The College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lectureship is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a faculty member by the College, and may be awarded only once to any particular person. Recipients are accorded this honor in recognition of the excellence of their professional attainments, exemplifying the values and mission of Illinois State University and the College of Arts and Sciences; in particular, they demonstrate the active pursuit of learning, creative activity, scholarship, and research, as well as their dissemination through publication and teaching. Each year, the College Council selects up to two faculty members as recipients of this award.

**Award Criteria:**
- The recipient shall have attained full professorial rank.
- The recipient shall have an outstanding national or international reputation in one or more of the categories of research, scholarship, creative activity, and teaching. This reputation will be evidenced by a record of peer-reviewed recognition of the individual’s professional accomplishments. In the case of teaching, there will also be evidence of student recognition.
- The recipient shall have made substantial contributions to the mission of Illinois State University, the College of Arts and Sciences, and/or the individual’s department.

**Selection Procedures:**
- Each Fall semester, any department or any faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences may nominate one faculty member of the College for the award. The nominee should not be a previous recipient of the award.
- The nominating department or individual shall submit the following documentation to the College Council no later than the last Friday of October:
  1. a letter of nomination,
  2. a career curriculum vitae from the nominee,
  3. a statement of not more than two pages from the nominee addressing the significance of his/her professional work in relation to the nomination.
- The College Council shall empanel a nomination review committee, consisting of three faculty members of the Council (one from each of the three disciplinary groups), one student member of the Council, and two faculty members not on the Council who are past Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecturers who will be appointed by the Dean of the College.
- The nomination review committee shall evaluate the documentation submitted for each nomination. Its deliberations shall include consideration of the following questions:
  1. Has the nominee attained full professorial rank?
  2. Does the submitted documentation for the nominee evidence a substantial record of peer-reviewed accomplishments such as publications, presentations, grants, and awards?
  3. Does the nominee have an outstanding national or international reputation in one or more of the categories of research, scholarship, creative activity, and teaching? In which of these categories do the nominee’s particular strengths lie?
  4. If the nominee’s primary strength lies in teaching, is there, in addition to national or international recognition, evidence of student recognition of that strength?
  5. Do the nominee’s professional accomplishments contribute significantly to the mission of Illinois State University, the College of Arts and Sciences and/or the nominee’s department?
  6. Does the nominee’s statement clarify the significance of his/her professional work in relation to the nomination?
- The nomination review committee shall recommend to the College Council up to two of the nominees to be designated as College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecturer for the next academic year.
- Award of the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lectureship is subject to approval by the College Council.