

Office of the President  
May 4, 2021

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 2021 - 2022.

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 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Research has an overall objective to expand scholarship, creative endeavors, and research across the full range of disciplines to focus on the most important challenges of the Commonwealth. Strategic Initiatives to achieve this overall objective include investing in and recognizing areas of scholarly excellence, and recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty, staff, and students.

To align with the overall objective for Research within the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, the revised University Research Professors Program recognizes excellence across the full spectrum of research, scholarship and creative endeavors within each college. College leadership developed criteria for excellence in research and scholarly activity within their area of expertise, and then nominated faculty who excelled at these criteria. The purpose of the revised 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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>
Surendranath Suman	Animal and Food Sciences	Agriculture, Food and Environment
Anne-Frances Miller	Chemistry	Arts and Sciences
Carol Mason	Gender and Women's Studies	Arts and Sciences
Maria Cahill	School of Information Science	Communication and Information
Xin Ma	Educational, School and Counseling Psychology	Education
Issam Harik	Civil Engineering	Engineering
Jonathan McFadden	Arts and Visual Studies	Fine Arts
Christopher R. Bollinger	Economics	Gatton College of Business and Economics
Christopher Fry	Athletic Training and Clinical Nutrition	Health Sciences
Richard H. Underwood		J. David Rosenberg College of Law
Thomas E. Curry Jr.	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Medicine
Yvonne Fondufe- Mittendorf	Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry	Medicine
Jill Kolesar	Pharmacy Practice	Pharmacy
April M. Young	Epidemiology	Public Health