Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships

Proposal Guidelines

November 2019

The Bloomberg Distinguished Professorship recruitments are encouraged from all divisions of the university. The positions are approved by divisional leadership, the president and provost, divisional academic boards, and the Board of Trustees. The university is recruiting 100 Bloomberg Distinguished Professors with the goal of completing all recruitments by the end of FY27. Subsequently, BDP positions will be reallocated as they become vacant.

Targeted search proposals for BDP recruitments are considered on a rolling basis.

Proposals for Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships must be made by at least two deans or directors. (This requirement may be waived in the exceptional case of proposals that span two or more diverse departments in a single school.) All proposals require the support of the faculty in each of the proposed home departments as well as the support of the relevant deans or directors.

Proposals should be for targeted searches in defined areas or for specific individuals. In all cases, the proposal should advance a strong case for the importance and impact of the fields spanned by the proposed appointment and the position's anticipated contribution to the cross-disciplinary scholarship. Appointments can be made at the associate or full professor level with the exception of the School of Medicine where appointments must be at the full professor level.

Proposals should include the following:

1. Cover letter co-signed by the participating deans;

2. Completed Nomination Form (download here)

The president and provost will approve, decline, or defer each proposal or in some cases ask for revisions. If a proposal is accepted, the nominee will be considered for appointment according to the procedures of the appropriate schools or divisions and the provost's guidelines. If a proposal is deferred, it will be reconsidered following revisions. If a proposal is declined, it will receive no further consideration.