

UB Distinguished FAQ

Award: UB Distinguished Professor = UB DP

Eligibility:

Nominee must

- hold rank of tenured Professor,
- have achieved national or international prominence, and
- have established a distinguished reputation as an intellectual/creative leader in their discipline.

Allocation:

OFA will communicate with each academic unit the number of nominations that unit may submit for consideration. This number is calculated based on total # of faculty and that unit's current total # of UB Distinguished ranks.

Designation:

UB DP is an award, not a rank, and is a recognition that is held for a maximum period of 7 years (effective 2025). Faculty may be awarded the UB Distinguished recognition only once.

Recognition timeline for faculty who have been recognized as UB Distinguished Professors:

Award date	End date
2026	12/31/2033
2025	12/31/2032
2024, 2023, 2022	12/31/2031
2021	12/31/2028
2020	12/31/2027
2019 and earlier	12/31/2026

Submission requirements:

Dossiers must include all items in the following order:

- Dean's letter of support
- Chair's letter of support
- Candidate's current CV
- ePTF noting UB Distinguished Professor effective September 1 of the following academic year (i.e. March 2026 submission → ePTF September 1, 2026 effective date)
- External letters
 - 4 minimum from prominent disinterested evaluators
- Biosketches (not full CVs) required for external evaluators

Nomination Process:

- Nomination process is confidential (candidate should not be aware)
- Self-nominations are not permitted

Deadline: March 1

Submission: PDF nomination submitted via UBbox with email notification to facultyaffairs@buffalo.edu + 1 hard copy mailed/delivered to OFA