

University of Maine at Presque Isle
Donald and Linda Zillman and Families Professorship
Application Guidelines

Zillman Professorship: UMPI has one Donald and Linda Zillman and Families Professorship available every two years. See description and criteria on next page.

Zillman Professorship Review Process

The Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) issues a call for Zillman Professorship applications, far enough in advance of the deadline to give applicants a sufficient length of time to develop a proposal, typically by November 1. Completed applications are due to the VPAA no later than December 15 (February 15 for year 2013) to allow adequate review by the Zillman Professorship Committee.

Eligibility: Any fulltime, tenured faculty member who has not received the Zillman professorship within the last ten years is eligible to apply. Fulltime faculty who have attained "just cause" protection are also eligible. Part-time or fixed length faculty are not eligible to apply.

Applications for Zillman Professorship are reviewed by the Zillman Professorship Committee which is composed of the Faculty Development Committee and the VPAA. The Faculty Development Committee consists of three (3) faculty members elected by the Faculty Assembly. The Zillman Professorship Committee makes a nomination to the President no later than February 15 (February 28 for year 2013).

The President reviews the Zillman Professorship applications and nominations and makes a decision concerning the award. If an award is granted, the President will notify the faculty member of the award no later than June 1.

- no later than November 1, VPAA issues a call for Zillman Professorship applications
- no later than December 15 (February 15 for 2013), all applications are due to VPAA
- no later than February 15 (February 28 for 2013), Zillman Professorship Committee reviews applications and makes a nomination to the President
- no later than June 1, Faculty notified by President of approval or disapproval of applications

DONALD AND LINDA ZILLMAN AND FAMILIES PROFESSORSHIP

Description and Criteria

The Donald and Linda Zillman and Families Professorship was established at the University of Maine at Presque Isle in 2012 with annual proceeds from a designated fund at the Maine Community Foundation. The fund shall be used to designate one tenured member of faculty as the Zillman Professorship every other year beginning with the Fall of 2013. The Professor will serve a two-year term in which he or she will carry out a particular program of work.

A tenured or "just cause protected" member of the UMPI faculty may be nominated or self-nominate for the Professorship. The nomination letter shall briefly outline the proposed program of work for the two-year period and will note any specific University help (e.g. released time from a course, travel or research expenses) that would be useful in connection with the professorship. The Professor will continue with most of a regular teaching and service load during the two years of the appointment.

An acceptable "program of work" is one that allows a professor to either deepen an existing scholarly interest or to explore a new area of interest. While a deliverable (e.g. a paper or book) is not a requirement, a presentation to the UMPI community at the end of the two-year term is.

Nominees will be reviewed by a committee composed of the Provost/ Academic Vice President and the members of the sabbatical and fellowship committee or its successor. The committee selection will be submitted to the President for final approval.

The selection of the professor shall be based on 1) demonstrated teaching and mentoring performance, 2) demonstrated excellence in nationally visible scholarly performance in the faculty member's discipline and 3) a work proposal that advances that reputation to the benefit of the faculty member and the University. It shall be a statement of the University that "this is one of our best." No professor shall be eligible for another Zillman Professor designation for ten years after the completion of the prior award.

The professor shall receive an annual stipend from proceeds from the Donald and Linda G. Zillman and Families Professorship endowment managed by the Maine Community Foundation. The fund shall be administered by the Vice President for Administration and Finance.