



PRTM PROFESSORSHIPS



THE CORNERSTONE OF A GREAT UNIVERSITY is a great faculty. At Clemson University, we expect nothing less than the best faculty — committed, eminent teacher-scholars who contribute to new knowledge through research, acquire knowledge of applications through high-impact projects and transmit that knowledge through teaching.

Endowed professorships allow Clemson to attract and support eminent scholars of international reputation who enhance the quality of the University's teaching, research and service activities. They initiate, encourage and support development of ideas and innovations, and they are teachers, mentors and role models for their students and colleagues.

Clemson's academic reputation is at an all-time high. But it is our goal to not only maintain but go beyond where we are now.

We need to make significant investments in our faculty by offering more and better incentives to attract and retain the world's top fellows.

As part of Clemson's College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) seeks to recruit and retain world-class faculty through named distinguished professorships and emerging faculty scholars. These prestigious awards will support the academic pursuits of a faculty member in developing areas of scholarship within PRTM, including:

- Adaptive sport and recreation for those with disabilities.
- Sustainability in public administration.
- Social justice, equity and inclusion in recreation.
- Community and environmental sustainability in tourism.
- Fostering health and wellness through recreation and parks.

TITLED PROFESSORS WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Create a new research lab or contribute to the department's existing labs that conduct cutting-edge research in:
 - Adaptive sport and recreation.
 - Park solutions.
 - Race, ethnicity, youth and social equity.
 - Virtual reality and nature.
- Work with faculty, graduate students and alumni with research connections in 31 countries around the world.

- Impart knowledge to graduate students in a variety of disciplines through research seminars or by contributing to their research direction.
 - 55 doctoral students in 2019
 - 223 master's students in 2019
- Work with a team that generated more than \$1 million in research expenditures in 2018-2019 alone.
- Contribute to dissemination of knowledge by building on our PRTM faculty's average of 7.6 peer-reviewed articles published per year (as of 2019).
- Help build our reputation nationally, internationally and as a selective institution with very high research activity (i.e., R1 Carnegie Classification).

Endowments equip Clemson with the means to recruit renowned faculty who spark scholarship that moves society forward. Distinguished professorships and endowed chairs also serve the purpose of honoring Clemson's most successful teachers by name, lending them the prestige that puts them on par with their elite colleagues internationally. In the past, we have lost star faculty to other institutions who offer more notable endowed positions. We must raise that bar in order to keep these leaders here at Clemson. That is only possible through private support.

Giving future generations of students the same advantage, the same opportunity as those who came before them is in the Clemson DNA. It is at the heart of everyone who loves this University. It has made Clemson the proud, inclusive and accepting institution it is today. It has made Clemson strong. We need strong individuals — leaders who share this commitment for the future of our University — to step forward and act.

At Clemson, commitment to quality education is part of our founding purpose, and that has never wavered. Your commitment to the next generation starts now.

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