna Rosenbaum, Chair, Senate Committee on Awards

Date: January 19, 2021

Subject: Call for nominations: Honorific Professorships

I am writing on behalf of the Senate Committee on Awards to encourage you to submit nominations for University Professorships and to promote the submission of nominations among your colleagues.

The **University Professorship** is a prestigious award conferred on a member of the faculty who is recognized by their peers for scholarship, teaching and particularly for participation in University life or contribution to the University as a community.

The University Professor will be a long-serving tenured faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to participation in University life and/or contribution to the University as a community, as well as appropriate levels of scholarship and teaching success. Such achievement fulfills the following requirements:

- significant long-term contribution to the development or growth of the University or of its parts;
- significant participation in the collegium through mentorship, service and/or governance;
- sustained impact over time on the University's teaching mission; and
- recognition as a scholar.

Nominations may be made by all tenured faculty members, who shall provide a complete nomination file, including the nominee's c.v., a detailed letter of nomination explaining how the candidate's achievements conform to the general criteria, along with **three (3) letters of support** from those in a position to comment on the nominee's achievements and contributions.



The **Distinguished Research Professorship** is awarded to a member of the faculty who has made outstanding contributions to the University through research.

As set out in the [Senate Policy on Honorific Professorships](#), there may be “no more than twenty-five active... Distinguished Research Professors” at any one time. Currently, there are twenty-five active Distinguished Research Professors. Accordingly, a Distinguished Research Professor competition **will not be held** during the 2020-2021 year.

Nomination Information

The [Senate Policy on Honorific Professorships](#) and the [nomination form](#) are available on the [Awards Committee website](#). While the principal criteria are set out in the Senate Policy, York strongly values diversity and equity within its community and encourages nominations of those who are under-represented in recent competitions.

Nominations for the University Professorship should be submitted by **Friday, March 5, 2021**, electronically to the Committee Secretary at hbarron@yorku.ca.

Please note that, as set out in the Policy, the committee shall, in confidence, provide a complete copy of the file to the Dean of the nominee’s home Faculty and invite the Dean to add a confidential letter of commentary on the nomination.

Nomination files of those not selected for the University Professorship will be held for reconsideration by the Awards Committee for three years, provided the nominee remains active at the University.