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The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.12.2025, resolved to frame the guidelines to consider the applications for nomination of Emeritus Professor / Adjunct Professor / Professor of Practice.

In pursuance of the above decision of the Syndicate, the guidelines have been revised and the same is uploaded in the University website (www.unom.ac.in/Announcement)

All the Heads of the Departments are requested to follow the revised guidelines - 2026, for the nomination of Honorary Emeritus Professor / Adjunct Professor / Professor of Practice.

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REGISTRAR

No. D1(A)/TE/2026/ 679

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To

1. All the Campus Directors, University of Madras.
2. The Director i/c, Institute of Distance Education, University of Madras.
3. All the Head of the Departments, University of Madras.
4. The Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor.
5. The Senior P.A. to the Registrar.
6. The Director Network Centre [Request to upload the revised guidelines 2026 for nomination of Honorary Emeritus Professor / Adjunct Professor / Professor of Practice]

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING HONORARY EMERITUS PROFESSOR /
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR / PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE – 2026

The following procedure will be followed for the conferment of the title of Emeritus Professor.

i. Conditions for the Nomination of Honorary Emeritus Professor:

- a. Professors selected as Honorary Emeritus Professor, can be affiliated with the University of Madras as per the terms and conditions formulated in these guidelines and hold the same title as conferred.
- b. Applications for such conferment will be forwarded through the Registrar, Campus Director, Chairperson of School or Head of the Department. The University will provide space for office/laboratory depending on the availability.
- c. For administrative and financial purposes, they can choose any department of the School related to their specialization with the consent of the Head of the Department or under the Chairperson of the School or under the Campus Director.

ii. Terms and Conditions for Conferment of the Honorary Emeritus Professor of the University of Madras:

- a. The candidate should have made significant and distinctive contributions to the development of their field of research. The candidate should be a scholar of nationally and internationally recognized eminence and his/her contribution should have made a difference to the discipline and/or to the society.
- b. The candidate should have served as a teacher in the University of Madras for a period of not less than 20 years out of which atleast 10 years as Professor actively engaged in teaching and research and be less than 69 years of age. The age restriction may be relaxed in special cases.
- c. The candidate for Honorary Emeritus Professor should have a minimum of 10 publications in science disciplines excluding Mathematics (of which 5 shall be in journals with impact factor more than 3) and 5 in non-science disciplines and Mathematics (of which 3 shall be in journals with impact factor 1.5 and above for mathematics and above 0.2 for others) in the UGC listed journals or in the SCOPUS indexed journals or in the web of Science (for Science faculty), as the case may be in the last five years or authored 2 books in non-science disciplines (not edited books) published by reputed International or national publishers. Due weightage will be given to University activities/outstanding contributions in the concerned field.
- d. The process of nomination of Honorary Emeritus Professor may be initiated by a Head of the Department / Chairperson of School / Campus Director of the University of Madras along with the Departmental Committee report for conferment to the Registrar so as to get approval from Vice-Chancellor/ Convenor Committee, as the case may be.

- e. The Vice-Chancellor/Convenor Committee as the case may be will invite any Professor/Scientist of Academic Eminence as Emeritus Professor in any subject who have made exemplary achievement. The Vice-Chancellor / Convenor Committee as the case may be in his and its wisdom decide to consult other experts in the discipline or constitute a Selection Committee before obtaining approval from the Syndicate. The process of selection and deliberations in the Syndicate will be kept in strict confidence in the event of non-approval of the Syndicate.
- f. Honorary Emeritus Professor shall not undertake any teaching or research work in another institution during the period of Honorary Emeritus Professorship in the University of Madras. The Head of the Department/ Chairperson of the School/ Campus Director in which he/she is attached may provide office space and other academic support facilities, as feasible.
- g. A Emeritus Professor shall be free to do academic work in the School to which she/he is attached and may participate in the academic activities.
The period for Emeritus Professorship will be upto three years or till attaining the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier and extendable on an annual basis based on the research outcome of the Honorary Emeritus Professor. It is expected that Honorary Emeritus Professor must have at least one publication in either Science or in non-Science disciplines per year in the UGC listed journals or SCOPUS indexed journals or in the web of Science (for science faculty).

iii. Terms and Conditions for the Honorary Adjunct Faculty of the University of Madras:

- a. The nominees can be from industry, multinational firms, performing arts, sports, government and non-governmental organizations. They should have made significant and distinctive contribution to industry and society and their knowledge and expertise must be relevant for the University department. The nominees normally should not be more than 65 years and in exceptional cases, this will be relaxed.
- b. The process of nomination may be initiated by a Professor /HoD /Chairperson of the School/ Campus Director of the University of Madras and the Curriculum Vitae (not exceeding 10 pages) submitted with written consent of the nominee. They can also apply with a CV to the Vice-Chancellor directly.
- c. The nomination is purely honorary and no remuneration will be paid by the University. However, honorarium or remuneration for delivering lectures, as per university rules, may be given by the department from their share of funds allotted for conducting self-financing courses.
- d. The Vice-Chancellor may in his/her wisdom decide to consult other experts in the discipline or constitute a Selection Committee before getting approval from the Syndicate. The processor of selection and deliberations in the Syndicate will be kept in strict confidence in the event of non-approval of the Syndicate.
- e. No office space or lab facility will be provided for the Honorary Adjunct Faculty.
- f. The nomination will be initially for a period of six months to one year and extendable upto one year.