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MEMORANDUM

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To: SUNY Campus Chief Academic Officers

From: Ram Ramasubramanian, Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost

Subject: Call for Nominations: Distinguished Faculty Programs Academic Years, 2026-2027

The deadline for the Spring 2026 Distinguished Faculty nomination cycle has recently closed, but, due to the previously announced shift to one fall deadline, I am pleased to invite nominations for the following four Distinguished Faculty categories for the academic year 2026-2027. The categories are described below:

- The *Distinguished Professorship (DP)* is conferred upon faculty having achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within the individual's chosen field through significant contributions to research and scholarship, or through artistic performance or achievement in the fine and performing arts.
- The *Distinguished Service Professorship (DSP)* is conferred upon faculty having achieved a distinguished reputation for service not only to the campus and the University, but also to the community, the State of New York, or even the nation, by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests. It is bestowed on faculty in all disciplines and fields of study. [Number of DSP nominations capped by faculty FTE]
- The *Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP)* is conferred upon faculty having achieved a distinguished reputation for commitment to teaching. Teaching mastery, consistently demonstrated over multiple years at the institution where the Distinguished Professorship is bestowed, at the undergraduate, graduate, or professional levels, must contribute to the discipline and to the University, the State of New York or the nation by the use of innovative pedagogy and the sustained application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests. [Number of DTP nominations capped by faculty FTE]
- The *Distinguished Librarian (DL)* is conferred upon librarians having achieved a distinguished reputation for significant achievement in the areas of scholarship/research, service/librarianship, or teaching. Contributions at the University, the State of New York or nation include creating a new information environment by providing access to information, sharing or networking

information resources, and fostering information literacy.

The Distinguished Faculty designation is the highest conferred by the SUNY Board of Trustees, representing a promotion in rank or an honorific distinction. Appointees are inducted into the [SUNY Distinguished Academy](#). Information regarding nominations, including the campus nomination allocations for the DSP and DTP categories, is available on the [awards webpage](#). **All campuses are encouraged to participate, and to have a diverse and inclusive pool of nominees for consideration.**

Nominations must be submitted via the submission portal on the [awards webpage](#).

Please note that, beginning in academic year 2026-2027, there will only be one deadline: **Friday, October 9, 2026.**

Please share this information with your campus President, deans and directors, department chairs, internal awards coordinators, campus faculty governance, and any others you deem appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact awards@suny.edu.

We look forward to your participation.