

CONTRACT

University of California Staff and Academic Reduction in Time (START) 7/1/08–6/30/10

U270 (R5/09)

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
NAME	EMPLOYEE NUMBER	CAMPUS PHONE ()
DEPARTMENT	LOCATION	PRE-START APPOINTMENT PERCENTAGE
PAYROLL TITLE		

I volunteer to reduce my percentage of time to: _____ % of full-time.

My participation in START will begin on _____ and terminate on _____ .

My work schedule will be:

Days					
Hours					

1. I understand that my percentage of time cannot be reduced below 50% time as part of the START program.
2. I understand that my salary will be reduced in accordance with the selected reduction in time.
3. I understand that my department head must approve my request and my proposed START work schedule.
4. I understand that during each month of participation in START I will accrue vacation and sick leave at the same rate as my pre-START appointment.
5. I understand that I will receive University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) service credit at my pre-START appointment percentage as long as my time worked is at least 50% time during each month of participation. In addition, UCRP service credit during START will be reduced for periods of leave without pay or other periods of time off pay status not reflected in the START contract.
6. I understand that UCRP pension, UCRP death benefits, and/or UCRP disability income will be based on the unreduced salary used to determine HAPC and Final Salary, provided that I am on pay status for at least 50% time during each month of participation.
7. I understand that either I or my department head upon mutual agreement, may change the percentage reduction during the term of this contract with 30 days advance notice. A supervisor may not make an unsolicited request to a START participant to further reduce the participant's percentage appointment.
8. I understand that either I or my department head may end my START contract with 30 days advance notice. The advance notice requirement will be waived if I or my department am faced with an emergency situation.
9. I understand that a contract amendment must be completed by both me and my department head to effect a change in percentage reduction or to end this contract early.
10. I understand that application of certain program features may be subject to review under the applicable complaint resolution policy or collective bargaining agreement provision.

Important Considerations

In deciding whether to take START, I have had an opportunity to read the START policy and information brochure and I understand and have fully considered the following:

1. Health benefits (medical, dental, vision) will not be affected by my participation in START.
2. A number of the benefits to which I am entitled are calculated on the percentage of appointment or the actual salary I am earning at the time I become eligible for the benefit. Specifically, START participation will impact my benefits in the following ways:
 - a. Disability benefit payments for both the Short-term Plan and the Supplemental Plan will be based on my pre-START salary. Premiums for the Supplemental disability plan will continue to be calculated on the full-time rate.
 - b. Disability benefit payments received pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act will be based on my START salary in accordance with the California Labor Code. The department will supplement those payments so that the aggregate benefit is equivalent to what would have been received if the payment were based on the pre-START salary.
 - c. Basic life insurance coverage will continue at the pre-START rate until the following January 1 at which time coverage will be based on the salary rate in effect at that time. Supplemental life insurance premiums and coverage will continue at the pre-START salary rate.
 - d. UC death payment under the Standing Orders of The Regents, which is based on one month's salary, will be based on the monthly salary I am earning at the time of my death.
 - e. Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DepCare) and/or Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA) contributions will continue at the same level unless I change my election during a Period of Initial Eligibility (PIE) or an open enrollment period.
 - f. Mandatory contributions to the Defined Contribution Plan (DC Plan) will be reduced in accordance with my new reduced salary.
3. If I become eligible for short-term or supplemental disability benefits, my START contract will be suspended.
4. If there is an indefinite layoff or reduction in time during the term of this Contract, seniority calculations, recall and preferential rehire rights, and severance will be in accordance with my pre-START percentage of time and salary.
5. If there are other normal consequences of a reduction in time not listed here, I understand these will apply to me as well.

ELECTION

I understand and have considered the above. **Sign me up for START!**

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE	DATE	DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE	DATE
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RETENTION: HOME DEPARTMENT: 5 years after separation, except in cases of disability or retirement, in which case retain until age 70.

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