
Distinguished Academic Titles – Rules and Eligibility

Purpose

The distinguished academic titles provide a mechanism to recognise staff who are making distinguished contributions to the University through their research and scholarship. A distinguished academic title may also be approved as part of a recruitment strategy in order to attract eminent and exceptional individuals in fields of strategic significance to the University.

The distinguished academic titles are:

- Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor
- Matthew Flinders Professor
- Matthew Flinders Fellow.

Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor

Eligibility

Only individuals holding a Level E appointment may be awarded the title of Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor.

Criteria

Candidates for the title of Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor must meet or exceed the following criteria:

- sustained exceptional research performance and/or exceptional scholarly, creative and artistic achievements, and
- a distinguished national or international academic reputation, evidenced by external recognition such as Fellowship of an Australian or major international learned academy and/or award of a prestigious and broadly-based fellowship, prize, award or honour (for example the ARC Laureate Fellowship, award of Officer of the Order of Australia, or a relevant Prime Minister's Prize such as the Prime Minister's Prize in Science or similar national accolade), and
- a distinguished record of leadership and service to the University, professional and/or public life.

Matthew Flinders Professor and Matthew Flinders Fellow

Eligibility

Individuals holding a Level E appointment may be awarded the title of Matthew Flinders Professor. Individuals holding a Level C or D appointment may be awarded the title of Matthew Flinders Fellow.

A Matthew Flinders Fellow who is promoted to Level E will assume the title of Matthew Flinders Professor for the term of the original title.

Criteria

Candidates for the title of Matthew Flinders Professor or Matthew Flinders Fellow must meet or exceed the following criteria, relative to their level of appointment:

- sustained outstanding research performance and/or outstanding scholarly, creative and artistic achievements, and
- a distinguished and sustained contribution to research as evidenced by the attraction of external funding and/or Fellowships and research impact, and
- outstanding service to the University, professional and/or public life in the form of:
 - research leadership
 - mentorship of other researchers
 - supervision of HDR students.

Proposals

The award of a distinguished academic title, including as part of a recruitment strategy, may only be approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

College Vice-President and Executive Deans may submit a proposal addressing the relevant criteria at any time to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will review the proposal and make a recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor.

Term

The term of the title is five years.

The title may be renewed at the end of the five-year term. The relevant College Vice-President and Executive Dean must submit a renewal proposal to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) who will make a recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor. The renewal proposal must address how the candidate continues to meet or exceed the criteria for the title.

The title will cease upon the staff member's retirement or resignation from the University.

The title may be revoked by the Vice-Chancellor at any time if the circumstances under which the title was awarded no longer apply.

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