
Professor Emeritus Policy

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Purpose

To provide criteria for the appointment and entitlements of Professors Emeriti at Athabasca University (AU).

Definitions

Academic Staff Member	An individual holding a regular academic appointment in accordance with Article 3 of the AUFA/Board Terms and Conditions of Agreement.
Board	The Governors of Athabasca University
Emeritus Professor	An honorary title granted to acknowledge longstanding and meritorious association between an Academic Staff Member and AU.
GFC	The AU General Faculties Council
VPA	Vice President, Academic



Policy Statements

1. The title Professor Emeritus is, under the criteria specified in this policy, awarded to Academic Staff Members.
2. The Emeritus title confers no authority, rights, privileges or resources to individuals; nor does it imply any employment or research relationship between AU and the Professor Emeritus. The Professor Emeritus normally continues to serve the AU community but in no way is required to do so.
3. Eligibility
 - a. To qualify for an Emeritus professorship, an individual must:
 - i. Have retired from service at AU;
 - ii. have attained the rank of Professor at AU;
 - iii. have served full-time at AU for at least ten years;
 - iv. be in good standing with respect to all internal processes and requirements at the time of retirement.
 - v. begin to receive an AU pension immediately upon formal retirement from AU.
 - b. Individuals meeting the criteria in 3.a, above, are awarded the title of Professor Emeritus automatically at their date of retirement. Should an individual not meet these criteria, Emeritus status may still be awarded if the individual's service to AU is particularly distinguished, and deemed by President to merit continuing recognition. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the Office of the VPA to arrange for the file to be reviewed by the President.
 - c. The Board has the authority to withdraw Emeritus status.
4. Entitlement

Emeritus Professors are:

- i. listed in the AU Calendar;
- ii. entitled to AU library privileges;
- iii. entitled to an AU computing ID, email address, and
- iv. other privileges deemed appropriate by the VPA.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations

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

[Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25](#)



Related References, Policies, Procedures and Forms

[Library Services for Professors Emeriti Policy](#)
[Athabasca University Professor Emeritus Procedures](#)

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