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To: UF Deans, Directors, Chairs and Faculty

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Dear Colleagues:

It is time to identify candidates for the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars. UF created the Academy to recognize faculty who have excelled as teaching scholars throughout their careers and who are committed to involvement in the development and implementation of programs that enhance the University of Florida's ability to improve its high level of academic excellence. While Department, College and University teaching awards acknowledge past accomplishments on an annual basis, the recipients of this honor are bestowed lifetime Academy membership. The program serves to recognize those who provide the very best educational experiences for our graduate and undergraduate students while maintaining excellence in other areas of scholarship.

A maximum of two new members are inducted into the Academy each year. The selection process is conducted by current members of the Academy who review and discuss each nomination packet. Faculty members inducted into the Academy receive \$3,000 per year (total of \$9,000 over 3 years) to be used for professional development activities and expenditures as approved by their department. To meet their commitment to the Academy, scholars are expected to be active participants in Academy programing and governance during at least the first three years of membership. Specifically, incoming Academy scholars will work with existing members to develop programs (e.g., workshops, speaker series, etc.) to enhance the scholarship of teaching and learning at University of Florida during these three years. At the conclusion of their three-year term, scholars will retain the title of Distinguished Teaching Scholar and continue to be a part of the Academy. (For more details, please refer to the Academy's website: <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/Provost/Pages/Academy-of-Distinguished-Teaching-Scholars/Overview>).

Please share this information with your faculty and encourage individuals with exemplary accomplishments as a teacher-scholar to apply. Self-nominations are acceptable, but as with all nominations, they must be accompanied by a letter of support from the nominee's Chair,

Director or Dean/Associate Dean. The directions for completing the application packet can be found at: <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//70//ADTS%20Application%20Guidelines%20-%202017.pdf>

Application packets are due by January 16, 2018. Please send packets electronically to PVFA@aa.ufl.edu. You may address any questions to Rosie Connolly, Senior Administrative Assistant to Dr. Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost, at rconnolly@aa.ufl.edu.

Cc: Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs