

PERMANENT MEMORANDUM 74 GUIDELINES ON BOYD PROFESSORSHIPS

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The Boyd Professorship, established by the LSU Board of Supervisors in 1953, is the most distinguished and highest professorial rank awarded by the University. Named in honor of brothers Thomas and David Boyd, early presidents and faculty members of LSU, the Boyd Professorship recognizes faculty who bring honor and prestige to LSU through their national, and as appropriate, international recognition for outstanding achievements.

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR BOYD PROFESSORSHIP

The Bylaws and Regulations of the LSU Board of Supervisors establish the fundamental eligibility criteria for the Boyd Professorship in Article II, Sec 14 of the Regulations of the Board of Supervisors as:

- A. A Professor on any campus of LSU who has attained both national and as appropriate,
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other pertinent supporting information. In addition, the campus shall provide the names of at least 30 qualified and distinguished national and international external reviewers in the nominee's field of expertise, along with complete contact information for each of these reviewers.

III. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING QUALIFICATIONS OF FACULTY NOMINATED FOR BOYD PROFESSORSHIPS

National, and as appropriate, international distinction for outstanding scholarly work conducted while the nominee has been affiliated with LSU may be established through various criteria, including but not limited to:

- A. Recognition by distinguished colleagues of the nominee's competence, impact on the discipline, and influence on related fields by productive scholarship or research, as indicated by:
 - 1. Publications of reports, articles, reviews, critiques, etc., in the most respected refereed journals;
 - 2. Publications of monographs, books, or chapters of books or monographs, etc., at the research level;
 - 3. Frequent citing by others;
 - 4. Editorship or membership on boards of editors of leading journals, symposia, conference reports, etc.;
 - 5. Invited participation in professional symposia, conferences or congresses;
 - 6. Creation of inventions and the acquisition of patents, production rights, and control of methods of production or manufacture;
 - 7. The production of works of art or music, which are acclaimed by recognized critics and connoisseurs.

- B. Status as an outstanding teacher as indicated by:
 - 1. The esteem and respect of students and faculty associates;
 - 2. The quality of former/current students and their impact on the nominee's field;
 - 3. Invitations to present seminars, lectures, or workshops at other educational and research institutions.

- C. Recognition of professional activities as indicated by:
 - 1. Offices held in learned societies;
 - 2. Grants, awards, prizes and other honors from professional or governmental organizations and foundations;
 - 3. Artistic exhibitions, performances, and other creative works.

- D. Service to society and government as indicated by:
 - 1. Important positions in public service agencies;
 - 2. Activities as an expert consultant to business, industry, agriculture, or government;
 - 3. Membership on important government advisory boards or panels.

IV. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF BOYD PROFESSOR NOMINATIONS

The Boyd Professorship Review Committee will review and evaluate all nominations for a Boyd

