

Information Excerpted from the [Bylaws for University Distinguished Professors at Colorado State University](#) (approved 10/15/2021)

Purpose and Role of UDPs: The purposes of the University Distinguished Professorships are 1) to confer honor upon faculty members for outstanding scholarship, 2) to symbolize the continuing commitment of Colorado State University to the pursuit of excellence, and 3) to provide an opportunity for the University Distinguished Professors to serve CSU, including through sharing their collective expertise. The status of the University depends upon the stature of the faculty, and the University chooses through this distinction to recognize role models for emulation. To assure the fulfillment of the intended purposes, the University relies upon faculty judgments in the appointment process. The title of “University Distinguished Professor” is conferred upon the most outstanding faculty members of Colorado State University for the duration of their association with the institution. Upon retirement, those holding the title will be designated Distinguished Professor Emeritus. The title of University Distinguished Professor does not refer to another academic rank analogous to Professor or Associate Professor. All persons who hold this title must have as a precondition the rank of Professor and must have tenure. Faculty members appointed as University Distinguished Professors will have records of performance ranking them among the most outstanding members of their disciplines. This should be reflected by their research, publications, exhibitions, artistic performance, or other mode of accomplishment. Consistent with their accomplishments, past successful nominees have received major awards, prizes, honors, and/or other forms of professional recognition of their outstanding accomplishment in their areas of specialization, artistry, or expertise, acknowledging that the criteria and the modes of recognition of excellence vary with discipline.