2022-23 Named Professorships

**Vilas Research Professorships** (19) were created “for the advancement of learning.” A candidate should be of proven research ability and possess unusual qualifications and promise. The individual must have contributed significantly to the research mission of the university and be widely recognized both nationally and internationally for the quality of research. Vilas Professorships provide for a reduced teaching load, a $10,000 salary supplement, an annual account of $50,000 for research expenses, and a retirement supplement of $2,500 per year for an individual who has served at least 15 years as a Vilas Professor. These professorships for scholarly achievement are funded from the generosity of the Trustees of the William F. Vilas Estate. These professorships are managed by the provost and are awarded through a competition process.

Vernon Barger    L&S, Physics
Richard Davidson   L&S, Psychology
Samuel H. Gellman  L&S, Chemistry
Morton Gernsbacker L&S, Psychology
Francis Halzen    L&S, Physics
Jo Handelsman     VCRGE, Wisconsin Institute for Discovery
Judith Kimble     CALS, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
Chiao-Ping Li     Education, Dance
Gregg Mitman      L&S, History of Science
Steven Nadler     L&S, Philosophy
Emiko Ohnuki-Tierney L&S, Anthropology
William Reese     Education, Educational Policy Studies
Mark Seidenberg   L&S, Psychology
Elliott Sober     L&S, Philosophy
Gurindar Sohi     L&S, Computer Science
Karen Strier      L&S, Anthropology
Aili Mari Tripp   L&S, Political Science and Gender and Women’s Studies
Monica Turner     L&S, Zoology
Sau Lan Wu        CALS, Physics

**Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorships** (143) recognize professors whose distinguished scholarship has advanced the confines of knowledge, and whose excellence has also included teaching or service. The professorship provides a $75,000 fixed allocation of flexible funds. The professor carries the title of Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor for the duration of her or his career at UW-Madison.

The Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorship is a collaborative tool to reward and retain top faculty. The Office of the Provost, through the generosity of the Vilas Trustees, provides
$50,000 towards the $75,000 total. The dean who makes a nomination, pledges $25,000 and
opens a professorship account with a minimal annual contribution of $5,000 per year. RSP
opens a linked account that provides the $50,000 from Vilas. The Vilas funds should ideally be
used within three years. The college/department funds must be expended within five years. Per
the terms of the Vilas Trust, the professorships may not be used to supplement salary. These
professorships may be appointed by the provost and vice provost for faculty and staff affairs,
and also through an annual competition process each fall.

2022-23 Recipients*
Natalia de Leon          CALS, Agronomy
Theresa Delgadillio      L&S, English; and Chican@/Latin@ Studies Program
Steve Deller             CALS, Agricultural & Applied Economics
Sterling Johnson        SMPH, Medicine
Brian Pfleger            Engineering, Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
Douglas Rosenberg        Education, Art
David Schwartz          Law
Tehshik Yoon            L&S, Chemistry
*Additional awardees will be announced in March 2023

2021-22 Recipients
Remzi Arpaci-Dusseau     L&S, Computer Sciences
Alex Dressler            L&S, Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Emily Fletcher           L&S, Philosophy
Jason Fletcher           L&S, La Follette School of Public Affairs
John Hitchcock           Education, Art
Baron Kelly              Div. of Continuing Studies, Liberal Arts and Applied
                           Studies; and Education, Theatre and Drama
Irena Knezevic           Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Erika Marin-Spiotta      L&S, Geography
Shigeki Miyamoto         School of Medicine and Public Health, Oncology
Mario Ortiz-Robles       L&S, English
Xuejun Pan               CALS, Biological Systems Engineering
Jonathan Patz            Nelson Institute; SMPH, Population Health Sciences
John Rudolph            Education, Curriculum and Instruction
David C. Schwartz       CALS, Genetics; and L&S, Chemistry
Weiping Tang             Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences Division
Thad Walker              L&S, Physics
Rebekah Willett         L&S, Information School

2019-20 Cohort
Marah Curtis            L&S, Social Work
Anthony DiSanza         L&S, Music
Thaddeus Golos          Veterinary Medicine, Comparative Biosciences
Adena Rissman           CALS, Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Brad Singer             L&S, Geoscience
Vikas Singh             SMPH, Biostatistics and Medical Informatics
Michael Titelbaum       L&S, Philosophy

2018-19 Cohort
David Anderson          L&S, Mathematics
Stefania Buccini        L&S, French and Italian
AnHai Doan              L&S, Computer Science
Pupa Gilbert            L&S, Physics
Francine Hirsch   L&S, History
Alfonso Morales   L&S, Planning and Landscape Architecture
Mitchell Nathan   Education, Educational Psychology
Adam Nelson   Education, Educational Policy Studies
Joel Pedersen   CALS, Soil Science
Jenny Saffran   L&S, Psychology
Christine Schwartz   L&S, Sociology
Eric Shusta   Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Shiyu Zhou   Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering
Melanie Matchett Wood   L&S, Mathematics

2017-18 Cohort
Amy Quan Barry   L&S, English
Richard Hsung   Pharmacy
Ullrich Langer   L&S, French & Italian
Katherine Magnuson   L&S, Social Work
Anne Pringle   L&S, Botany
Parmesh Ramanathan   Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Lones Smith   L&S, Economics
Scott Straus   L&S, Political Science

2016-17 Cohort
Martha Alibali   L&S, Psychology
Caitilyn Allen   CALS, Plant Pathology
Katherine Bowie   L&S, Anthropology
Weibo Cai   SMPH, Radiology
Richard Eisenstein   CALS, Nutritional Sciences
Alfred Hartemink   CALS, Soil Science
Lea Jacobs   L&S, Communication Arts
Richard Lindroth   CALS, Entomology
Kristyn Masters   Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Patricia McManus   CALS, Plant Pathology
Stephen Meyers   L&S, Geoscience
Barton Miller   L&S, Computer Science
Bin Ran   Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen   L&S, History

2015-16 Cohort
Elain Alarid   SMPH, Oncology
Lawrence Berger   L&S, Social Work
John Booske   Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Geoffrey Borman   Education, Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis
Leslie Bow   L&S, English
Mark Eriksson   L&S, Physics
Dorothy Farrar-Edwards   Education, Kinesiology
Stephen Gammie   L&S, Zoology
Padma Gopalan   Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering
Jeffrey Johnson   Pharmacy, Pharmacy
Laura Kiessling   CALS, Biochemistry & Chemistry
Mikko Lipasti   Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Leonora Neville   L&S, History
John Pevehouse   L&S, Political Science
Kenneth Raffa   CALS, Entomology
James Rawlings  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
David Shaffer  Education, Educational Psychology
John Yin  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Jin-Wen Yu  Education, Dance
Ellen Zweibel  L&S, Astronomy

2014-15 Cohort
Amy Barger  L&S, Astronomy
Kristin Eschenfelder  L&S, Library Systems
Cheryl Hanley-Maxwell  Education, Rehabilitation Psychology
Sarah Gong  Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Shi Jin  L&S, Mathematics
Stephen Kantrowitz  L&S, History
Lingjun Li  Pharmacy, Pharmacy/Chemistry
David Lynn  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Christos Maravelias  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Manos Mavrikakis  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Katherine McMahon  Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Rob Nixon  L&S, English
David Page  SMPH, Biostatistics & Medical Informatics
Dietram Scheufele  CALS, Life Sciences Communication
Lih-Sheng Turng  Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
Susan Webb Yackee  L&S, Political Science

2013-14 Cohort
Hussain Bahia  Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Jordan Ellenberg  L&S, Mathematics
Michael Fiore  SMPH, Medicine
Anna Gade  L&S, Religious Studies
Tony Goldberg  Veterinary Medicine, Pathobiological Sciences
Michael Graham  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
John Hawks  L&S, Anthropology
Sean Palecek  Engineering, Chemical & Biological Engineering
Phil Townsend  CALS, Forest & Wildlife Ecology
Matthew Turner  L&S, Geography
Manon van de Water  L&S, Theatre & Drama
Louise Young  L&S, History

2012-13 Cohort
Michael Bell  CALS, Community & Environmental Sociology
Cynthia Carlsson  SMPH, Geriatrics
Naomi Chesser  Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Lewis Friedland  L&S, Journalism & Mass Communication
Anna Huttenlocher  SMPH, Pediatrics
Jerlando Jackson  Education, ELPA
Hongrui Jiang  Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Clark Johnson  L&S, Geoscience
Jack Ma  Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Robert Mathieu  L&S, Astronomy
Wei Xu  SMPH, Oncology

2011-12 Cohort
Clifton Conrad  Education, Educational Leadership
Michael Culbertson   CALS, Genetics
Cynthia Czajkowski   SMPH, Neuroscience
Suzanne Desan   L&S, History
Wei Dong   Human Ecology
John Kao   Pharmacy
Melanie Manion   L&S, Political Science/Public Affairs
Mark Markel   Veterinary Medicine, Medical Sciences
Jonathan Martin   L&S, Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
Beth Meyerand  Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Lynn Nyhart   L&S, History of Science
Amy Stambach  Education, Educational Policy Studies
James Sweet   L&S, History
Clifford Thurber   L&S, Geoscience
Justin Williams  Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Susan Zahner   Nursing

**Hilldale Professorships** (3) are given to faculty who excel in scholarly activity. They have records of outstanding research or creative work and show promise of continued productivity. The appointments are for five years with the possibility of renewal until the individual leaves the university or retires. New appointees to the Hilldale Professorship will receive $15,000 per year for research support, which also may be used for teaching release during the academic year or for summer salary. In addition, each recipient will receive a temporary base adjustment of $7,500 that comes from the Hilldale Professorship account for the term of the professorship. These are awarded through a competition process when there are vacancies. Funding comes through UW Trust Funds. These professorships are managed by the provost with financial administration through the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Office.

Richard Amasino   CALS, Biochemistry
Michael C. Fiore   SMPH, Medicine
Carol Ryff   L&S, Psychology

**Named Bascom Professorships** (81) have been established at the UW-Madison which couple the name of the distinguished scholar and former University President John Bascom. They are coveted awards for the faculty members who receive them and represent goals to be aspired to by developing faculty members. Funds for the establishment of Bascom Professorships are given to the University of Wisconsin Foundation. The professorships may be awarded in areas designated by the donor or to individuals designated by the donor. Though the amount of the principal varies considerably, the minimum must provide a reasonable income to be used as an annual allocation for books, computers, research assistants, travel and other support of teaching and scholarly activities. The annual allocations range from $10,000 - $20,000 per year. Some have annual $5,000 temporary base adjustments that come from the professorship account if the account can support it. They are usually for a term of 5 years, and most are renewable. These professorships are managed by the provost.
Evjue Chair for the Wisconsin Idea (1) was created with an endowment from the William T. Evjue Foundation to recognize outstanding contributions to outreach and service, and to honor the late William T. Evjue, founder, editor, and publisher of The Capital Times. The chair is designed to provide a boost to the strategic initiative “Enhancing the Wisconsin Idea” and further the legacy of the century-old Wisconsin Idea, which holds that the boundaries of the university are boundaries of the state and beyond. The holder must have contributed substantially to the outreach mission of the university and demonstrated ability to transfer knowledge and research through individual efforts or coordination of multidisciplinary activities. The candidate must also be widely recognized, both nationally and internationally as a distinguished teacher and researcher. This appointment is for a five-year period and may be renewed for additional five-year periods. No other professorships can be held concurrently. The annual allocation at the present time is $75,000. Funding comes through the UW Foundation. This professorship is managed by the provost and is awarded through the competition process.

John D. MacArthur Professorship Chair (4) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison was established by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The Professorship honors John D. MacArthur who died in 1978 leaving the bulk of his estate to establish the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Mr. MacArthur purchased the Bankers Life and Casualty Company in 1935 and built it into a vast operation with numerous subsidiaries and property holdings. The foundation has awarded substantial grants to individuals and liberal arts colleges as well as research institutions.

The John D. MacArthur Professorship is for five years and is renewable. It is considered one of the more prestigious research chairs on campus. The income from the endowment is available for research support. The usual annual allocation is $50,000 per year for a period of five years. Funding is handled by the UW Trust Funds. These professorships are managed and awarded by the provost. No competition is required.

David Beebe    Engineering, Biomedical Engineering
Jordan Ellenberg  L&S, Mathematics
Tony Goldberg    Veterinary Medicine, Pathobiological Sciences
Ken West        L&S, Economics

WARF Professorships – managed by the Graduate School
Funding for this professorship comes from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. The professorship provides flexible research support totaling $75,000 for five years and is non-renewable.
Wisconsin Distinguished Professorships (2) – The WDP Program was established in 1987 and provides incentive for top faculty to engage industry and other private sources in the UW-Madison research enterprise which benefits the university and the state of Wisconsin. This professorship was moved from the management of UW-System to UW-Madison and includes support of $40,000 annually that can be used for salary support and research. The UW-Madison support must be matched with external support for each of the five years. These professorships are managed by the provost and are awarded through a competition process.

Robert J. Hamers  
L&S, Chemistry

Daniel R. Noguera  
Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering

Other UW-Madison Professorships
UW-Madison schools and colleges also have named professorships/chairs that are designated for specific areas within their school/college. These professorships are managed by the dean of the school/college.

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