The title of Distinguished Professor recognizes the exceptional academic contributions of full-time faculty members who hold the rank of professor. Distinguished Professors are recognized leaders in their fields of research or creative activity; demonstrate significant leadership in raising the University's standards in teaching, research or creative activity, and service; and exhibit excellent teaching skills.

Penn State's Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs named 13 Distinguished Professors for 2024 who are included in this list, which is organized by college.

To learn more about Penn State's Distinguished Professorships, see University Policy AC10 or visit the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs website.

College of Agricultural Sciences

- Ottar N. Bjørnstad, Distinguished Professor of Entomology and Biology, Department of Entomology
- Margherita T. Cantorna, Distinguished Professor of Molecular Immunology, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
- Karen Fisher-Vanden, Distinguished Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics and Public Policy, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
- Alexander N. Hristov, Distinguished Professor of Dairy Nutrition, Department of Animal Science
- Leif I. Jensen, Distinguished Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education
- Jason Kaye, Distinguished Professor of Biogeochemistry
- Sridhar Komarneni, Distinguished Professor of Clay Mineralogy, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
- Jonathan P. Lynch, Distinguished Professor of Plant Nutrition, Department of Plant Science
- Jeffrey M. Peters, Distinguished Professor of Molecular Toxicology and Carcinogenesis, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences
- Jay R. Stauffer, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Ichthyology, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
- Gregory Ziegler, Distinguished Professor of Food Science, Department of Food Science

College of Arts and Architecture

- Maureen A. Carr, Distinguished Professor of Music, School of Music
- Kim D. Cook, Distinguished Professor of Music, School of Music
- Lonnie Graham, Distinguished Professor of Visual Art, School of Visual Arts
- Marica Tacconi, Distinguished Professor of Music and Art History, School of Music
- Kenneth R. Tamminga, Distinguished Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Landscape Architecture

College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

- William H. Brune III, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
- Sukyoung Lee, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
- Paul Markowski, Distinguished Professor of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
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Kwadwo A. Osseo-Asare, Distinguished Professor of Metallurgy and Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Clive Randall, Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Joan Redwing, Distinguished Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Erica Smithwick, Distinguished Professor of Geography, Department of Geography

College of Education
Gail Boldt, Distinguished Professor of Education (Language and Literacy Education and Women’s Studies), Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Gregory J. Kelly, Distinguished Professor of Education (Science), Department of Curriculum and Instruction
P. Karen Murphy, Distinguished Professor of Education (Educational Psychology), Department of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education
William Rothwell, Professor of Education (Workforce Education and Development, Department of Learning and Performance Systems)

College of Engineering
Charles E. Bakis, Distinguished Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics, Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics
Guohong Cao, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Chita R. Das, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Enrique Del Castillo, Distinguished Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
William E. Higgins, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering
Mahmut Kandemir, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering
Seong Kim, Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering
Patrick M. Lenahan, Distinguished Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics, Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics
Asok Ray, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Anand Sivasubramaniam, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Edward Smith, Distinguished Professor of Aerospace Engineering, Department of Aerospace Engineering
Karen A. Thole, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Adri van Duin, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Darrell Velegol, Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering
Jose Ventura, Distinguished Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Qiming Zhang, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering

College of Health and Human Development
Mary Jane De Souza, Distinguished Professor of Kinesiology and Physiology, Department of Kinesiology
Mark L. Latash, Distinguished Professor of Kinesiology, Department of Kinesiology
Dennis P. Scanlon, Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and Administration, Department of Health Policy and Administration

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Krista Wilkinson, Distinguished Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

College of Information Sciences and Technology
John M. Carroll, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology
James Wang, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology

College of the Liberal Arts
Amy Allen, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Department of Philosophy
Peter Arnett, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology
D. Scott Bennett Jr., Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science
Christopher D. Castiglia, Distinguished Professor of English and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Department of English
Kalyan Chatterjee, Distinguished Professor of Economics and Management Science, Department of Economics
James P. Dillard, Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences
Jonathan Eaton, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics
Diane Felmlee, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Criminology
John Gastil, Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences
Melissa A. Hardy, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Peter Hatemi, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science
Eric R. Hayot, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and Asian Studies, Department of Comparative Literature
John Iceland, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Vijay Krishna, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics
Robert C. Marshall, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Department of Economics
Paola Migliaccio-Dussias, Distinguished Professor of Spanish, Linguistics, and Psychology, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese
George R. Milner, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
Jenae M. Neiderhiser, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Human Development and Family Studies, Department of Psychology
Christopher Reed, Distinguished Professor of English, Visual Culture, and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Department of English
Denise Solomon, Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences
Janet van Hell, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Linguistics, Department of Psychology
Jennifer Van Hook, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Demography, Department of Sociology and Criminology

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College of Medicine
James Broach, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Keith C. Cheng, Distinguished Professor of Pathology, Department of Pathology
Vernon M. Chinchilli, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Sciences
James R. Connor, Distinguished Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery
Karam El-Bayoumy, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Paul Haident, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Humanities and Public Health Sciences
Robert E. Harbaugh, Distinguished Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery
Xuemei Huang, Distinguished Professor of Neurology, Pharmacology, Radiology and Kinesiology
Robert Levenson, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology
Daijiang Liu, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Public Health Sciences
Richard Mailman, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, Department of Pharmacology
Patricia McLaughlin, Distinguished Professor of Anatomy, Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences
Craig M. Meyers, Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Department of Microbiology and Immunology
Rongling Wu, Distinguished Professor of Public Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Sciences
Ian S. Zagon, Distinguished Professor of Neural and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences

Dickinson Law
William B. Barker, Distinguished Professor of Law

Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications
Homero Gil De Zúñiga, Distinguished Professor of Film Production and Media Studies
Ford Risley, Distinguished Professor of Journalism

Eberly College of Science
Réka Albert, Distinguished Professor of Physics and Biology, Department of Physics
G. Jogesh Babu, Distinguished Professor of Statistics, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Philip C. Bevilacqua, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Dmitri Burago, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
Vincent H. Crespi, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Materials Science and Engineering and Chemistry, Department of Physics
Zoltan Fodor, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
Eric Ford, Distinguished Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Teh-hui Kao, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Carsten Krebs, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Department of Chemistry
Wen-Ching Li, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics
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Donald P. Schneider, Distinguished Professor of Astronomy, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Mark Strikman, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
David S. Weiss, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Department of Physics
Ping Xu, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics

Penn State Abington
Linda Patterson Miller, Distinguished Professor of English
Elizabeth Montemurro, Distinguished Professor of Sociology

Penn State Altoona
Brian C. Black, Distinguished Professor of History and Environmental Studies, Division of Arts and Humanities
Sandra H. Petronius, Distinguished Professor of English and American Studies, Division of Arts and Humanities
Grant Risha, Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Division of Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and Technology
Nicholas Rowland, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Division of Education, Human Development and Social Sciences

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Robert C. Forrey, Distinguished Professor of Physics, Division of Science
Laurie Grobman, Distinguished Professor of English and Women’s Studies
Abdullah Konak, Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences and Technology

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
Michael Campbell, Distinguished Professor of Biology, School of Science
Ashutosh Deshmukh, Distinguished Professor of Accounting and Management Information Systems
George Looney, Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Penn State Great Valley
John J. Sosik, Distinguished Professor of Management and Organization, School of Graduate Professional Studies

Penn State Harrisburg, The Capital College
Shaun L. Gabbedon, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs
Senel Poyrazli, Distinguished Professor of Counseling Psychology, School of Behavioral Sciences and Education
Elizabeth Tisdell, Distinguished Professor of Lifelong Learning and Adult Education
David Witwer, Distinguished Professor of American Studies and History, School of Humanities

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Russell R. Barton, Distinguished Professor of Supply Chain and Information Systems, Department of Supply Chain and Information Systems
Gary L. Lilien, Distinguished Research Professor of Management Science, Institute for the Study of Business Markets
Arvind Rangaswamy, Distinguished Professor of Marketing, Department of Marketing
Linda K. Treviño, Distinguished Professor of Organizational Behavior and Ethics, Department of Management and Organization

University College
Stephen J. Cimbala, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Penn State Brandywine
Laura Guertin, Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences, Penn State Brandywine
Anatoli F. Ivanov, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Penn State Wilkes-Barre
Frantisek Marko, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, Penn State Hazleton
Robert Mathers, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Penn State New Kensington
Margaret L. Signorella, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Penn State Brandywine
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* 2/27/02 - Provost approved additional Distinguished Professor (transferred from the Smeal College of Business)
** 9/26/11 - Provost approved additional Distinguished Professor (transferred from the College of Health and Human Development)