

Professor Emeritus / Emerita Policy			
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1. Purpose

This policy provides criteria for the nominations for Professor Emeritus / Emerita at Athabasca University.

2. Scope

The honorary title of Professor Emeritus / Emerita may be conferred after retirement of academic staff members of the University who have held the rank of Full Professor.

3. Definitions

Academic Staff	An employee designated as such by the Board.
Professor Emeritus/ Emerita	An honorary title granted to full professors to acknowledge and recognize a distinguished professorial career and meritorious service to the University.
University	Athabasca University

4. Guiding Principles

- 4.1. The title of Professor Emeritus / Emerita is bestowed by the President to retiring academic staff at the rank of full professor in recognition of a distinguished professorial career and meritorious service to the University.
- 4.2. Appointment as a Professor Emeritus / Emerita is a university honour, and thus should only be conferred upon those scholars who are exceptional in their disciplines and have had significant impact in the field of their study.
- 4.3. It is the expectation in nominating professors to this category that they will continue their scholarly association with the University.
- 4.4. Nominating professors must meet the following eligibility criteria for the award:
 - a. achieved the rank of full professor;

- b. demonstrated evidence of sustained, outstanding research, scholarship, and/or creative work of such a level that it is recognized nationally. Evidence may include: awards and recognitions, reviewed works, refereed publications, invited lectureships, success in grants and other competitions, and testimonials by peers;
- c. demonstrated excellence in teaching. Evidence of excellence in teaching may include graduate student supervision, awards, evaluations by students, assessment of peers, testimonials from former students, a record of course and curriculum development, and innovations in teaching methods;
- d. service through participation that contributed to the vitality of the University mission and the expansion of knowledge;
- e. at least 10 years of academic service to Athabasca University.

4.5. Professors Emeriti shall:

- a. have the right to use the title Emeritus / Emerita;
- b. retain a University e-mail address;
- c. have library privileges equal to those of academic staff members;
- d. have the right to participate in the academic processions of convocation;
and
- e. retain the use of the University as a mailing address for scholarly purposes.

These privileges will be provided at the absolute discretion of the University and are subject to modification at any time.

4.6. Professors Emeriti who continue to actively participate in the academic enterprise of the University are governed by the bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and practices of the University, including those related to research.

4.7. Professor Emeritus / Emerita is a status title and does not come with any remuneration.

5. Applicable Legislation and Regulations

[Post-Secondary Learning Act, S.A 2003, c. P-19.5](#)

6. Related Procedures/Documents

[Professor Emeritus / Emerita Procedure](#)

[Academic Staff Promotion Policy](#)

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