

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2020, the University of Arkansas Retirement Program is revised according to the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION

1. Establishment of Plan. This Retirement Resolution sets forth the provisions of the retirement plans for the University of Arkansas campuses established by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (the “University”), as of April 21, 1923, as amended and restated in its entirety effective July 1, 2020. The University of Arkansas Community Colleges Retirement Plan and the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Retirement Plan have previously been combined into the University of Arkansas Retirement Plan, effective July 1, 2016. There shall be one plan-the University of Arkansas Retirement Plan (“RP”) as described in section 2. Contributions under the Plan shall be made pursuant to a 403(b) plan and 457(b) plan to investments selected by participants pursuant to Section 5. References to the “Retirement Plan” in these resolutions shall refer to the 403(b) Plan and 457(b) Plan components of the RP. The President shall adopt Retirement Plan documents which are consistent with this Board Policy.
  
2. Available Retirement Plans-University of Arkansas Retirement Plan.
  - A. All of the campuses, divisions, units and entities of the University of Arkansas (collectively, “UAS”) as identified in Exhibit A and, with the approval of the Board, any additional campuses, divisions and units joining the UAS shall be included in the University of Arkansas Retirement Plan (“RP”).

New eligible employees of the UAS (other than non-resident aliens performing services outside the United States hired after January 31, 2020) shall participate in the RP. The University shall also contribute to Social Security for all employees subject to withholding.
  
  - B. Notwithstanding paragraph A. above, for those employees of the UAS as of July 1, 2011 who were enrolled in the Arkansas Teachers Retirement System (ATRS) before July 1, 2011, participation shall continue in ATRS. No new employees shall be enrolled in ATRS on or after July 1, 2011. Also notwithstanding paragraph A. above, for those employees of the UAS as of July 1, 2016 and enrolled in the Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (APERS) before July 1, 2016, participation shall continue in APERS. No new employees shall be enrolled in APERS on or after July 1, 2016. A former employee of the University who was enrolled in ATRS as of July 1, 2011, or was enrolled in APERS as of July 1, 2016, and who is subsequently reemployed by the University in a benefits eligible position, shall participate in the RP, and the University will not make further contributions to APERS or ATRS on account of such employee.

- C. Certain employees of University of Arkansas-Cooperative Extension Service participate in the Federal Civil Service Retirement Plan, and may participate in RP at a reduced employer contribution. Further certain other employees of University of Arkansas-Cooperative Extension Service participate in the Federal Employees Retirement System and may participate in the Federal Thrift Savings Plan, but do not participate in employer contributions under RP. New Cooperative Extension employees are not eligible for the federal plans, and have the same retirement options as employees of other campuses.
3. Eligibility for Employer Contributions. Full-time employees are eligible to participate in Employer contributions under the Retirement Plan, ATRS (if grandfathered as provided above) or APERS (if grandfathered as provided above). For purposes of the RP, “full-time employee” shall mean an employee who is employed half-time or greater and is on at least a nine-month appointment period. Employees who are seasonal, extra help, temporary or employees whose employment is incidental to their educational program (including but not limited to student workers, graduate assistants, interns and residents) are not eligible for employer contributions.
4. Required Employee Contributions and Employer Contributions.
- A. Effective July 1, 2016 and later, eligible Employees shall, as a condition of employment, be required to make employee contributions to the RP. The employee contributions as a percentage of Plan Compensation (as defined by the RP) are shown on Exhibit A attached. Required employee contributions will begin as of date of employment.
- In addition to the mandatory required employee contributions provided above, eligible employees may make voluntary Plan Contributions in any amount, subject to the contribution limitations of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. Employer contributions to RP for eligible employees will begin to accrue as of date of employment. The University employer contribution will be as shown on Exhibit A attached.
- Plan Compensation shall be defined as provided in the 403(b) Plan documents.
- C. Employee required contributions shall be made to the 403(b) Plan. University contributions will be made to the 403(b) contract or account.
5. Funding Sponsors/Investments. With input from the Chancellors, the Vice President for Agriculture, or the chief executive officers of the campuses, divisions and units, the President shall appoint a Retirement Committee. The Retirement Committee, with advice from the investment consultant retained by the University, shall be responsible for selection of the investment alternatives and retirement recordkeepers for the RP. A participant may select from among the investment alternatives available for participants. The Retirement Committee shall establish procedures for selection of investment alternatives in the event

a participant fails to select investment alternatives. No investment alternatives other than those selected by the Retirement Committee are authorized.

6. Vesting.
  - A. Employees hired after June 30, 2016 or who first become eligible for employer contributions after June 30, 2016 shall be fully vested upon completion of two (2) years of service. If such an employee terminates before completion of two years of service, the accumulations attributable to Employer contributions in the Plans shall be forfeited. Employees shall be 100% vested in the employer contributions upon attainment of age 65, or upon death or disability while employed.
  - B. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2016, shall be vested in the employer contributions in accordance with the vesting schedule in effect for such employees under the Board policies in effect prior to July 1, 2016.
  - C. Participants terminating prior to July 1, 2016 shall be vested in the employer contributions in accordance with the Board policies in effect prior to July 1, 2016.
  - D. The President shall provide in the plan documents rules concerning breaks in service for vesting purposes.
  - E. All employee contributions to either the 403(b) plan or 457(b) plan are 100% vested.
7. Distributions. Plan provisions concerning distributions shall be as outlined in the separate 403(b) Plan documents and 457(b) Plan documents.
8. Spendthrift Clause. No participant in any of the Retirement Plans shall have any right to assign, pledge, encumber, or commute his/her interest in any benefits under the Retirement Plan, either voluntarily or involuntarily (except for a participant loan as permitted under the plans), and such benefits shall not in any way be subject to any legal process or levy of execution upon, or attachment or garnishment proceedings against, the same for the payment of any claim against any such person.
9. Amendment. The Board may amend these policies at any time. The President of the University or his delegate may amend any provision of either 403(b) Plan or 457(b) Plan so long as the amendment is not in conflict with these Board policies.
10. Termination. While it is expected that the retirement plans will continue indefinitely, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to discontinue the Retirement Plans at any time. Any termination cannot adversely affect the benefits accrued by participants prior to the date of discontinuance or modification.
11. Administration. The President of the University or the Retirement Committee named pursuant to section 5 may adopt rules and regulations for interpreting the Retirement Plans

and for administering its provisions (including rules and regulations concerning funding sponsors) in a manner consistent with this Board Policy.

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May 4, 2020 (Revised)  
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November 20, 2015 (Revised)  
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November 14, 2003 (Revised)  
June 6, 2003 (Revised)  
April 5, 2002 (Revised)  
(For Revisions Prior to 2002 Refer  
to Previous Board Policies File)

**EXHIBIT A**  
**REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Campus	Required Employee Contribution As % of Plan Compensation	Employer Contribution as % of Plan Compensation
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (including System Administration, Division of Agriculture, Criminal Justice Institute, Arkansas Archeological Survey and Clinton School of Public Service) University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences University of Arkansas at Little Rock University of Arkansas at Monticello Arkansas School for Math, Sciences and the Arts Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017-1% Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018-2% Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019-3% Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021-4% Effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing5%	The Employer will make a basic Plan Contribution of five percent of Plan Compensation for all such eligible Employees. Employees who make Employee contributions in excess of five percent of Plan Compensation will be eligible for a matching Employer contribution equal to the amount of Employee contributions in excess of five percent up to a total Employer contribution, both basic and matching, of ten percent of Plan Compensation (The University Standard Formula)
University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville	For existing participants as of June 30, 2020—6% ----4% effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ----5% effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing*	11% for existing participants as of June 30, 2020 For new participants on and after July 1, 2020, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*
University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton	For existing participants as of June 30, 2020—6% For new participants on or after July 1, 2020)— ----4% effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ----5% effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing*	14% for existing participants as of June 30, 2020 For new participants on and after July 1, 2020, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*

University of Arkansas Community College at Hope	For existing participants as of June 30, 2020—6% For new participants on or after July 1, 2020)— ----4% effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ----5% effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing*	Employees hired before 7-1-92=12% Employees hired after 6-30-92 and before July 1, 2020=10% For new participants on and after July 1, 2020, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*
Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas	For existing participants as of June 30, 2020—6% For new participants on or after July 1, 2020)— ----4% effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ----5% effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing*	13% for existing participants as of June 30, 2020 For new participants on and after July 1, 2020, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	For existing participants as of June 30, 2020—6% For new participants on or after July 1, 2020)— ----4% effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ----5% effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing*	Employee hired before 7-1-91=12% Employee hired after 6-30-91+10% For new participants on and after July 1, 2020, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*
University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain	For existing participants as of June 30, 2020—6% For new participants on or after July 1, 2020)— ----4% effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 ----5% effective July 1, 2021 and ongoing*	14% for existing participants as of June 30, 2020 For new participants on and after July 1, 2020, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*

<p>University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College</p>	<p>For existing participants as of December 31, 2024 ---- 6% For new participants on or after January 1, 2025 – 5%*</p>	<p>14% for existing participants as of December 31, 2024 For new participants on and after January 1, 2025, The University Standard Formula shall apply.*</p>
<p>Grandfathered Great Rivers Vocational and Technical and Forest Echoes Tech. Employees as of 6/30/13 at UAM*</p>	<p>6%</p>	<p>14%</p>
<p>*Employees who are participants prior to July 1, 2020 who terminate employment and have a break in service of more than 30 days and who are rehired on or after July 1, 2020 will be considered new participants for this purpose. Employees who previously were not benefits-eligible, and who become benefits eligible on or after July 1, 2020, and employees who retire with APERS or ATRS and who become participants in this plan on or after July 1, 2020, shall be considered new participants for this purpose.</p>		