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Dear Colleagues,

As most of you know, the Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships program has been moving ahead steadily for the past 18 months. We welcomed six renowned scholars to the program in 2014 and expect to introduce a new cohort this spring. At the same time, we are conducting more than 20 searches proposed by our community. I invite you to help us continue building this group of world-class educators focused on interdisciplinary scholarship. We are accepting new proposals—which can either nominate a specific individual or outline criteria for a thematic search—through April 1.

The Bloomberg Distinguished Professorships program, launched with the profound generosity of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, invites scholars to hold appointments in at least two units of the university, which may include schools, divisions, or freestanding academic centers (Jhpiego, for example). The professors will focus in particular on our five signature initiatives and other areas of importance to the university's future.

Deans and academic center directors may submit proposals to the Office of the Provost in consultation with department chairs, directors of the signature initiatives, and the university community. The proposals may specify individuals whom schools and divisions would like to recruit or identify fields of expertise for a candidate to be located through a global search. Candidates must be scholars of exceptional distinction, be qualified for a tenured (or equivalent) appointment at Johns Hopkins, and possess a record of accomplishment and scholarly achievement that indicates a strong potential for creative leadership crossing traditional disciplinary boundaries.

Guidelines for submissions are available on the [Provost's Office website](#), where you will also find an introduction to our first group of professors. A faculty committee will evaluate the submissions, and President Ron Daniels and I will consider the committee's advice when we select the proposals with the most potential to advance the university's goal of innovative interdisciplinary excellence.

Thank you for your continued participation in this exciting program. I look forward to working with you to reach our goal of 50 appointments over five years. I am excited to watch these individuals enrich our already extraordinary intellectual community and move us toward our goal of building One University.

Sincerely,

Robert Lieberman
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs