Curators’ Professors

Summary

• There are 2 types (research & teaching): These are prestigious positions therefore, it is expected that there are few such appointments.
  o Curators’ Distinguished Professor - Only outstanding scholars with established reputations are considered for appointment.
  o Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor - Only outstanding teachers with established reputations are considered for appointment.
• Typically these appointments include a $10,000 annual stipend as long as the professor holds the position. $5,000 goes to increased compensation (salary and benefits less applicable taxes) with the remaining $5,000 available for professional expenses associated with the professor’s teaching, research, or creative activities.
• The approval process includes:
  o the approval by a committee of faculty, the Provost and Chancellor;
  o recommendations to the Board of Curators by the Office of Academic affairs and the President;
  o approval of the Board of Curators.
• These appointments are for a period of five years which may be renewed at the discretion of the Chancellor.
• A Curators’ Distinguished Professor or Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor may, upon recommendation of the President and approval of the Board, be designated Curators’ Distinguished Professor Emeritus or Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, respectively, upon retirement from the University.
• Note: The “maximum” allowed:
  o refers to active professors only and
  o is 10% of faculty per campus, as agreed upon by the provosts. No such cap is actually stipulated in the Collected Rules & Regulations.