

PROPOSAL: Distinguished level for Honorary Appointments

To: IFC  
From: Faculty Affairs Committee

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*On behalf of faculty administrators*

We request that the Faculty Guide add a sub-section (“Addition” below) to the Honorary Appointments section of the guide (pp. 43-46). This section lists these approved titles:  
Community Scholar (ordinarily, baccalaureate or above)  
Community Associate (community knowledge/expertise)  
Visiting Community Associate (short-term)  
International Scholar (terminal degree appropriate for a professorial appointment)  
International Associate (ordinarily, terminal degree appropriate for lecturer or above)  
International Affiliate (an advanced degree but exceptions can be made)

This part of the IUPUI Faculty Guide conforms to IU [policy ACA-14](#) Classification of Academic Appointments, C. Specialist and Honorary Appointments, 2. Honorary Appointments:

*Honorary Appointments.* Honorary appointments are given to those not employed within the university who render service to the university’s mission in a manner that justifies the recognition of an honorary title. The published academic regulations for each campus shall maintain a list of honorary titles, indicated as such.

Each of these ‘honorary’ titles applies to volunteers (unpaid persons) but not all volunteers have ‘honorary’ titles.

This addition makes the title consistent and official, which makes it more prestigious for the recipients.

**Addition:**

The designation “Distinguished” may be added to any of the above appointment types. The designation is made in the “Notes” section of the appointing documentation.

For an honorary volunteer to be designated as “Distinguished,” the relevant administrator must make a recommendation to, and receive an endorsement by vote of the faculty of the relevant unit, either as a whole or by an appropriate committee. Ordinarily, the qualification “Distinguished” would apply to persons with exceptional achievements and experience in professions, business, government, or community as appropriate.

This designation applies only to these listed titles. It does not apply to adjunct or no-pay appointments which are not one of these listed titles. People who are in paid positions, full or part-time, may not use the term “distinguished” unless they qualify under IU policy ACA-39, Distinguished Ranks.