

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA POLICY

Policy:	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR/DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS/EMERITA
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Approving Body:	Board of Governors
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Responsible Executive Officer:	President
Delegate:	University Secretary
Contact:	University Secretary
Application:	Board of Governors members; Senate members; Faculty/School Councils; Students; External Parties; All Employees

Part I Reason for Policy

- 1.1 To recognize and honor members of the academic staff of the University of Manitoba holding full-time appointments who have achieved the following:
 - (a) outstanding distinction in research or scholarship; or
 - (b) creative professional activity in units such as Fine Arts or Music; and
 - (c) a significant record in teaching.

- 1.2 To honor Distinguished Professors who retire from the University of Manitoba with a lifelong appointment of Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita.

Part II Policy Content

Distinguished Professor

- 2.1 The Board of Governors will approve the granting of the title “Distinguished Professor” to recognize and honor members of the academic staff of the University of Manitoba who have achieved the following:
- (a) outstanding distinction in research or scholarship; or
 - (b) creative professional activity in units such as Fine Arts or Music; and
 - (c) a significant record in teaching.
- 2.2 The title “Distinguished Professor” shall be held during the time the incumbent holds a full-time or part-time academic staff appointment at the University of Manitoba.
- 2.3 The maximum number of academic staff holding the title “Distinguished Professor” at any one time shall be twenty-five (25). Distinguished Professors whose academic appointments have been converted to less than full-time shall continue to carry the title “Distinguished Professor”. They shall not be counted as part of the maximum complement and shall be considered supernumerary.
- 2.4 Normally not more than three (3) “Distinguished Professor” titles may be conferred in any calendar year subject to section 2.3 of this Policy.
- 2.5 The title “Distinguished Professor” is normally presented at the University of Manitoba’s Spring Convocation in the year in which it is granted.

Distinguished Professor Selection Committee

- 2.6 There shall be a Distinguished Professor Selection Committee (the “Selection Committee”) to make recommendations to the Board of Governors on appropriate candidates for the title “Distinguished Professor”.
- 2.7 The following particulars relate to the Selection Committee:
- (a) Members of the Selection Committee represent:
 - (i) Health Sciences;
 - (ii) Humanities;
 - (iii) Natural Sciences;

- (iv) Social Sciences; and
- (v) one (1) other distinguished scholar.

Normally, four (4) members shall be external to the University of Manitoba and one (1) member shall be a Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita from the University of Manitoba;

- (b) The President of the University shall be Chair of the Selection Committee;
- (c) The Selection Committee shall consider the following in making its recommendations to the Board of Governors:
 - (i) nominations;
 - (ii) letters of support for the candidates; and
 - (iii) evaluations of referees chosen by the Selection Committee;
- (d) The Selection Committee shall use the general criteria as outlined in section 2.1 of this Policy when evaluating nominations;
- (e) The Selection Committee shall recommend to the Board of Governors no more than three (3) candidates in a calendar year for the title “Distinguished Professor”;
- (f) Members of the Selection Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year terms by the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee Nominating Committee;
- (g) The Distinguished Professor Selection Committee Nominating Committee shall consist of two (2) members selected by the Chair of the Board Nominating Committee and two (2) members selected by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Nominations.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita

2.8 Distinguished Professors, upon retirement, shall automatically receive the title “Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita”, whether or not they continue to actively engage in research or scholarship at the University of Manitoba.

2.9 The title “Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita” is held for life.

2.10 The following particulars relate to the title “Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita”:

- (a) The honor is the most important aspect of the title. The title shall be conferred at a time and place determined by the University of Manitoba;
- (b) A Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita shall be eligible to apply for grants and contracts under the aegis of the University of Manitoba;
- (c) In such a case, the Department and/or Faculty/School in which the Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita is conducting research or scholarship may supply reasonable facilities such as office or laboratory space;
- (d) For the purposes of graduate student education, a Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita is a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Part III Accountability

- 3.1 The Office of Legal Counsel is responsible for advising the President that a formal review of this Policy is required.
- 3.2 The University Secretary is responsible for the implementation, administration and review of this Policy.
- 3.3 Board of Governors members, Senate members, Faculty/School Councils, Students, External Parties and all Employees are responsible for complying with this Policy.

Part IV Authority to Approve Procedures

- 4.1 The President may approve Procedures, if applicable, which are secondary to and comply with this Policy.

Part V Review

- 5.1 Governing Document reviews shall be conducted every ten (10) years. The next scheduled review date for this Policy is May 24, 2026.
- 5.2 In the interim, this Policy may be revised or repealed if:
 - (a) the President or Approving Body deems it necessary or desirable to do so;

- (b) the Policy is no longer legislatively or statutorily compliant; and/or
- (c) the Policy is now in conflict with another Governing Document.

Part VI Effect on Previous Statements

- 6.1 This Policy supersedes all of the following:
- (a) Policy 707 “Distinguished Professor”;
 - (b) all previous Board of Governors/Senate Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein; and
 - (c) all previous Administration Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein.

Part VII Cross References

- 7.1 This Policy should be cross referenced to the following relevant Governing Documents, legislation and/or forms:
- (a) [*The University of Manitoba Act, C.C.S.M c.U60*](#);
 - (b) [Distinguished Professor/Distinguished Professor Emeritus/Emerita Procedure](#);
 - (c) [Distinguished Professor Nomination Form](#);
 - (d) [Current List of Distinguished Professors](#); and
 - (e) [Current List of Distinguished Professors Emeritus/Emerita](#).