

Yuan Ze University Regulations Governing the Appointment of Distinguished Professors

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Article 1 To commend faculty members of the University for their outstanding performance and significant contributions in teaching, academic research, and industrial applications, and to enhance the overall academic and industrial standards of the University, these Yuan Ze University Regulations Governing the Appointment of Distinguished Professors (hereinafter referred to as “these Regulations”) are hereby established.

Article 2 A full-time professor of the University who meets any one of the following academic honors or achievements, and who has not been involved in any illegal conduct, may be appointed as a Distinguished Professor:

1. Selected in the previous year for the “Yu-Ziang Yuan Ze Lecture” or the “Yu-Ziang Distinguished Professor Award”.
2. Included in the “World’s Top 2% Scientists Annual Ranking” list at least two times within the last five years.
3. Awarded in the preceding year any of the following: the Outstanding Research Award, Wu Ta-You Memorial Award, Outstanding Technology Transfer Contribution Award by the National Science and Technology Council; the Young Scholar Research Publication Award by Academia Sinica; the National Industrial Innovation Award by the Ministry of Economic Affairs; the National Award for Arts; the Executive Yuan Cultural Award; or other awards of equivalent level.
4. Received within the last five years the Ministry of Education’s Teacher Excellence Award, or twice received the University’s Outstanding Teaching Award (with at least one award received during the professorial rank). A recipient of the “Ministry of Education’s National Outstanding General Education Teacher Award” within the last five years are considered as equivalent to receiving the University’s Outstanding Teaching Award once.
5. Selected in the previous year as a Fellow of a major international academic society; or one who has continuously led or participated in a research team with outstanding performance.

Article 3 The review procedures for Distinguished Professors are as follows:

1. For those meeting Subparagraphs 1 to 3 of Article 2, the Office of Research and Development shall, according to the announced schedule, submit the award certificates and recommend the candidate via an official memorandum.

2. For those meeting Subparagraph 4 of Article 2, the Office of Academic Affairs shall, according to the announced schedule, submit the award certificates and recommend the candidate via an official memorandum.
3. For those meeting Subparagraph 5 of Article 2, the college shall recommend the candidate according to the announced schedule and submit the candidate's information to the Office of Research and Development for verification.

Candidates who meet the qualifications under all subparagraphs of Article 2 and have been approved by the Distinguished Professor Review Committee shall be submitted by the Personnel Office to the President for appointment approval.

Article 4 The term of appointment for a Distinguished Professor is three years, in principle aligned with the academic year. Renewal may be granted upon expiration. A professor who has been appointed more than twice may retain the honorary title of Distinguished Professor. For a professor serving under an extended employment period who is appointed as a Distinguished Professor, the appointment term shall follow the approved extended service period, and the appointment certificate shall be issued until the end of such period.

Article 5 When recommending candidates for Distinguished Professor, each college shall submit the following documents for the nominee, using the University's Faculty Research Performance Database as the primary source:

1. Personal academic and professional background.
2. Documentation of selection as a Fellow of a major international academic society; performance records and publication list of the individual or team over the past three years.
3. Evidence of concrete academic research achievements, industrial application outcomes, or contributions.
4. Distinguished Professor Recommendation Application Form (format to be prescribed separately).

Article 6 The University shall establish a Distinguished Professor Review Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") to conduct review matters. The Committee shall consist of five to nine members appointed by the President, including the Vice President, representatives from the Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Research and Development, and senior professors. The Vice President shall serve ex officio as the convener.

A review meeting shall be convened only when at least two-thirds of all Committee members are present. Candidates meeting Subparagraphs 1 to 4 of Article 2 are exempt from the voting procedure. Candidates meeting Subparagraph 5 of Article 2 must obtain approval by a vote of at least two-thirds of attending members to be recommended.

Article 7 Faculty appointed as a Distinguished Professor who is no longer serving as a current full-time (or project-based) professor of the University, or who is subsequently appointed as a

Academic Chair Professor of the University, shall have the title of Distinguished Professor automatically terminated.

Where faculty appointed as a Distinguished Professor violate the Teachers' Act, other applicable government laws or regulations, the University's regulations, or the terms of the faculty appointment contract, or commit other serious misconduct that undermines professional ethics or damages the reputation of the University, the title of Distinguished Professor shall be revoked upon completion of the relevant procedures or upon resolution adopted by the appropriate committee(s).

Article 8 These regulations are adopted by the Executive Council Meeting; as shall amendments when they are made.

In case of any discrepancy between Chinese and English version, the Chinese version shall prevail.