

BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY: *Awards, Honors, and Recognition*

SECTION I. SCOPE.

This policy describes the granting of awards, honors, and recognition by the University of Minnesota (University).

SECTION II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

Subd. 1. Recognition of Excellence.

The University recognizes excellence and achievement by conferring awards and honors on prominent local, state, national, and international persons who have achieved distinction in public service, enterprise, education, science, literature, and the arts.

Subd. 2. Employee Recruitment and Retention.

Awards granted to employees contribute to the quality of the University in extremely significant ways, enabling the University to attract and retain a talented workforce and the very best scholars and researchers in particular fields.

Subd. 3. Alignment.

The awards, honors, and recognitions described in this policy shall be bestowed in accordance with the provisions of Board of Regents Policy: _____ and Board of Regents Policy: _____.

SECTION III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST RELATING TO A REGENT.

When a Regent or former Regent is under consideration for an award (other than _____), a special committee, chaired and appointed by the chair of the University Senate All-University Honors Committee (Honors Committee), shall be convened to review and approve the award. The special committee shall include the chair of the Board of Regents

SECTION V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.

Subd. 1. Other Awards, Honors, and Recognitions.

The president or delegate shall ensure that appropriate administrative policies are maintained to support the creation and granting of other awards, honors, and recognitions for the University. The president shall recommend to the Board any use of the titles _____ or _____

SECTION VI. HONORARY DEGREES.

The awarding of honorary degrees by a university is an extension of its role as the unique institution in society devoted to the discovery, transmission, and preservation of knowledge. The honorary degree is the highest award granted by the University and constitutes recognition of distinctive achievement that has added materially to knowledge and to the betterment of society.

Subd. 1. Approval.

The Board approves this award.

Subd. 2. Management.

The Honors Committee manages this award process and submits recommendations to the president. The president recommends awards to the Board.

Subd. 3. Provisions.

- (a) Selection Criteria and Degree Titles. An honorary degree may be awarded to an individual who has achieved acknowledged eminence in cultural affairs (Doctor of Humane Letters), public service (Doctor of Laws), or a field of knowledge and scholarship (Doctor of Science). The University honors qualified persons within the academic community and other arenas, such as public service or enterprise. Persons receiving honorary degrees need not have received their education at, or have been otherwise associated with, the University. Honorary degrees shall

the scope and quality of scholarly and/or artistic contributions;
the quality of teaching; and
contributions to the public good.

Only nominees whose academic distinction is clearly outstanding and whose distinction is clearly recognized by the academic community are recommended to the president.

- (c) Review and Recommendations. The SAC shall review nominees and make recommendations to the president. It is the responsibility of the president to recommend awards to the Board.
- (d) Restriction on Number of Recipients. The best guarantee of the significance of this award is careful restriction of the total number of recipients. Generally, not more than three persons shall be designated _____ in any given year.

Subd. 3. Provisions.

- (a) Title of Regents Professor. The title _____, once awarded, shall be held as long as the recipient retains a full-time, tenured appointment as a faculty member of the University. To be considered "full-time," the recipient must hold at least a 66 percent time appointment or be on a sabbatical or other approved leave, including phased retirement. Upon retirement or reduction of the appointment to less than 66 percent time, the faculty member becomes _____. The academic field of accomplishment shall continue to be a part of the title, as, for example, "_____ of _____ (academic department or field)."
- (b) Duties and Responsibilities. Designation as a Regents professor does not necessarily imply any changes in duties and responsibilities.
- (c) Recognition. A person named as a Regents professor shall be suitably recognized in a public ceremony and shall receive from the University a medallion suitable for desk use and for use with academic costume.
- (d) Annual Stipend. Regents professors shall receive annual stipends from a recognized University foundation during their tenure as faculty members. The stipend shall cease upon retirement or a reduction of appointment to less than 66 percent time, excluding phased retirement.
- (e) Private Financial Support. The University welcomes private donor support of stipends for Regents professors. However, no endowment shall be accepted to underwrite creation of a Regents professorship in a given department or college.
- (f) Salary. Appointment as a Regents professor shall not imply any particular salary level for the faculty member receiving such an honor. The salaries of Regents professors shall be determined independently and without reference to their receipt of an annual stipend from the Foundation.
- (g) Budgetary Oversight. The president maintains oversight of budget items for Regents professors, but budget items shall be transferred to the college in which the recipient holds appointment.

SECTION VIII. REGENTS AWARD.

The Regents Award is the highest honor granted by the Board to individuals who have performed exceptionally valuable and meritorious service to the University or contributed to the building and development of the University through significant benefactions. Candidacy is not limited to graduates or former students of the University.

Subd. 1. Approval.

The Board approves this award.

Subd. 2. Management.

The Board Office manages this award process. A Regents Award Nominating Committee shall review nominations and submit recommendations to the Board. The committee shall include the executive director/corporate secretary, the president, the executive vice president and provost, the chair of the

Board of Regents Policy: