Gordon and Joan Bishop Professorship

Nomination Information

Award Summary and Eligibility

The Gordon and Joan Bishop Professorship is a University-wide endowed professorship established by an anonymous donor who earned a BS in Biological Science and a DVM from Colorado State University. The donor then earned an MD and spent his career as successful cardiac surgeon. The donor's intent is to honor faculty for the important work they do and recognize them for their "innovation, achievement, and impact on our nation." The Professorship may be used to "recruit and/or retain exceptional faculty in any discipline in any college at CSU, excluding support for Athletics."

Two faculty will be selected in the 2025-26 awards cycle as the Gordon and Joan Bishop Professors and will hold the title for three years (January 2026-December 2028). The Professorship may be revoked at the discretion of the Provost and Executive Vice President. Each winner will receive half of the endowment payout each calendar year they hold the honor (currently half of the payout is ~$15,000 each year). The funds may be used to support "salary, benefits, research, lab needs, academic projects, graduate student support, or other expenses directly related to enhancing the education, research, and service missions of the professorship position."

The next nomination and selection cycle is expected to be in 2028-29. The call for nominations and the selection criteria may change at that time.

Eligibility and selection criteria for 2025-26 include:

- Nominees must be full-time, tenured faculty from any of the eight academic colleges.
- The awardees shall be a well-rounded academician and have contributed to and excelled in all areas of the tri-partite mission of the university. That is, they are inspiring teachers/mentors, make important contributions to their chosen field, and devote time and energy to outreach to the university, their profession, and/or the community.
- There is optimism the award would aid retention (either immediate or future) of the nominee.

Nomination and Selection Process

Each College Dean may nominate one faculty member for the award. The nominee may be a previous nominee and/or winner. Nomination materials should be submitted as a single PDF document and include:

- A nomination letter (maximum 2-pages) addressing the three criteria for the award.
- A brief statement of the process used to select the nominee within the College.
- The nominee's Curriculum Vitae.

Each College Dean will be invited to give a short presentation highlighting the qualifications of their nominee at a meeting of the Deans. A vote of the College Deans, Dean of Libraries, Dean of the Graduate School, and Dean of Undergraduate Affairs will constitute the recommendation to the Provost/EVP. The Provost/EVP will make the final decision on the awards.

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