

## **DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD**

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

In an effort to promote academic excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana State University, the College established a Distinguished Professor Award in 1987. This award is given annually to a faculty member who holds the rank of professor or associate professor in a discipline in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The primary purpose of the Distinguished Professor Award is to recognize the achievements of a faculty member whose contributions to the academic life of the College and the University exemplify a sustained commitment to excellence in all areas of faculty performance. An award of \$1,000 will be added to the base salary of the person recognized as Distinguished Professor, and he or she will be expected to deliver a public lecture during the fall semester.

Nominees will be requested to submit a current *curriculum vitae*; student-level documentation of teaching effectiveness (e.g., results of SIR's); copies of major publications, reviews of creative activities, and so forth; and the names of five references, including at least two off-campus disciplinary peers who can, at a minimum, address the nominee's scholarly/creative contributions. The on-campus letters should address the nominee's overall contributions to the College and University, as outlined in the next paragraph.

The selection committee will base its decision on the materials submitted by the nominee and letters of reference in support of the nominee. Matters addressed should include, but need not be limited to: (1) excellence in university teaching, (2) participation in professional activities (e.g., publications, creative work, offices in professional associations, presentations at professional meetings, and service as a consultant), (3) fostering an intellectual atmosphere (e.g., curricular development and sharing knowledge of advances in one's field), (4) peer and student recognition, (5) recognition of University service outside the classroom (e.g., sponsorship of programs or groups, direction of committees and related groups, and service in faculty governance), and (6) student mentoring (e.g., research direction, counseling or advising of students, and challenging students to achieve academic excellence).

The Distinguished Professor is selected by a committee which represents the range of disciplines in the College. This year's committee will include the Chairperson of the Faculty Council of the College, the previous year's Distinguished Professor of the College, an elected student representative, two chairpersons elected from the Council of Chairpersons and Directors to represent disciplinary groupings not otherwise present on the selection committee, a dean of one of the Schools at ISU, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.