



## **Meritorious Commendation Award**

The Meritorious Commendation Award is intended to acknowledge full professors who have demonstrated continuous academic achievement. The criteria for receiving the distinction of Meritorious Commendation are described in the College's [Meritorious Commendation](#) Policy. The distinction is only awarded once making the recipient eligible for an increase in their annual salary pending budget approval. A professor receiving such distinction is eligible for a salary increase pending budget approval. In addition, the professor will be allowed to select and attend any local or national conferences/seminar or workshop of their choice, pending available funding and with the following restrictions. The chosen conference/seminar/workshop:

1. must relate to the professor's teaching discipline(s);
2. must be held within two (2) academic years of date of award;
3. expenses (in accordance with state travel guidelines) not to exceed \$2,000 will be paid by the College (includes registration, airfare, accommodations, and meals for recipient only); and
4. following attendance, the professor must provide a written summary of their academic experience(s) to the Office of Professional Development, as well as to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. The professor will also prepare a presentation for colleagues, which will be coordinated through the Office of Professional Development.

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