

# FCR 18

Office of the President

April 23, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

## UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIPS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the individuals on the attached Exhibit I as University Research Professorships for 2026 - 2027.

Background: The University Research Professorships were established by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees in 1976 to recognize outstanding research achievements by members of its faculty.

The University Strategic Plan includes the principle of Inspiring Ingenuity, which advances a culture of innovation and builds upon the University's signature accomplishments in research to develop solutions that attract prosperity and well-being to Kentucky and its citizens. Consistent with the principles of Inspiring Ingenuity, the University Research Strategic Plan has as a major objective to foster an inclusive culture of research success to retain and develop outstanding faculty.

Toward these principles and objectives, the University Research Professorships Program recognizes excellence across the full spectrum of research, scholarship and creative endeavors within each college. Individuals who displayed excellence in research and scholarly activity within their area of expertise were nominated based on criteria developed by college leadership. The purpose of the University Research Professorship program is to recognize and publicize research accomplishments of these scholars across the full range of disciplines at the University of Kentucky.

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Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIPS EXHIBIT I

| NAME                    | DEPARTMENT                                                 | COLLEGE                                                          |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wayne T. Sanderson      | Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment | Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering            |
| Ashley W. Seifert       | College of Arts and Sciences                               | Department of Biology                                            |
| Nathaniel Stapleton     | College of Arts and Sciences                               | Department of Mathematics                                        |
| Russell Jame            | Gatton College of Business and Economics                   | John Maze Stewart Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods |
| Andrew Pilny            | College of Communication and Information                   | Department of Communication                                      |
| Ian A. Boggero          | College of Dentistry                                       | Department of Oral Health Science                                |
| Patrick Lee Lucas       | College of Design                                          | School of Interiors                                              |
| Danelle Stevens-Watkins | College of Education                                       | Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology      |
| Scott Berry             | Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering            | Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering               |
| Miriam Kienle           | College of Fine Arts                                       | School of Art and Visual Studies                                 |
| James M. Donovan        | J. David Rosenberg College of Law                          | Law                                                              |
| Ann L. Coker            | College of Medicine                                        | Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology                          |
| Greg A. Gerhardt        | College of Medicine                                        | Department of Neuroscience                                       |
| Mary Kay Rayens         | College of Nursing                                         | Nursing Instruction                                              |
| Rachel Hogg-Graham      | College of Public Health                                   | Department of Health Management and Policy                       |
| Joseph K. Young         | The Graduate School                                        | Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce         |
| Douglas A. Boyd         | UK Libraries                                               | Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History                            |