

## Distinguished University Professors Announced

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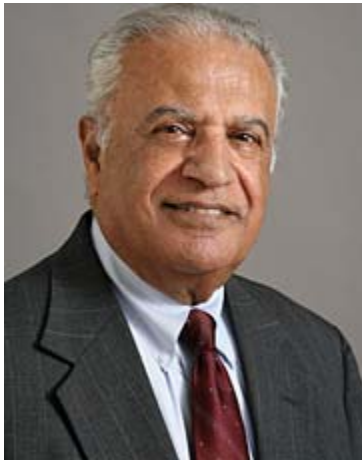
The University of Toledo provosts announced that five faculty members have been selected as 2010-11 Distinguished University Professors pending approval from the UT Board of Trustees.

The appointees chosen are Dr. Rane Arroyo, Dr. Jiquan Chen, **Dr. Saleh Jabarin**, Dr. Jon Kirchhoff and Dr. Marcia McInerney.

"We are pleased to recognize the distinguished careers of these faculty members with this honor," said Dr. Rosemary Haggett, Main Campus provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "These professors have outstanding reputations in their fields, are recognized on campus as great teachers, and have achieved meaningful outreach and engagement."

"This year's recipients represent the exceptional faculty we have at the University," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. "They have reached a broad audience with their research and scholarship, and have had a strong impact on our students and this institution."

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.....**Jabarin**, a professor of chemical and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering, is the founding director of the UT Polymer Institute.

Jabarin, who joined the faculty in 1987, is a world-renowned expert in PET, or poly(ethylene terephthalate). He is director and lead investigator for the PET/Polyester Industrial Consortium and the Active Barrier Consortium.

During his career working with PET, which is used to make soda and water bottles, X-ray films, cassette tape and more, Jabarin has researched the best ways to use and improve the materials. His research funding exceeds \$13 million, and Jabarin has authored more than 100 technical papers and presentations, holding 35 U.S. and foreign patents.

"This is really a great honor," he said. "I'm proud to be part of the long list of people before me, and I'm humbled to be recognized for doing well something I love to do."

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