

University Professorship 2026-28

Nominations and applications for the special rank of University Professor for the 2026-2028 academic years are now being sought by the Center for Teaching Excellence. Applications should be submitted to the [Center for Teaching Excellence](#) by December 1, 2025.

Appointment to the prestigious rank of University Professor recognizes extraordinary skill in or commitment to undergraduate teaching with an emphasis on crossing conventional boundaries, interdisciplinary relationships, and a strong commitment to liberal education. Individuals considered for the University Professorship will have demonstrated exceptional ability in challenging and stimulating the intellectual curiosity of undergraduate students. The University Professorship offers faculty the opportunity to launch a project that has the potential to improve and enhance the University's undergraduate curriculum within the changing landscape of higher education.

University Professors hold this special rank for two years. The funding associated with this award supports:

- a one-time **award of \$5,000** to the University Professor
- **\$15,000** total to support the goals of the University Professor's project
- **\$10,000** total to the University Professor's home department in teaching replacement funds (\$5,000 each year for 2 years)

Course Requirements of the University Professorship: The proposal must focus on the development and delivery of an undergraduate course. The application may propose a new course, or it may focus on substantial revision of an existing course. The expectation is that the University Professor will offer the course once per year for the two academic years of the professorship. The following information must be clearly stated in the proposal:

- The course being proposed is an undergraduate course
- Indicate the learning outcomes for the course and how they will be assessed.
- Indicate how the course fits into and enhances the existing undergraduate curriculum.
- Course must be 3 credits
- During the term of the professorship, the course must be taught by the University Professor at least once per year
- The University Professor's home department must commit to offering the course at least once per year for three years after the University Professorship term ends.

Selection Procedure for 2026-28 University Professor:

Applications should be submitted to the [Center for Teaching Excellence](#) by **December 1, 2025**. **Applicants must be tenured or tenure-line faculty.**

Applications: Fully developed proposals should include the following materials:

1. A complete description (three or more single-spaced pages) describing the University Professor project in detail. This should include a description of the course, learning outcomes addressed within the course, and an assessment plan for each learning outcome specified.
2. Evidence of unusual creativity and success as an undergraduate teacher. Documentation may include numerical summaries and student comments from course evaluations. (Please do not submit raw course evaluations.)
3. A project budget totaling no more than \$15,000, including a brief statement of any additional funds from other sources to be applied to the project.
4. A current curriculum vitae.
5. Letters from the nominee's chairperson and dean indicating their willingness to release the nominee from regular departmental assignments to develop and implement the project, as well as their commitment to offering the course at least once per year for three years after the term of the professorship ends.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR. A committee formed by the Center for Teaching Excellence will review applications and announce its decision after approval by the University Trustees.

If you have questions about the University Professorship, please contact Anne Cook (anne.cook@utah.edu)