

Title: University Distinguished Professor Award

Purpose: The University Distinguished Professor Award is designed to encourage, reward, and publicly acknowledge sustained excellence in Teaching, Research and Creative Activity, and Professional Service, by members of the University's faculty. The award recognizes excellence in all three areas of faculty performance and in the integration of the three areas into a coherent career thread.

Eligibility: Any full-time teaching faculty with an earned terminal degree (or equivalent) and a minimum of 5 years of service at KSU and a total of 10 years of higher education experience. Only faculty who have been issued a fiscal or academic year Tenured Personnel or Non-Tenured Personnel contract are eligible for this award. Administrators with faculty rank are not eligible to apply (i.e., receives a Contract for Faculty Ranked Administrators). Previous award winners are not eligible to reapply. The award recipient must be under contract at KSU when the award is presented.

Award Amount: The award consists of \$20,000 and sculpture for the winner, and \$2,500 and a plaque for each of two finalists.

Number and Frequency of Awards: One award may be presented annually, as well as up to two finalist awards. However, if there are a lack of outstanding candidates, an award may not be granted.

Award Criteria: The primary criteria will be the impact and significance of the candidate's work in the three areas, and some degree of integration among them. The candidate must demonstrate a sustained record of excellence and distinction in teaching, research and creative activity, and professional service. Please refer to individual teaching, professional service and research and creative activity awards for examples of accomplishments that might be included as evidence.

Application Procedures: Submit the following via e-mail to **Dr. Ronald Matson:**

- A completed Cover Sheet (see below);
- Up to a 7-10 page summary statement by the nominee highlighting professional achievements related to the award criteria;
- The summary must be single spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font with one inch margins;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Three external (outside KSU) letters in support of the nomination by people who are not affiliated with the university;
- Three to five documented exemplars from teaching, service, or research (i.e., teaching, research and creative activity, professional service)
- All materials must be compiled into a single pdf document.

Application Deadline: March 13, 2017 – 5:00 pm

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures: The University Distinguished Professor Selection Committee will look for originality, creativity, productivity, and for an outstanding body of professional activity that has gained national and/or international recognition. Particular attention will be paid to the extent to which Teaching, Research and Creative Activity, and Professional Service are integrated in the work of the candidate.

Nominations will be evaluated by a university committee including one member from each of the degree-granting colleges. Because members serving on this committee may not be experts in the nominee's field, it is important that nominations be submitted in language understandable to faculty in other disciplines.

The recipients will be recognized at the University's annual Honors and Awards Ceremony at the beginning of Fall semester and agrees to be present.

Questions: Contact rmatson@kennesaw.edu

COVER SHEET – University Distinguished Professor Award

Name of Applicant: _____

Date Submitted: _____

College: _____

Department: _____