

The Distinguished Ranks Committee invites nominations for appointment to the following academic ranks, the highest designations conferred upon SUNY faculty:

- The **Distinguished Professorship** is conferred upon faculty having achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within the individual's chosen field through significant contributions to research and scholarship, or through artistic performance or achievement in the fine and performing arts.
- The **Distinguished Service Professorship** is conferred upon faculty having achieved a distinguished reputation for service not only to the campus and the University, but also to the community, the State of New York, or even the nation, by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests. It is bestowed on faculty in all disciplines and fields of study. *(New Paltz may submit one DSP nomination.)*
- The **Distinguished Teaching Professorship** is conferred upon faculty having achieved a distinguished reputation for commitment to teaching. Faculty must demonstrate teaching mastery, consistently demonstrated over multiple years at the institution where the Distinguished Teaching Professorship is bestowed, at the undergraduate, graduate, or professional levels. Faculty must contribute to the discipline and to the University, the State of New York, or the nation by the use of innovative pedagogy and the sustained application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests. *(New Paltz may submit one DTP nomination.)*
- **Distinguished Librarian** is conferred upon librarians having achieved a distinguished reputation for significant achievement in the areas of scholarship/research, service/librarianship, and/or teaching. Contributions at the level of the University, the State of New York, or nation may include creating a new information environment by providing access to information, sharing or networking information resources, and fostering information literacy.

Distinguished Faculty are automatically members of the [SUNY Distinguished Academy](#), which encourages a continuing commitment to high-quality instruction, service to our campuses and the State, and strong leadership development for newer faculty.

Process

1. Proposing a Nomination

Program-specific eligibility and selection criteria are published in [SUNY's Policies and Procedures](#).

Confidential nominations may be initiated by a colleague, supervisor or, for nominations to the rank of Distinguished Teaching Professor, a student. *Faculty may not self-nominate*. All proposed nominations must receive support from the nominee's chair/dean and from the provost.

- Faculty who wish to nominate a colleague should consult the appropriate chair (or dean, where there is no chair), who will then submit to the dean and provost the nominee's name, proposed distinguished rank, and a brief rationale for the nomination.
- Students who wish to propose a nomination for the Distinguished Teaching Professorship will receive instructions from studentaffairs@newpaltz.edu. Student nominations will be routed to the appropriate chair (or dean), who will proceed with further consultation as described above.
- **Nomination proposals are due by April 1, 2026.**

The dean and provost will consult regarding the eligibility of the prospective nominee and the potential success of the nomination before authorizing the nominator to develop a dossier.

2. Preparing the Dossier

When authorized to prepare a nomination dossier, nominators must consult the program-specific portfolio requirements published in [SUNY's Policies and Procedures](#). Dossiers must include all required documents and letters of support, except those from the provost and president.

All nomination materials must be submitted to provost@newpaltz.edu by **September 1, 2026**, for review by the Distinguished Ranks Committee. Campus submissions are due to SUNY no later than October 10, 2026.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of the Provost (ext. 3379 or 3280; provost@newpaltz.edu).

