**Regulations** **Governing the Appointment of Distinguished Professors at Chung Yuan Christian University**

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Article 1.　Chung Yuan Christian University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) has established the "Regulations Governing the Appointment of Distinguished Professors at Chung Yuan Christian University" (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") to promote faculty commitment to academic excellence and to support the comprehensive development of the University, thereby advancing its goal of becoming a leading institution.

Article 2.　Full-time professors at the University who have served for over three years, align with the University's philosophy and holistic educational spirit, and meet one of the following criteria within the past three years may apply to their respective Colleges for appointment as Distinguished Professors of the University. Eligibility for application requires that candidates either receive recognition and a recommendation based on their teacher evaluation results or obtain an exemption from evaluation by their respective Colleges.

1. Individuals who have received significant domestic or international achievements or academic awards, or who have made outstanding contributions to enhancing the University's academic standards, teaching quality, creative endeavors, industry-university cooperation, or international visibility.
2. Candidates who have demonstrated academic excellence in one of the following fields, as represented by "Chung Yuan Christian University":
3. Natural Science and Engineering: Published more than ten academic papers indexed by SCIE, SSCI, or A&HCI.
4. Humanities and Social Sciences: Published more than six academic papers indexed by SCIE, SSCI, A&HCI, TSSCI, or THCI.
5. Cooperative Education (including Industry-University Cooperation): Led cooperative education projects totaling over 10 million NTD or accumulated management fees (including technology transfer funds) exceeding 2 million NTD; with a total of more than ten items in invention patents and completed technology transfers.
6. Individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of the University and enhanced its overall performance.

The evaluation period mentioned in the preceding Article, defined as "within the last three years," is calculated on an annual basis and does not include the application year.

Article 3.　Full-time professors at the University who have received one of the awards or achieved one of the performance criteria listed in the following two paragraphs within the past three years may apply for the title of Distinguished Professor. The application process requires that at least two-thirds of the members of the "Distinguished Professor Review Panel" serving in that term be present, and that more than half of the present members approve. The President's approval is then required to confer the title. The term of the award will begin at the start of the approved academic year and conclude at the end of the term. This title is exempt from the calculation of tenure periods as specified in Paragraph 3 of Article 6 and from the minimum three-year service requirement for full-time professors stated in Paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Regulations.

* 1. Recipients of the Presidential Science Prize; the Ministry of Education’s National Chair Professorship Award; the Ministry of Education’s Academic Award; the Executive Yuan Award for Outstanding Science and Technology Contribution; the National Science and Technology Council’s Merit NSTC Research Fellow; the National Science and Technology Council’s Outstanding Research Award; or any other academic award of equivalent or higher distinction.
  2. Individuals who have made special and significant contributions to the development of the University.

The allocation of distinguished professorships under this Article is not constrained by the legal quota typically applied to Distinguished Professors.

Article 4.　The procedures for the application, preliminary review, recommendation, and approval of Distinguished Professors, as stated in Article 2 of the Regulations, are outlined as follows:

1. Application: Faculty members who meet the criteria for Distinguished Professorship must complete an application form and submit it along with relevant supporting documents to their respective Colleges.
2. Preliminary Review: Each College must conduct a preliminary review and selection process annually by the end of January. Colleges may adopt more stringent selection criteria in accordance with Article 2 of the Regulations. The number of professors recommended for Distinguished Professorship shall not exceed one-third of the total number of professors in the College. If a College has fewer than three professors, only one can be recommended. The College must forward the list of nominees and all associated application materials to the University’s "Distinguished Professor Review Panel" for further review.
3. Recommendation:
   1. The University's "Distinguished Professor Review Panel" will conduct secondary reviews and complete the recommendation process between February and April of each year.
   2. A recommendation will be approved if more than two-thirds of the members of the "Distinguished Professor Review Panel" are present and more than half of those present endorse the recommendation.
   3. The total number of recommendations shall not exceed the amount that the current year's budget can support, nor should it exceed one-fifth of the total number of professors, rounded to the nearest whole number.
4. Approval: The list of recommendations, approved by the "Distinguished Professor Review Panel" during the secondary review, will be submitted to the President for final approval.

Article 5.　The "Distinguished Professor Review Panel" of the University shall consist of five to nine scholars and experts. These members are appointed by the President and must either be Chair Professors from within the University or possess equivalent or higher qualifications from external institutions. At least two members of the panel must have experience in first-level supervisory roles. The President shall select the convener from among the panel members.

Article 6.　Distinguished Professors at the University are selected every three years, with each term lasting three years. During each term, a Distinguished Professor may receive an approved annual stipend of up to NT$360,000. Each Distinguished Professor is eligible to receive this stipend for a maximum of three terms. After completing three terms, they will no longer be eligible for the stipend.

Upon completing their third term, Distinguished Professors will transition to Tenured Distinguished Professors beginning the next academic year. They will also have priority in applying to join the University's interdisciplinary innovative research training team.

Article 7.　If a faculty member awarded a Distinguished Professorship leaves the University during the award period, they must return any funds received from the University during this time. Additionally, the award will be suspended if the faculty member is seconded during the award period.

Distinguished Professors who receive the Chair Professor Award or the Exceptional Research Teacher Award under the university's flexible compensation plan for retaining exceptional talent must choose one of these awards.

Article 8.　The process for renewing the award stipend for Distinguished Professors is outlined as follows:

1. Distinguished Professors, appointed according to the Regulations, are expected to contribute to the enhancement of the University’s research and development capacities, industry-university services, academic research standards, and teaching quality. They must submit an annual achievement report using the form provided by the Office of Research and Development.
2. The Vice-President will convene a meeting with the Deans of each College, tenured Distinguished Professors, and Chair Professors within the University to review the continuation of awards. The committee will provide feedback and submit their recommendations to the President for approval.

Article 9.　Upon approval by the Administrative Meeting, the Regulations are submitted to the President for promulgation and implementation. The same procedure applies to amendments.