

Summary of Benefits for Faculty & Academic Staff, Full-Time

The University of Washington (UW) offers a wide range of benefits as part of your total compensation package. Choose from top medical and dental insurance programs; plan for your future with tax-deferred investing through the UW retirement options; enjoy generous vacation and sick leave policies; and protect you and your family with life and long-term disability insurance. For more information, follow the links shown below or explore the Benefits website at www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/

Insurance

Eligibility

You are eligible for insurance benefits when appointed to an eligible position with at least a 50 percent appointment and duration of three or more academic quarters (spring and fall are considered consecutive for benefits purposes).

Medical Insurance

Eligible employees may choose from among five health plans offered in 2013, including Consumer-Directed Health Plans with Health Savings Account (CDHP-HSA):

- Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) Classic—a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) traditional plan
- UMP CDHP-HSA
- Group Health Classic—a managed care traditional plan
- Group Health Value—a managed care value plan
- Group Health CDHP-HSA

In addition, those residing in the southwest region of Washington or northwest/north region of Oregon may elect:

- Kaiser Permanente Classic—a managed care traditional plan
- Kaiser Permanente CDHP-HSA

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/insure/fac-staff-lib/meddent/choose-medical.html

Dental Insurance

Choose from two managed care plans and one preferred provider plan. Dental premiums for you and your dependent(s) are fully paid by the UW.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/insure/fac-staff-lib/meddent/choose-dental.html

Flexible Spending Account

Consider contributing to a tax-exempt Flexible Spending Account (FSA) that allows you to save money on eligible medical expenses.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/saving/medical/fsa.html

Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

The University provides each eligible employee with \$25,000 of term life insurance. Options allow employees to design their own coverage by purchasing up to an additional \$750,000 in term insurance for themselves as well as coverage for a spouse/partner—in some cases, without evidence of insurability.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/insure/fac-staff-lib/life-add/

Long Term Disability Insurance

The UW pays for Basic Long Term Disability (LTD) coverage with a 90-day waiting period and a maximum benefit of \$240 per month. You may purchase additional optional LTD coverage to supplement the Basic LTD, providing up to 60 percent of monthly salary (calculated on a maximum annual salary cap of \$120,000) following a waiting period you select.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/insure/fac-staff-lib/ltd/

Retirement Plan

Eligibility

State law requires that newly eligible faculty be offered a choice between the UW Retirement Plan (UWRP) and either the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Plan 3 or Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan 3, depending on whether your appointment is one of faculty as defined in the [Faculty Code](#) under section 21-31. If it is, then you will be given the TRS 3 option (in addition to UWRP). If it is not, you will be given the PERS 3 option.

UWRP is a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 403(b). The employee defers a defined percent of wages to a retirement account before federal withholding tax is calculated, and the UW matches 100% of those contributions. Contribution levels are:

- 5% of gross salary: Under age 35
- 7.5% of gross salary: Age 35 and over
- 10% of gross salary: Age 50 and over (optional)

Both PERS 3 and TRS 3 are hybrid "defined benefit" (DB) and "defined contribution" (DC) retirement plans under IRC Section 401(a). The DB portion is funded by employer contributions; the DC portion is funded by tax-deferred employee contributions. An employee elects one of six contribution options. Compare the plans:

UWRP vs. PERS 3:

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/retirement/plans/compare/uwrp-pers3.html

UWRP vs. TRS 3:

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/retirement/plans/compare/uwrp-trs3.html

Voluntary Investment Program

Add another tax-deferred option to your retirement savings with the Voluntary Investment Program (VIP). This optional retirement savings plan—under Internal Revenue Code 403(b)—allows contributions to be deducted from your gross salary before taxes are calculated so you lower your taxable income. The UW does not match VIP contributions.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/retirement/vip/

Deferred Compensation Program

Washington State Deferred Compensation Program (WSDCP) is an additional retirement savings program under IRC 457(b) that provides even more optional retirement savings. Like the VIP, it is deducted pre-tax, and the savings grow tax-deferred. It is also unmatched by UW. UW employees may participate in both VIP and WSDCP in the same tax year at the same time.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/retirement/defer-comp.html

Other Benefits

Holidays and Leave

The UW observes 10 paid holidays per calendar year. Faculty members are eligible to receive up to 90 days of paid sick leave per academic year.

Twelve-month faculty appointees are paid for 11 months' service over a 12-month period. One month is available for vacation use during this time.

http://www.washington.edu/admin/acadpers/prospective_new/leaves.html

Dependent Care Assistance Program

Deduct your dependent care expenses before they are taxed. With the Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP), you'll save money in your paycheck because DCAP deductions are tax-exempt. www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/worklife/dcap.html

Hometown Home Loan Program

Save on loan fees, inspections, and appraisal fees. Pre-qualify and apply at www.homestreet.com/UW. Also see www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/saving/housing/hometown-loan.html

Note: This flyer contains a brief description of UW insurance coverage and other benefits. In case of any conflict between this flyer and official plan documents, provisions of the plan document will govern. Plans may change or stop at any time. This is not an employment contract. For more details, visit www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/

Transportation

U-PASS, the award-winning transportation program powered by One Regional Card for All (ORCA) technology—pays your full fare on Metro Transit, Community Transit, Kitsap Transit, Pierce Transit, Everett Transit and Sound Transit buses, as well as Sounder Commuter Trains and Light Rail. U-PASS also includes free Night Ride shuttle service, vanpool subsidies, and Zipcar discounts. www.uwcommute.com.

Elect pre-tax payroll deduction for U-PASS and other parking services. www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/saving/pretax-transportation.html

Work/Life Programs

Childcare and parenting programs include:

- UW CareLink provides free confidential counseling and referral services to help address work and personal issues. Legal and financial services are also available.
- Tender Loving Care (TLC) at Virginia Mason Medical Center for mildly sick children.
- The UW has four on-site childcare centers and provides referral resources for those seeking long- and short-term childcare arrangements.
- Caregiving resources—seminars, consultations, and networks—to help you manage the challenges of family caregiving.

Learn more at www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/worklife/

Training and Education

Tuition Exemption Program provides access to college courses (where space is available) at public higher education institutions across the state, including the UW.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/pod/policies/tuition-exemption.html

Professional & Organizational Development offers a wide range of training courses, workshops, and e-Learning.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/pod/staff/pro-development/

More

- home buying options and housing resources;
- group auto, home, renter, and boat insurance available to employees;
- long-term care insurance, designed to cover daily living assistance not covered by medical, Medicare, and disability insurance;
- employee discounts, offering valuable membership and merchandise discounts; and
- UW Combined Fund Drive, the state's workplace giving campaign at www.uw.edu/uwcfid.

www.uw.edu/admin/hr/benefits/saving/moresaving.html