Temple University Laura H. Carnell Professorships

One of the university’s highest honors, this prestigious appointment recognizes achievement of faculty members who have distinguished themselves in scholarship or creativity. Funding for Laura H. Carnell Professorships is provided jointly by the Office of the Provost and the school/college of the recipients.

History

The Laura H. Carnell Professorships were established in 1985 by the Temple University Board of Trustees to recognize faculty with distinguished scholarship and creativity. Named in honor of Temple University’s first chief administrator, Laura H. Carnell, then the equivalent of today’s provost, worked alongside founder Russell H. Conwell from 1893 until his death in 1925. Known for her tremendous energy, dedication and compassion, Carnell was a prudent manager and innovative leader who helped thousands of students make a better life for themselves and their families.

Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations: Current faculty or prospective faculty to be hired at the rank of full professor may be considered for appointment as a Laura H. Carnell Professor.

Selection Process: The dean, following a consultative process involving the department chair, relevant department and school/college committees and chair professors in the college, makes a recommendation to the provost. A consultative committee, appointed by the provost, considers all nominations and makes a recommendation to the provost. The provost reviews and recommends nominees to the president for approval by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees in executive session.

Selection Criteria

Nominees must have demonstrated a distinguished record of scholarship or creativity and earned international recognition:

- in research or creative work
- through an honorary degree from a highly regarded institution of higher learning or other major external awards or honors from professional societies or government agencies.
- through chair professorships at other aspirational institutions
Submissions must include a CV and summary letters of support from the department chair and dean of the school/college. Letters from internal or external reviewers demonstrating international stature are optional. Materials must be submitted electronically to the provost.

**Recognition**

Recipients receive an annual discretionary fund of $15,000 ($7,500 stipend from the university and a matching $7,500 from the nominating school/college) for scholarly activities and should use the title, Laura H. Carnell Professor, in all communications and references.