UCF Trustee Chair Professorship: Principles and Guidelines

The UCF Trustee Chair Professorship is a multi-year appointment awarded to faculty members with an extraordinary record of accomplishment in the three primary areas of academic endeavor: teaching, research, and service. The objective of this appointment is to recognize and celebrate outstanding performance with a title and resources commensurate with the faculty member’s accomplishments. The appointment will normally be for a period of five years with the possibility of renewal.

Selection process. The president will award UCF Trustee Chair Professorships as resources become available. The president will be advised by the UCF Trustee Chair Professorships Selection Committee, consisting of Pegasus award-winning faculty members and the chair of the Faculty Senate. The selection committee will consider those candidates nominated by the candidate’s dean or director. The committee will also consider those candidates nominated by a faculty member and endorsed by the candidate’s dean or director. Nominations and endorsements will be documented by a letter from each party.

A candidate will submit a curriculum vitae documenting accomplishments. The selection committee will assess each candidate’s qualifications with regard to the following criteria:

- Tenured full professor with five-year UCF residency
- Outstanding record of achievement acknowledged by the university, such as by receiving a:
  - Pegasus Professor award
  - University award(s) for excellence in undergraduate or graduate teaching, research, or service
- Outstanding record of achievement acknowledged by the professional community, such as:
  - Teaching: disciplinary education awards, leadership of committees that establish national education criteria in the discipline
  - Research or creative activity: fellow in the top professional organization for the discipline
  - Service: board member of professional society, editor-in-chief of top refereed technical journals in the discipline, program chair or general chair of top professional conferences in the discipline
- Significant achievement in undergraduate and/or graduate education
- Sustained and substantial funding for research and/or creative activities
- Research or creative-activity accomplishments and findings, such as:
  - Publications in top refereed journals, notable citation record, publication record with students
  - Issued U.S. patents
  - Books, works of art
- Awards from the non-academic community
- National recognition: presidential awards, national academy
- Service on national evaluation committees
- Service on local boards
- University service, such as:
  - Chair of key university committees
  - Faculty advisor for student organizations