

Policy AA-FT-PO5

Academy of Distinguished Scholars

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I. **Title**

Academy of Distinguished Scholars

II. **Policy**

A. Purpose of the Academy

The Academy exemplifies the University's commitment to quality research and creative activity and brings richly deserved recognition to dedicated scholars. The goals are to advocate the importance of research and creative activity, to create an appropriate reward structure for scholars, to promote a sense of community among scholars, to serve as role models, to foster research and creative activity, and to advise the institution on research policies and practices.

B. Membership

1. The membership provides for up to four new elected members to be inducted each year.
2. Tenured faculty members who have made sustained significant contributions to research and creative activity and who have won either the Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity Award, or the Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment Award are eligible.
3. The Vice President for Research (VPR) and the Provost will solicit nominations for up to two new members of the Academy from each Academic Dean. Deans must solicit nominations from faculty members in their units. The nomination procedure shall involve faculty input. The

Deans will submit their nominations to the Chair of the Academy who will review and forward the nominations to the Provost and the VPR with the Chair's recommendations. The Provost and the VPR will recommend up to four new members to the President. The President will make the final decision on any appointments to the Academy.

4. New members will actively serve in the Academy, including regular attendance at meetings, for a period of six years after which members will remain part of the Academy, but have no service obligations. .
5. The Academy will have a Chair and a Vice Chair for each academic year, the Vice Chair being elected annually by a majority vote of the members and then ascending into the Chair position the following academic year.
6. In addition to the selection process in Section 3 above, members of National Academies and Nobel Laureates who join the University's faculty are automatically eligible for membership upon nomination by the Provost and VPR and approval of the President.
7. Once admitted, each member selected is eligible to receive a permanent salary increase of \$2,500. In addition, members in good standing may also earn the permanent designation as Distinguished University Professor and will be afforded other perquisites such as a special medallion to wear with commencement regalia.

III. Definitions

N/A

IV. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

N/A

V. Relevant UT System and Institutional Policies, Procedures, and Forms

N/A

VI. Who Should Know

Faculty of the University of Texas at Arlington

VII. UT Arlington Officer(s) Responsible for Policy

Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

VIII. Dates Approved or Amended

August 25, 2016

IX. Contact Information

All questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.