The Inaugural Lectures are given by honored faculty members within the University who have obtained the rank of full professor. This event gives the honoree the opportunity to deliver a lecture to fellow faculty and other university guests concerning their work and research interests.

The context of the lecture itself typically includes a summary of the evolution and nature of the honoree's specialized field, highlights of some of the general issues of that particular field, and a description of how the honoree situates his/her work within their field.

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