

NEW LAMAR UNIVERSITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AS A CANDIDATE FOR TSUS REGENTS' PROFESSOR

Please read the guidelines for the TSUS Regents' Professor Award, which include the TSUS Foundation eligibility criteria and submission process, and which are posted on the Academic Affairs website. Since the beginning of this award, we have interpreted the TSUS Foundation requirement that we "utilize the existing campus framework for recognizing and awarding (such) excellence" to mean that only LU faculty who already hold the title Regents' Professor (from the old Lamar System) or University Professor were the only faculty members eligible for nomination. This has changed as a result of the deliberations of the *ad hoc* Committee on TSUS Regents' Professor Eligibility, chaired by Dean Hollis Lowery-Moore, which was appointed in summer 2012 and whose recommendations I have accepted. The result is the enlarging of the pool of LU faculty eligible for nomination as TSUS Regents' Professor. The new nomination eligibility criteria are:

- Full-time faculty who hold the rank of Regents' or University Professor and meet all TSUS guidelines for Regents' Professor
- Full-time faculty who hold the rank of Professor and who have been named a University Scholar and meet all TSUS guidelines for Regents' Professor
- Full-time faculty who hold the rank of Professor and who have been named a University Distinguished Lecturer and meet all TSUS guidelines for Regents' Professor
- Full-time faculty who hold the rank of Professor and who have been nominated by his/her college for the University Professor award and meet all TSUS guidelines for Regents' Professor
- Full-time faculty who hold the rank of Professor and who have won a major professional award in his/her discipline and meet all TSUS guidelines for Regents' Professor. (Note: Criteria for defining "major professional award" will be decided by the college regent nominee selection committee. The case for "major professional award" must be made by the person nominating, the chair, and the dean of the college.)

In addition, each college may decide to use either its University and Merit Awards Committee or a special TSUS Regents' Professor Award Committee to review dossiers submitted and select its nominee (two in the case of A&S). In the latter case, members will be elected according to the existing rules for the University Professor and Merit Awards Committee. It is each dean's responsibility to publicize the nomination process widely among its faculty, actively solicit nominations (self-nominations are acceptable), and ensure elections are held and nominations are forwarded to the committee in a timely manner. In order to be considered at the college and university levels, nominees must submit the portfolio and current *vitae* (i.e., the "dossier") described in the TSUS Foundation guidelines, and committee members should use the contents as the basis for their recommendations. Please note that faculty who hold the title of TSUS Regents' Professor are not eligible to serve on college or university committees or be nominated for a second award, since they are involved in the system-wide selection process

Please note also that the number of nominations that a university may make to the TSUS Foundation is equal to one for each 140 full-time faculty members, based upon the number reported to the THECB each fall. Again, in order to be considered at the college and university levels, nominees must submit the portfolio and current *vita*e described in the TSUS Foundation guidelines, and committee members will use the contents as the basis for their recommendations. In order to provide enough time to prepare the materials, evaluate the candidates at both the college and university levels, scan the dossiers, and make the recommendation to the Executive Director of the TSUS Foundation by May 1 annually, the portfolios must be submitted to the TSUS Regents' Professor Award University Committee by March 1. Each dean may establish his/her own deadline for submission of materials to the college committee.