



Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

October 5, 2016

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Deans, Department/Division Chairs, and Faculty Holding the Rank of Professor  
**FROM:** O. Finley Graves, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
**RE:** Nominations for Regents Professorship

The purpose of the Regents Professorship Award is to provide recognition for faculty at the rank of professor who have performed outstanding teaching, research and service to the profession, and who have achieved a high level of national and international recognition.

The award consists of the designation "Regents Professor" and a one-time supplement of \$7,500 added to the base salary. Up to five awards may be made per year with the restriction that no more than ten percent of those at the rank of professor can hold the designation "Regents Professor" at any one time. As per UNT policy, 06.017, only one Regents designation can be made this academic year. Only the most qualified individuals receive this designation, and thus the award may not be granted.

To be eligible for this award, an individual must be a full-time tenured professor; have a distinguished record of teaching, research and service to UNT and to the profession; have achieved a high level of national and international recognition; and demonstrate evidence of the potential for continued distinguished performance.

Nominations for the designation of Regents Professor shall be made by the department chair and submitted to the school or college dean. The nomination dossier must contain a letter of nomination, a letter of support by the personnel affairs committee (or other unit-level committee duly constituted for the purpose of reviewing such nominations), and a letter by the department chair. A candidate's nomination should be based upon evidence of excellence of performance over his or her entire academic career, particularly upon evidence of sustained excellent performance since promotion to the rank of professor. Candidates may submit, or have submitted on their behalf, up to 5 letters of support from scholars outside of UNT attesting to their national and international reputation. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from the Dean of the school or college with an accompanying letter of evaluation. Nominations will be reviewed by the Regents Professor Selection and Review Committee. The Regents Professor Policy, below, states that faculty who hold a Regents Professorship shall not be eligible to hold the title of University Distinguished Research Professor or

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University Distinguished Teaching Professor simultaneously.  
<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-017>.

Regents Professor nominees receiving support by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be recommended to the President for consideration by the Board of Regents. Only the Board of Regents may award the designation of Regents Professor.

For a full review of the Regents Professorship policy, please see  
<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-017>.

**All nominations for awards to take effect on September 1, 2017, should be forwarded electronically in single PDF format by the Dean to the Office of Faculty Success to the attention of Ana Garcia at [Ana.Garcia@unt.edu](mailto:Ana.Garcia@unt.edu) by February 1, 2017.**