



## Office of the Provost

### Distinguished University Professor Award

**Nomination Deadline:** Wednesday, September 2, 2026

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, September 23, 2026

#### Award Description

Lifetime achievement award recognizing sustained career excellence.

**Award Amount:** Recurring base salary increase of \$7500 per academic year until faculty separates or retires from UWF.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Full professors only with a minimum of six years in rank of Professor at UWF at the time of application. Applicants must have completed at least one successful Post-Tenure Review or Sustained Performance Evaluation at UWF since receiving tenure. Committee members may not apply for awards during their service term.

#### Application Process and Portfolio

Candidates for consideration may be identified through nomination by a second party (e.g., faculty or student) or by direct application of the individual. All candidates will be asked to submit an electronic professional packet through Interfolio that includes the following:

#### Required Materials

1. Updated CV
2. All student evaluations of teaching, including any summer courses taught, during the past three years (2025-26, 2024-25, 2023-24) prior to the year of application. Include a statement verifying that all student evaluations are included and indicate which written student comments are included. Preference will be given to faculty who include all written student comments. Original SAI Results should be provided, with no edits.

- SAI results for multiple semesters can be accessed at the same time using the [SAI Results](#) app in MyUWF. Once the app is loaded, select the **Bulk Results** option at the top then select the semesters to load. If you are including student comments, select the **Show Comments** option above the blue **View Results** button. Click the **View Results** button and wait for the results to load. Once the results appear, you can choose to **Print** and then select the "**Adobe PDF**" or "**Save as PDF**" option to save as a single PDF file.
3. Annual evaluation ratings for the past three years
  4. Letters of support from no more than three current or former students
  5. Letters of support from no more than three UWF colleagues

### Optional Supporting Materials

1. Citation metrics or impact evidence
2. Evidence of sustained output over time
3. Teaching portfolio materials
4. High-impact practices documentation
5. Service documentation and committee leadership roles
6. Professional organization contributions

### Selection Criteria

- National reputation in research/scholarship/creative activity
- Continued excellence post-Full Professor
- Sustained excellence in teaching and service
- Demonstrated longevity of commitment to UWF

### Award Timeline

All faculty are welcome to nominate colleagues or themselves for an award.

Nominations **must** be submitted using the 2026 Faculty Award Nomination form.

- Nominations for a colleague must be received no later than **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**. Eligible faculty will be notified and can then choose whether or not to apply.
- Self-nominations can be submitted after **September 2, 2026** but must be received in order to confirm eligibility.
- Application materials will be submitted using [Interfolio](#). Faculty will receive a notification when their application packet is created and available to them.
- Application packets must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**.

Award announcements will be made at the 2026 Faculty Awards Celebration to be held on **Thursday, November 19, 2026**.

## Distinguished University Professor Rubric

Criterion	Weighting	Evaluation Standards	Evidence Required
<b>National Reputation in Research/Scholarship/Creative Activity</b>	40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publications in leading national/international journals, presses, or productions.</li> <li>- Awards, fellowships, grants, and honors from nationally recognized organizations.</li> <li>- Sponsored research funding from national sources.</li> <li>- Patents or discoveries with national impact.</li> <li>- Presentations/performances at national/international venues.</li> <li>- Distinguished editorial or curatorial work of national scope.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CV with documented national recognition.</li> <li>- Citation metrics or impact evidence.</li> <li>- Award letters and grant notifications</li> <li>- Publication/production records.</li> </ul>
<b>Continued Excellence Post-Full Professor</b>	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum 2x departmental standards for scholarship production since Full Professor promotion.</li> <li>- Consistent, substantial research/creative output.</li> <li>- Demonstrated trajectory of ongoing productivity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete bibliography post-Full Professor (if applicable).</li> <li>- Comparison to departmental standards.</li> <li>- Evidence of sustained output over time.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustained Teaching Excellence</b>	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Meets Expectations" or "Exceeds Expectations" in annual evaluations.</li> <li>- Evidence of effective teaching over a career.</li> <li>- Student learning outcomes and engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teaching evaluations (Student Assessment of Instruction).</li> <li>- Annual evaluation ratings.</li> <li>- Teaching portfolio materials.</li> <li>- High-impact practices documentation.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustained Service Excellence</b>	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Meets Expectations" or "Exceeds Expectations" in annual evaluations.</li> <li>- Meaningful contributions to department, college, university.</li> <li>- Professional service to discipline.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual evaluation ratings</li> <li>- Service documentation-Committee leadership roles.</li> <li>- Professional organization contributions.</li> </ul>

**Scoring:** Each criterion rated on a 3-point scale (1=Does Not Meet, 2= Meets, 3=Exceeds expectations). The weighted total score determines the recommendation.