**PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

**Guidelines for awarding of the title of Professor Emeritus and Application Procedures**

**Introduction**

College has established the title of Professor Emeritus which may be awarded to retired Professors[[1]](#footnote-1) of Trinity College who continue to be active in teaching or research.

**Awarding Criteria**

It is intended that College will award this title to candidates holding the grade of Professor to enable them to engage in further substantial outward facing activities in leadership roles that will contribute to the College mission in the areas of Research and Teaching after retirements.

Examples of strong cases for consideration might include:

* Involvement in a leading role in a new research consortium to attract substantial funding
* Involvement in a leadership role in a new initiative in teaching
* Developing definitive teaching texts to appeal to a large number of student bodies
* Hosting and organising international events /conferences
* Principle speaker roles at high level conferences

Examples of cases which would not warrant consideration might include:

* Continuing in a College teaching or research role or other activity under routine HEA buyback

**Application Procedure**

Applications should be made directly to the Provost. The application should take the form of a concise letter setting out the applicant’s case for award of the title and their plans for the next 5 years. The Provost will decide each case on its merit and the compatibility of the planned activities with College Mission. The Provost’s decision is final. The Provost will bring forward nominations to the University Council and Board for approval.

**Conditions**

Professors Emeriti will be formally acknowledged and recorded in the College Calendar under the School /Discipline from which they have retired.

The appointment will ordinarily be for a period of 5 years. At the end of that time the individual may make a new case to have the title awarded based on future plans.

Professors Emeriti will accrue no additional privileges. The appointment is titular only and carries no implications for pay. If a Professor Emeritus is to be “bought back” post-retirement then the College’s regulations in this regard, including the implications of Employment Control Framework, must be adhered to.

The statutory title will be Professor Emeritus. The feminine form will be facilitated in line with international practices based on the individual’s preference.

1. International Titles as approved by Board June 2011 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)