

Royster Endowed Professorship
Departmental Rules
Adopted by the Faculty May 9, 2003
Amended by Request of Dean Steven Hoch Fall 2004

The **Wimberly and Betty Royster Research Professorship** shall be used to recognize tenured faculty in the Department of Mathematics at the rank of associate professor who have made outstanding contributions in their recent research. All tenured faculty at the associate professor level are eligible to be nominated.

Each fall of any year when endowment funds are available, the Chair of the Department of Mathematics shall constitute a Royster Research Professorship Nomination Committee consisting of two tenured faculty members appointed by the Chair and two tenured faculty members elected by the voting faculty of the Department of Mathematics. No elected member can serve more than two consecutive years in which the award is offered.

The Committee will solicit nominations from the general faculty. A nomination will consist of a letter to the chair from the nominator presenting the case that the nominee has met the stated criterion of “outstanding contributions in recent research.” Nominees for the Professorship should submit to the committee a dossier consisting of a current curriculum vitae, a statement of research activity and future research plans, and selected publications to document the nominee’s accomplishments in recent research. The nominee should also provide the names of up to three potential external referees. The committee may at its discretion solicit outside letters evaluating the research accomplishment of nominees. The committee will then convey its recommendation to the Chair. The Chair may then recommend to the Dean one or more recipients of a fixed-term award lasting three years. Appointments to this position are subject to the procedures established by the College of Arts and Sciences for chairs and named professorships.

A given recipient may hold the Professorship for at most one term of up to three years. The award will remain in effect so long as the recipient is a tenured faculty member in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Kentucky but will terminate on the recipient’s promotion to full professor. During the first year of the award, each recipient shall give a departmental colloquium on his or her research.