


DATE: September 20, 2017
TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads
FROM: Andrew C. Comrie, Ph.D. 
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SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for Distinguished Professors, Distinguished Scholars, and Distinguished Outreach Professors.

I am pleased to call for nominations for our distinguished faculty awards. Nominations for these awards will be accepted until 4:00 PM on Friday, December 1, 2017. Award recipients will be honored at a ceremony to be scheduled in 2018. Complete descriptions and criteria are available on line: <http://provost.arizona.edu/awards.htm>

University Distinguished Professors awards were created in 1995 by then-President Manuel Pacheco to recognize faculty whose careers have made a difference in student lives. Through their personal commitment, these award-winning faculty members mentor a broad range of undergraduate students. These outstanding role models lead by example, using the integration and application of innovative concepts in both their teaching and their research endeavors, thereby fostering an attitude of critical inquiry. Eligibility is open to all ranks and I especially encourage nominations for mid-career faculty.

The Distinguished Scholar awards are granted to three outstanding recently tenured and mid-career faculty who are making transformative contributions to their disciplines and to our University's teaching, research, and outreach priorities. Candidates will be judged both on the evidence that they are achieving national/international recognition and on their broader contributions here at UA. Those who are selected will receive a one-time award of \$10,000 and the title of Distinguished Scholar.

The Distinguished Outreach Professor award was established in 2003 by then-President Peter Likins to recognize faculty who have made outstanding contributions to outreach at the University of Arizona, in the State of Arizona and the nation and have demonstrated sustained excellence in the University's outreach mission: *"...improving the quality of life for the people of Arizona and the Nation."* With UA's *Never Settle Strategic Plan*, outreach was expanded to include "substantive, and entrepreneurial partnerships with businesses, community groups, and governments to support and enhance our impact on the local and global community."

These awards are some of the highest honors that our university bestows. They help us recognize the contributions of outstanding colleagues who have had a major impact here and across the country. I appreciate your assistance in nominating candidates who are worthy of this recognition.

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