

Call for Nominations

1) GEORGE LYNN CROSS RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP

The George Lynn Cross Research Professorship is the highest research and creative activity honor given by the University to a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership over a period of years in his or her field of learning or creative activity.

CRITERIA

A clear expectation for a research-intensive university is the creation and dissemination of new knowledge and forms of creative activity. The creation of new knowledge derives from scholarly activities that drive innovation, with such activities supported by funding mechanisms appropriate to the discipline. A nominee must have contributed significantly to the mission of the University of Oklahoma in research and creative activity, and must have been recognized nationally and internationally by peers for distinguished contributions to knowledge or distinguished creative work. Evidence of the creation of new knowledge is established through impactful outcomes disseminated in different peer-reviewed formats that may include publication of research manuscripts and books, performances and exhibits, and the effective mentorship and graduation of students. Recognition of scholarly activities may also include work in clinical trials and health services, quality improvement, and population health research. The impact of the nominee's research and creative/scholarly activities on the field of study must be substantiated by documentation appropriate to the discipline and by letters of support from informed leaders in the nominee's field of study. For the Health Sciences Center, attention will be given to the ways in which a nominee may have an impact through team science and interdisciplinary/interprofessional scholarship.

A nominee must have fulfilled obligations and performed well in the other areas of the University's function (i.e., teaching, service/outreach) as well.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees from the Norman campus must be tenured full-time faculty members. Nominees from the Health Sciences Center campus may include both consecutive term and tenured/tenure eligible faculty. Nominees will normally hold the rank of full professor but associate professors may be considered. The faculty member must have been a University of Oklahoma employee during the period for which the outstanding contributions are being recognized; previous accomplishments at other institutions, if applicable, may be used in support of a continued outstanding performance in the area of the specific award. Recipients are not eligible in subsequent years for a Presidential Professorship. Recipients are eligible for a David Ross Boyd Professorship, David L. Boren Professorship, and Regents' Professorship.

See [Section 3.12.2](#) of the [HSC Faculty Handbook](#) for nomination and selection procedures.

TIME SCHEDULE

Nominating Unit	By October 1, 2025 , the Nominating Unit forwards the name(s) of the nominee(s) they intend to nominate to: OfficeoftheProvost@ouhsc.edu .
Nominating Unit	By November 1, 2025 , the Nominating Unit forwards one electronic, via email, to the Vice President for Research. Please contact Heidi Petitt, Sr. Administrative Manager, at 271-1083.
Vice President for Research	Present all nominations and documentation to the HSC Research Council.
HSC Research Council	By January 23, 2026 , the HSC Research Council forwards recommendations to the Senior Vice President and Provost. The Council on Faculty Awards and Honors is informed of recommendation(s)
Senior Vice President and Provost	By February 3, 2026 , the Senior Vice President and Provost forwards recommendation(s) to the President who will make recommendations to the OU Board of Regents

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF NOMINATIONS: *

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An electronic dossier for each nomination is to be submitted by the Nominating Unit, via e-mail only, to VPR@ouhsc.edu in the Office of the Vice President for Research. **Do not send nominations materials individually. Each nomination dossier must be a complete packet when submitted.**

Please contact Heidi Petitt, Sr. Administrative Manager, at 271-1083 for additional information.

NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE (In This Order)

25-page limit for the following items COMBINED (number pages 1-25 starting with the letter of nomination):

- (1) **Letter of Nomination (not to exceed 7 single-spaced pages):** This is the most important part of the application. It should be written with that idea in mind. It should outline why the candidate is qualified for the award and should be a synopsis of the entire application. Look at the criteria for selection of recipients and try to address each of these points in your letter. Include discussion of innovation in teaching, research, or service.
- (2) **Short Biography** (125 word max) highlighting the nominee's most significant accomplishments and written for a general audience.
- (3) **Customized Vitae** containing the relevant information pertaining to the accomplishments and criteria cited for the award.

Additional REQUIRED documents not counted towards the 25-page limit:

- (4) **Three (3) reference letters from national/international experts from other institutions in the candidate's discipline.** Nominating units will request the letters and submit them with the nomination packet.

This is a vital link in the evaluation process. The ACE rating of graduate programs may be helpful to you in selecting the experts to contact for reference letters.

Additional OPTIONAL document(s) not counted towards the 25-page limit:

- (5) An optional letter from the Dean and Vice President for Research, if included, will focus on evaluatory comments regarding the quality and significance of the nominee's impact on the mission of the respective College(s) and the University. This will be the only internal letter accepted.

PERQUISITES

In the year of designation as a George Lynn Cross Research Professor, the person receiving the professorship will receive a one-time award of \$7,000 and a permanent salary increase of 7% on the University base salary or \$7,000, whichever is greater, starting in the subsequent fiscal year.

TERM OF THE AWARD

The term of a George Lynn Cross Research Professor is continuous until retirement or separation from the University.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions pertaining to the nomination procedures, please call the Office of the Vice President for Research at 271-1083. Also, if your department nominated someone last year and is considering re-nomination this year, please discuss this with the Vice President for Research to determine if a re-nomination is appropriate.

The nomination packet should contain only the items listed above