

Guidelines for Selection of the Jose Fernandez Memorial Chair

Introduction

The Jose Fernandez Memorial Chair was established by the Enrique Chavez Family in recognition of his contributions to the New Mexico State University and the agricultural community. Income from the endowment will be used to provide resources in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to a faculty member who is engaged in research by experimenting in developing new ideas in field crop production.

Qualifications

The person selected should be a current faculty member whose record demonstrates excellence in field crop research. The person should be actively engaged in aspects of research and technology of crop production.

The occupancy of the chair will be for a 3-year term. A faculty member can hold this chair more than once, but not for consecutive terms unless there are no other qualified applicants.

Nominations and Applications

Any faculty member satisfying the above qualifications may be nominated or may apply for the Jose Fernandez Chair.

Application or nomination will be made by submittal of curriculum vitae, a one to two page description of research agenda, and any other information as requested by the selection committee. The selection committee will announce the date applications and nominations will be accepted.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee, appointed by the Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, will be composed of the following:

- Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences or their designee;
- Department Head of Plant and Environmental Sciences;
- Grace Chavez or her designee;
- Faculty member currently named to the chair;
- Faculty member from a department different from that of the current holder.

Appointment

The appointment will be made by the Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences every three years beginning July 1, 2006. Official naming and availability of annual funds will occur on July 1st of each year thereafter. The available funds will be used to enhance the annual salary and/or operating funds solely during the time a faculty member is named to the Jose Fernandez Memorial Chair. Funds available each fiscal year will depend upon the availability of income earned from the investment of the corpus for the Jose Fernandez Memorial Chair.

Terms and Conditions

The performance and continuation of the occupant of the chair will be reviewed annually during the regular NMSU performance evaluation process.

The designation of this chair may be removed if the occupant leaves the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, is not fulfilling the spirit of the chair as proposed in their application and determined by the Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, or upon request of the occupant.

These guidelines can be amended by the Dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences in consultation with Grace Chavez or her designee.

Guidelines Approved by:

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Date

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