

6002: DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Consistent with the University's goal of recognizing outstanding Senate faculty in the Professorial series, and in view of parallel practices on other UC campuses, UC Merced has established the title of "Distinguished Professor" for faculty members in the Professorial series who have achieved the highest level of scholarship. These are scholars whose work has been internationally recognized and acclaimed and whose teaching performance is excellent. The title "Distinguished Professor" is the highest campus-level faculty title.

Because the requirements for this Professorship are the same as those needed to advance to Above Scale (**APM 220-18.b.4**), this title will be conferred by the Chancellor on all faculty members in the Professorial series at the time that they advance to Above Scale.

Faculty members who hold this title at the time they retire from UC Merced will be eligible to use the title "Distinguished Professor, emeritus/a."

As this title is an honorific, it does not have a payroll title code and therefore cannot be used on legal documents such as contract and grant applications that require an "official" title. The title, "Distinguished Professor of X" may be included, however, in the honors/awards sections of Bio-bibliographies, curriculum vitae, and biosketches as well as in correspondence.