

Policies of the University of North Texas	Chapter-06
15.1.24 Regents Professorship	Chapter Name Faculty Affairs

Policy Statement.

The purpose of the Regents Professorship award is to provide recognition and salary support for individuals 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.

Application of Policy.

Faculty at the rank of Professor

Procedures and Responsibilities.

Award.

The award consists of the designation "Regents Professor," and a one-time supplement of \$7500 added to the base salary. [Up to 5 awards may be made per year, with the restriction that no more than 10 percent of those at the rank of professor can hold the designation "Regents Professor" at any one time.]*

(*During transition from the former provision that allowed up to 25 percent of faculty at the rank of professor to hold the Professorship designations relinquished by retirement, resignation, or through review shall be replaced at a ratio of 1 new designation for every 3 relinquished, until the 10 percent ceiling is reached.) The title of Regents Professor Emeritus shall not count toward the 10 percent cap.

Eligibility.

To be eligible for this award, an individual must:

1. be a full-time tenured professor;
2. have a distinguished record of teaching, research and service to UNT and to the profession, and a high level of national and international recognition; and
3. demonstrate evidence of the potential for continued distinguished performance.

Review of Performance of Duties for Regents Professors Selected Prior to 2009.

Awards shall be reviewed by the Regents Professor Selection and Review Committee pursuant to criteria established by Regents Rule (06.300) and this policy. Reviews which shall occur in the seventh year following the year of a Regents Professor's designation or redesignation, will lead to a recommendation that a Regents Professor should or should not continue to enjoy the designation. In the event the determination is made that a person should not continue to be a Regents Professor, the salary supplement that accompanied the designation shall be retained as a part of the nine-month salary base. This review process will be terminated upon completion of the final review of Regents Professors designated prior to 2009.

Restrictions.

Faculty who hold a Regents Professorship shall not be eligible to hold the title of University Distinguished Research Professor or University Distinguished Teaching Professor simultaneously.

Retirement and Emeritus Status.

An individual who retires from faculty status while holding the designation of Regents Professor shall receive the designation of Regents Professor Emeritus. The salary supplement held during regular service prior to retirement shall be included as part of the base salary for the purpose of determining the salary of a Regents Professor who goes on modified service. Regents Professors Emeriti shall not be counted against the University's maximum of 10 percent of professors who may hold the rank of Regents Professor.

Selection Procedure.

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 the chair's 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). 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 beyond 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 received from the colleges or schools will be reviewed by the Regents Professor Selection and Review Committee, consisting of six tenured faculty members serving staggered three year terms. Three committee members shall be selected by the Faculty Senate and three by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. At least one-half of the committee members shall be Regents Professors. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee shall serve as chair of the Regents Professor Selection and Review Committee.

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.

References and Cross-References.

[Regents Rule, 06.300](#)

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