

Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs

Named Professorships

The College nominates members of its own faculty who have shown exceptional merit in research and teaching for named professorships. The University has established the following criteria for appointment to a named chair:

- The faculty member must have stimulated or substantially altered his or her field through scholarly or artistic work.
- The faculty member must have achieved international recognition by peers in the field.
- The faculty member must have made exceptional teaching contributions.

Upon receiving a nomination, the Dean consults the College's Executive Committee. If advised by the Committee to pursue the nomination, the Dean will consult at least three external evaluators who are nationally or internationally known in the discipline. The Dean may then forward a collegiate nomination to the Provost, who consults a University-wide Faculty Advisory Committee on Distinguished Professorships, the members of which are holders of named and endowed chairs. The College and the UI Foundation cooperate to provide financial support for the salary and research of those who receive named professorships.

Endowed Chairs

The College or the department may receive endowments to fund chairs. If the endowment is made to the College, the Dean consults the Executive Committee and the terms of the endowment before designating the department in which the chair will be filled or the units that will share a joint appointment. The criteria for endowed chairs are the same as those listed above for named chairs.

Endowed chairs are generally filled through external searches. In filling these positions, the College intends to build on its areas of strength and to add scholars of exceptional distinction to its faculty. The search committee for such a position includes departmental faculty, the Dean or the Dean's designate, and one or more faculty members who hold endowed chairs.

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