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**DISTINGUISHED FACULTY**  
(Revised 4/26)

The Distinguished Faculty program is designed to provide departments with the opportunity to bring outstanding, renowned faculty for to UCSB for permanent, part- time appointments.

**Eligibility:** Distinguished Faculty appointments will be reserved for scholars, artists or performers of exceptional distinction. Any person nominated for these positions must be at a level of distinction and accomplishment consistent with appointment at the Above Scale professorial level.

**Note:** No new appointments are being made into this program. Policy is for existing appointees only

**Type of Support:** Each position will be funded at the level of .33 FTE from state funds.

**Evaluation Criteria and Administration:** Departments wishing to appoint a Distinguished Faculty member must first submit a nomination, via the Dean, to the Distinguished Faculty Committee. Along with an analysis of the qualifications of the individual, the nomination should address the anticipated manner in which the appointment will contribute to specific academic programs, as well as to the intellectual life of the campus at large. Upon approval of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, the department will be instructed to submit an appointment case following procedures in Red Binder, Section I. When soliciting outside letters of recommendation the department must use the Above Scale solicitation letter (Red Binder I-53). The second paragraph of the letter may be modified to include the following wording:

The prospective Professor Above Scale appointment of Dr. \_\_\_\_, is being made as a result of a special initiative on distinguished professorships developed at UCSB. This initiative allows us to add extraordinarily distinguished faculty to our campus on a permanent, albeit part-time basis (i.e., one quarter per year) without jeopardizing their position at their home institution. Professor \_\_\_\_\_ has agreed to be considered for this appointment. Insofar as the position carries tenure, we must follow the University of California process for senior tenured appointments. Consequently, I am requesting that you serve as a referee for Professor \_\_\_\_\_ by writing a letter of evaluation pertinent to \_\_\_\_\_ their case and the level of his appointment.