PENN STATE LAUREATE GUIDELINES

The endowed annual position of Penn State Laureate was established in 2008 to bring greater visibility to the arts and humanities and the honoree’s work, and to enrich the University.

The Penn State Laureate is a full-time faculty member who is assigned half-time to this role for one academic year. The Laureate has opportunities throughout the year to bring his or her artistic perspectives to a wide variety of audiences. Past Laureates have traveled throughout Pennsylvania, including visits to several Commonwealth Campuses and events in communities statewide.

Nominations for the Penn State Laureate are encouraged from across the University, and self-nominations are welcome. A nomination packet should include a one-page letter addressed to Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Kathy Bieschke that articulates how the individual would be an exceptional Laureate. It also should include the nominee’s curriculum vitae comprising no more than 20 pages.

The President and Provost will select the Laureate after a nomination process and based on a committee’s recommendation. The committee, chaired by the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, will include the Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture (or designee), the Dean of the College of the Liberal Arts (or designee), the Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses (or designee), the Chair of the University Faculty Senate (or designee), and a member of the Board of Trustees. Nominations will be sought early in the spring semester, with the announcement of the next academic year’s Laureate made no later than April.

The program will be funded centrally, and through the Ault Endowment it includes operating funds for travel, communications, and outreach.