

***Please note, the following call for nominations is sent on behalf of
the Distinguished Ranks Committee.***

The Distinguished Ranks Committee invites nominations for appointment to four Distinguished Faculty Rank designations: Distinguished Professor, Distinguished Service Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, and Distinguished Librarian. The Distinguished Faculty Rank is a prestigious, tenured rank above that of full professor and is conferred solely by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

- The Distinguished Professorship (DP) 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 (DSP) recognizes instructional faculty who, by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern, have 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. (New Paltz may submit *one* DSP nomination.)
- The Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP) recognizes instructional faculty for outstanding teaching at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional levels. Teaching mastery is to be demonstrated over multiple years at New Paltz. (New Paltz may submit *one* DTP nomination.)
- The Distinguished Librarian (DL) rank is conferred upon librarians whose contributions, not only to the campus and the University, but also to the community, the State of New York or even the nation, have been transformational in creating a new information environment and fostering information literacy.

Please refer to the attached *Guidelines for Distinguished Faculty Ranks* and to SUNY's *Policies and Procedures*. These documents are also posted on Academic Affairs' website.

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. The provost will provide consultation regarding the eligibility of the nominee and the potential success of the nomination prior to the development of the dossier.

Students will direct their nominations to governance@newpaltz.edu for routing to the appropriate chair (or dean), who will proceed with further consultation as described above.

Nominations for this year are due by April 1, 2025.

Authorization must be received before a nomination dossier is prepared. Complete dossiers will be submitted to the Office of the Provost by October 31, 2025, for review by the Distinguished Ranks Committee. Campus submissions must be forwarded to SUNY before January 12, 2026.

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