

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Introduction

A great university is known for the rich quality of its discourse. A Christian university is a haven for intellectuals and artists who are able to inspire, encourage, and model the life of faith in an academic setting. Pepperdine University already enjoys just such a community of Christian intellectual mentors. However, as we seek new and higher standards, we must find new ways to make the University a home to great ideas, great mentoring, and great performances.

In order to present our students and faculty with extraordinary intellectual, aesthetic, and spiritual experiences, and in order to enrich the intellectual and spiritual climate of the campus, the University encourages its schools, departments and divisions to invite distinguished scholars, intellectuals, and artists for extended visits to the University. These visiting faculty members may stay only for a few days or they may remain with the University for a semester.

Expectations of Visiting Scholars

Visiting Scholars' duties will vary according to discipline and the particular preferences of each department, division, or school. Typically, Visiting Professors would teach courses, guest lecture in classes, conduct seminars, participate in symposia, and perform (in the case of artists, poets, musicians). In general, Visiting Scholars would be expected to make themselves available for informal dialogues with faculty and students. Through mutual agreement, Visiting Scholars would also be free to conduct independent research and write.

Criteria and Process for Selection

While any school, division, or department may invite its own visiting scholars as it sees fit and as its budget allows, the University Distinguished Visiting Scholar program is a special initiative with University support, mission, and focus. The selection committee for this honor will consist of the five deans (or their designees), with the Provost serving as chair of the committee. The committee will especially welcome nominations from schools, divisions, departments, institutes, and centers (such as the Center for Faith and Learning). Individual faculty members may also nominate candidates. The selection committee will seek balance with regard to disciplines represented, though there is no

rigid requirement to rotate the appointments strictly according to school affiliation. Preference will be given to the following types of nominees:

- Those who enjoy a distinguished national or international reputation
- Those who have broad appeal, beyond a single, specialized field
- Those whose faith, ideals, and mission are supportive of the University's Christian mission
- Those nominated well in advance of the semester of the expected visit (usually one to two years in advance)
- Those who stay 2-3 months (This is especially so if the application includes a request for residence in a Broad Beach home)

The Provost is ready to receive nominations for the fall of 2002. A nomination package should include a cover letter which introduces the candidate, a brief summary of the candidate's credentials, a summary of expected duties or assignments for the Visiting Scholar, approximate date and length of the visit, possible funding sources other than University funds (e.g., SIF), name of a contact person (someone at Pepperdine who knows the nominee or is willing to contact the nominee), and an indication of whether University housing is being requested for lodging.

Support, Benefits

University Distinguished Visiting Scholars will receive special support from the University (including the opportunity for University housing). The cost of the program will be jointly shared by the sponsoring school, department, and division and the University (for example, through the Strategic Initiative Fund).

Application

Pepperdine University Distinguished Scholar Program

Nominee _____

Affiliation and Occupation (University, Company, Current career etc.) _____

Address _____

Is this nominee a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.? _____ If no, do you need assistance in securing a J-1 visa? _____

Contact (person designated to contact this nominee) _____

Summary of significant achievements (also, please attach a curriculum vitae):

Disciplines/topics/ areas of interest to be covered by Visiting Professor: _____

Will this Visiting Professor address topics that are supportive of the University's religious mission? (If yes, give examples) _____

Housing: Will this Visiting Professor require University housing? _____

Please note: A separate request for University Housing must be received by the Provost. Approval for University housing is treated separately from the University Distinguished Scholar Application process.

Dates: Approximate date of the visit: _____

If this date proves unavailable, what alternate dates might work? _____

Is this nominee being invited by more than one department, division, or school? _____

If yes, please specify: _____

Funding:

_____ Housing Costs (rental rates are available from the Provost)

_____ Travel expenses

_____ Stipend (salary)

_____ Other expenses (please specify)

_____ TOTAL EXPENSES

_____ Amount to be covered by school, division, or department

_____ Amount of University support requested

Recommended by: _____

Date: _____ Phone number _____ Email _____

Does this nominee have the approval of any of the following?

_____ (Signature of Department/Divisional Chair)

_____ (Signature of Dean)

_____ (Signature of Chair of University Center or Institute)