

Memorandum

To: Vice-Presidents
Deans and College Heads
Directors of Research Centres and Institutes
Faculty Council Chairs

From: Prof. Mehraneh Ebrahimi, Chair, Senate Committee on Awards

Date: January 9, 2025

Subject: Call for nominations: Honorific Professorships

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

The **University Professorship** is a life-time award conferred on a well-rounded professor who is recognized by their peers for: scholarship, teaching, and service to York community.

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

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

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support are asked to include in their letters a statement as to their relationship, if any, with the nominee.

Nomination Information

The [Senate Policy on Honorific Professorships](#) and the nomination forms are available on the [Senate Committee on Awards Committee webpage](#). 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 Honorific Professorships should be submitted by **Friday, March 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.** Nominations may be submitted via the [Distinguished Research Professor Mach Form](#) or the [University Professor Mach Form](#) available on the Awards webpage or using the [PDF Form](#) to James Pratt at jpratt@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.

With Best Wishes,

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