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Dear AUB Faculty,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the Board Designated Professorships Program to recognize faculty excellence demonstrated through an outstanding record of several of the following: achievement in research, teaching, and service/outreach; international recognition and leadership; exemplary clinical care of patients, and a forward-looking trajectory for further advancement and impact.

To establish this program, the Board of Trustees has allocated a fund of \$2.5 million per year for a period of three years. In the first cycle, up to 25 Board Designated Professorships will be awarded in the Faculty of Medicine and another 25 professorships in the other six faculties/schools.

The budget allocated to each Board Designated Professorship will be between \$25,000 and \$50,000 per year, divided between salary support and faculty development funds.

This opportunity is open to full-time senior faculty members, in the associate and full professor ranks, according to set application and evaluation processes, which can be found on this [link](#). The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, June 30, 2022. Faculty awardees will be expected to continue to fulfill their standard responsibilities in teaching, research, creative work, and service.

Based on the outcomes of the first cycle and budget availability, there may be other cycles in subsequent years, including the possibility of introducing a special program (Board Designated Scholars Program) for assistant professors.

Ultimately, the goal is to transform several of the Board Designated Professorships into endowed chair positions through fundraising from donors and foundations.

Confident in the vital contributions of its stellar faculty, the university continues to cultivate and recognize distinction in research, education, patient care and service leadership. I wish all our faculty the best of luck and look forward to congratulating our awardees on their past and future outstanding work.

Fadlo R. Khuri  
President