



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans
Associate Deans for Academic Affairs
Academic Department Heads

FROM: Jim Pfaendtner
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost 

SUBJECT: 2026-27 University Faculty Scholars Program

DATE: September 9, 2026

Established in 2012, the University Faculty Scholars Program recognizes and rewards emerging academic leaders among NC State's tenured and tenure-track faculty. I am pleased to announce the continuation of the program for the 2026–27 academic year. Through this program, approximately 20 tenured and tenure-track faculty members will be selected as University Faculty Scholars. Recipients will receive a permanent five percent increase to their base salary and will retain the title of University Faculty Scholar for the duration of their faculty appointment at NC State.

Nominations will be submitted through the Faculty Excellence Portal. Eligible nominees include assistant professors who have been reappointed for a second term, all associate professors, and professors within their first three years of appointment at that rank. Faculty members who were nominated in previous years but not selected as University Faculty Scholars may be renominated by their college, provided they continue to meet eligibility requirements. No faculty member may receive the award more than once.

Each college may submit a maximum number of nominations based on the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty FTEs within the college, as outlined in the table below. The number of awards selected each year is not predetermined by college.

University Faculty Scholars 2026-27 College Nomination Caps

College	Nominations
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	8
College of Design	2
College of Education	2
College of Engineering	9
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	6
Poole College of Management	2
College of Natural Resources	2
College of Sciences	6
Wilson College of Textiles	2
College of Veterinary Medicine	3

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Each college has established its own nomination process, including opportunities for input from senior faculty within the college. I have asked each dean to make their college's nomination procedures available on the college website.

Nominations are due by Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

Detailed instructions regarding submitting your college's nominees can be found here:
<https://provost.ncsu.edu/ofe/awards-and-honors/university-faculty-scholars/selection-process/>.

Please contact [Sherry Bailey](#), internal faculty awards coordinator, should you have any questions.

Additional information on the University Faculty Scholars Program can be found at:
<http://go.ncsu.edu/university-faculty-scholars>.

cc: Kevin Howell, Chancellor
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