

1 **ARTICLE 23**<sup>[CP1]</sup>

2 **SALARIES**

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4 **23.1 Promotion Increases.**

5 (a) Promotion salary increases shall be granted on August 8 following that promotion in  
6 an amount equal to 9.0% of the employee's salary as of August 7 in recognition of  
7 promotion to one of the following ranks: Associate Professor, Associate Instructor,  
8 Associate Lecturer, Associate Scholar/Scientist/Engineer, Associate in \_\_\_\_\_, Associate  
9 Instructional Designer, and Associate University Librarian.

10 (b) Promotion salary increases shall be granted on August 8 following that promotion in  
11 an amount equal to 10.0% of the employee's salary as of August 7 in recognition of  
12 promotion to one of the following ranks: Professor, Senior Instructor, Senior Lecturer,  
13 Scholar/Scientist/Engineer, University Librarian, and Senior Instructional Designer.

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15 **23.2 Legislatively Mandated Increases.** Any legislatively mandated increases shall be  
16 implemented as soon as practicable.

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18 **23.3 Other Increases.**

19 (a) Cross-the Board Salary Increases.

20 (1) Effective **April 15, 2022** for the 2021-2022 (**distributed on pay date May 6,**  
21 **2022**) year, each eligible Education and General (E&G) employee whose salary is at least  
22 \$48,500 shall receive a **2.5%** increase to the employee's base salary. This increase will be  
23 calculated using the employee's salary as of April 14, 2022. An employee shall be eligible if  
24 the employee's most recent annual evaluation, if provided, was Satisfactory or above; the  
25 employee was in an in-unit employment relationship (not OPS) with the University prior to  
26 May 7, 2021; and the employee remains in a continual in-unit employment relationship at  
27 the date of implementation. Employees employed in 2020-2021 that meet the above  
28 qualifications and were not evaluated shall be provided with an evaluation for the period and  
29 shall be eligible for the increase. ~~Contract and Grant (C&G) and <sup>[CP2]</sup>Auxiliary funded [soft~~  
30 ~~money] employees are also eligible, but any monies provided in such cases shall be paid~~  
31 ~~from the appropriate contract, grant, or auxiliary revenues, if such increases are provided by~~  
32 ~~the granting agency.~~

33 (2) Effective **April 15, 2022** for the 2021-2022 (**distributed on pay date May 6,**  
34 **2022**) year, each eligible Education and General (E&G) employee whose salary is less than  
35 \$48,500 shall receive a **3.5%** increase to the employee's base salary. This increase will be  
36 calculated using the employee's salary as of **April 14, 2022**. An employee shall be eligible if  
37 the employee's most recent annual evaluation, if provided, was Satisfactory or above; the  
38 employee was in an in-unit employment relationship (not OPS) with the University prior to  
39 May 7, 2021; and the employee remains in a continual in-unit employment relationship at  
40 the date of implementation. Employees employed in 2020-2021 that meet the above  
41 qualifications and were not evaluated shall be provided with an evaluation for the period and  
42 shall be eligible for the increase. ~~Contract and Grant (C&G) and Auxiliary funded [soft~~  
43 ~~money] employees are also eligible, but any monies provided in such cases shall be paid~~  
44 ~~from the appropriate contract, grant, or auxiliary revenues, if such increases are provided by~~  
45 ~~the granting agency.~~

46 (b) ~~One-time payment for 2021-2022~~<sup>[CP3]</sup>. Effective **April 15, 2022 (distributed on pay**  
47 **date May 6, 2022)**, the University shall provide a one-time payment of \$1,400 \$2,500<sup>[CP4]</sup> to

48 each Educational and General (E&G) funded employee who was in a continual, non-OPS  
49 employment relationship with the University on May 7, 2021, whose 2020-2021 annual  
50 evaluation, if provided, was Satisfactory or above, and who remains employed by the  
51 University in an in-unit position at the date of implementation. Those employed on or after  
52 May 8, 2020 who did not receive an annual evaluation for 2020-2021 will be assigned a  
53 Satisfactory rating for the purposes of this payment. If an employee's position is less than  
54 1.0 FTE, the payment shall be prorated. ~~Contract and Grant (C&G) and Auxiliary [soft~~  
55 ~~money] funded employees are also eligible, but any monies provided in such cases shall be~~  
56 ~~paid from the appropriate contract, grant, or auxiliary revenues.~~

57 (c) Merit Salary Increases. No merit salary increases will be distributed this cycle.

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59 **23.4 Annual Incentive Award Programs.** Incentive Award Programs recognize and  
60 promote employee excellence and productivity that respond to and support the mission of  
61 the University of Central Florida, including its strategic initiatives and five key goals. The  
62 provost or his or her designee shall give final approval for awards to successful faculty.  
63 Each year, the University shall make available to eligible employees 115 Incentive Awards.  
64 The awards shall be distributed to awardees in the next award cycle after ratification of this  
65 document as set forth below. Regardless of contract length (9 months through 12 months),  
66 award recipients shall receive a one-time award of \$5,000 as soon as practicable and a  
67 \$5,000 increase to their salary effective at the beginning of the succeeding academic year.  
68 Employees on visiting and other temporary appointments are not eligible for incentive  
69 awards. Employees on non-E&G funding will be eligible for the increase depending on  
70 availability of funds. All full-time employees in the appropriate discipline with at least four  
71 years of continuous, non-OPS service at UCF immediately prior to the current year are  
72 eligible.

73 (a) UCF-Teaching Incentive Program. The UCF-Teaching Incentive Program ("UCF-  
74 TIP") rewards teaching productivity and excellence. Each academic year the University shall  
75 make available up to fifty-five UCF-TIP awards to eligible employees. The UCF-TIP award  
76 recognizes employee contributions to UCF's key goals of offering the best undergraduate  
77 education available in Florida and achieving international prominence in key programs of  
78 graduate study. Employees applying for TIPs must meet current productivity criteria.

79 (b) UCF-Research Incentive Award Program. The UCF-Research Incentive Award  
80 ("UCF-RIA") program recognizes outstanding research, scholarly, or creative activity that  
81 advances the body of knowledge in a particular field, including interdisciplinary research  
82 and collaborations. Each academic year the University shall make available up to fifty-five  
83 UCF-RIA awards to eligible employees. The UCF-RIA award recognizes employee  
84 contributions to UCF's key goal of achieving international prominence in research and  
85 creative activities.

86 (c) Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Awards (SoTLs). SoTLs recognize discovery,  
87 reflection, and using evidence-based methods to research effective teaching and student  
88 learning in higher education (i.e., at the university level). SoTL goes beyond teaching based  
89 on evidence for specific teaching and learning practices. While the implementation of SoTL  
90 outcomes may result in teaching excellence and increased teaching effectiveness, this  
91 award recognizes scholarly efforts beyond teaching excellence. The University shall make  
92 available up to five SoTL awards.

93 (d) Applications for Incentive Awards. Applications shall be completed online. These  
94 awards shall be made according to the criteria or procedures listed on the Faculty  
95 Excellence website.

96 (e) Incentive Award Selection.

97 (1) TIPs/RIAs. College or unit committees for the TIP and RIA award programs shall  
98 be elected by and from the unit employees. The committees shall equitably represent the  
99 departments or units within them. Employees who plan to apply in the current cycle for a  
100 particular award shall not be eligible to serve on the committee. A committee chairperson  
101 for each incentive award program shall be elected by and from the college/unit committee.  
102 The chairperson shall charge the committee that members shall only consider the merits of  
103 the application. No additional outside information or discussion of position, e.g., instructor  
104 vs. tenure track employee, past awards, current salary, etc., may be considered, nor may  
105 additional criteria be used. The committee shall review the award applications and shall  
106 submit a ranked list of recommended employees to the dean or dean's representative. In  
107 ranking the applicants, committee members shall only consider the merits of the application.

108 a. Each committee member shall review all applications and transmit a  
109 preliminary ranking to the committee chair. Committee members may rank as many  
110 applicants as they deem merit the award, with the highest rank given to the top candidate  
111 (i.e., the highest rank equals the number of applicants, N), the next highest rank being N-1,  
112 and so on. Applications that are not deemed acceptable for an award by a committee  
113 member shall be left unranked in that committee member's rankings.

114 b. In larger colleges or units, subcommittees may be formed from the committee  
115 at-large in the interest of efficient evaluation of the incentive award applications. Each  
116 subcommittee must include at least three members, and every member of the committee at-  
117 large must serve on a subcommittee. The applications to be reviewed shall be equitably  
118 partitioned among the subcommittees. The subcommittees shall follow the ranking  
119 procedure outlined above to determine which applications they recommend to the  
120 committee at-large. Then the committee at-large shall be convened to review the  
121 applications recommended by the subcommittees.

122 c. The committee chair shall convene the committee (at-large) and review their  
123 initial rankings. Discussion shall be limited to information contained in the application and  
124 may focus on applicants with few or dispersed rankings.

125 d. Following this discussion, the committee shall use a secret ballot to rank  
126 candidates using the procedure outlined in (a) above.

127 e. A majority of voting committee members present must rank an applicant for  
128 that employee to be eligible for an incentive award.

129 f. The applicant with the highest mean rank (i.e., the sum of the applicant's  
130 rankings divided by the number of committee members present) shall have the highest  
131 priority for an incentive award, the applicant with the next highest mean rank the next  
132 highest priority, and so on, until all applicants who received rankings by a majority of  
133 committee members present are ranked in order.

134 g. In the case of T applicants with tied mean rank for the final T-1 or fewer  
135 available award(s), the procedure outlined in (a) above, with T being the highest possible  
136 rank, shall be used to break the ties. The ranking process outlined in (a) above shall be  
137 used as many times in succession as necessary until all such ties are resolved and a final  
138 ranked list is complete.

139 h. The committee chair shall transmit this ranked list to the dean or dean's  
140 representative, or unit head who reviews and approves the awards. If the selection  
141 committee awards fewer than the number of awards available or if the dean or unit head  
142 does not approve an award from the list submitted by the selection committee, then the  
143 award(s) shall be retained in the same college or unit for one additional cycle before it is  
144 returned to the overall pool for apportionment.

145 i. For purposes of TIP/RIA selection as stated above, “college” shall also  
146 include the group of employees whose primary assignment is in the College of  
147 Undergraduate Studies, the College of Graduate Studies, an institute or center. These  
148 employees shall be grouped together for purposes of calculating the number of awards  
149 available for each award category. The college committee shall consist of a member from  
150 each of the units represented.

151 **23.5 Excellence Awards.** The University shall implement the merit-based bonuses set  
152 forth below to recognize and promote employee excellence and productivity that respond to  
153 and support the mission of the University of Central Florida.

154 (a) **Trustee Chair Professorship.** The UCF Trustee Chair Professorship is a multi-year  
155 appointment awarded to employees with an extraordinary record of accomplishment in the  
156 three primary areas of academic endeavor: teaching, research and service. The objective of  
157 this appointment is to recognize and celebrate outstanding performance with a title and  
158 resources commensurate with accomplishment.

159 (1) Award recipients shall receive an annual budget of \$50,000 funded by the  
160 University. Up to \$25,000 can be used as a salary supplement. These chairs have a five-  
161 year appointment.

162 (2) Each academic year, the University may award Trustee Chair Professorships.

163 (3) The eligibility criteria for an applicant is holding the rank of tenured professor; the  
164 applicant must be recognized as a “foremost scholar” in his or her chosen area of expertise,  
165 meaning known as a preeminent scholar in his or her discipline; and have a positive impact  
166 to other scholars at UCF. Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of one  
167 Trustee Chair, one Pegasus Professor, the Chair of the Faculty Senate, and the Vice  
168 Provost for Faculty Excellence. An employee who holds the rank of full professor shall be  
169 appointed by the UCF-UFF Chapter President to serve as an ex officio member of the  
170 committee, and shall not have a voting role except in the case of breaking any tie votes.  
171 The President and Provost or designee will make the final appointment.

172 (b) **Pegasus Professor.** The Pegasus Professor award recognizes excellence in the  
173 three primary areas of academic endeavor: teaching, research and service.

174 (1) Award recipients shall receive a one-time payment of \$5,000 as well as a  
175 Pegasus statue.

176 (2) Each academic year, the University may award Pegasus Professor awards.

177 (3) The eligibility criteria is having completed five years at the rank of tenured  
178 professor at UCF; having achieved excellence in teaching, research and/or creative activity;  
179 and demonstrable service and scope of national and international impact. The awards are  
180 ultimately determined by the President or designee.

181 (c) **Excellence Awards.** All full-time employees in the appropriate discipline with at least  
182 three years of continuous non-visiting, non-OPS service at UCF immediately prior to the  
183 current year are eligible, except for employees who have received a college or university  
184 excellence award in the past three academic years in the category for which they are  
185 applying. For some Excellence awards, additional eligibility criteria are specified below.  
186 Award recipients shall receive a one-time payment of \$2,000. Each academic year, the  
187 University shall award Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching awards, one University  
188 Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Excellence in Graduate Teaching  
189 awards, one University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching, one University Award  
190 for Excellence in Faculty Academic Advising, Excellence in Research awards, one  
191 University Distinguished Research award, one University Award for Excellence in

- 192 Professional Service, one Excellence in Librarianship award, and one Excellence in  
193 Instructional Design award.
- 194 (1) Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching awards.
- 195 a. Eligibility. Employees must be assigned to teach at least two undergraduate  
196 courses in the current academic year and to have taught at least six undergraduate courses  
197 over the preceding three academic years.
- 198 b. The criteria for evaluating applicants' files shall include three major  
199 categories:
- 200 1. Innovations to improve undergraduate teaching;  
201 2. Undergraduate teaching accomplishments/honors;  
202 3. Evidence of impact on undergraduate teaching.
- 203 (2) Excellence in Graduate Teaching Awards.
- 204 a. Eligibility. Employees must have contributed significantly to graduate  
205 education, including substantial teaching of graduate courses (including thesis and  
206 dissertation courses) over the current academic year and the three preceding academic  
207 years.
- 208 b. The criteria for evaluating applicants' files shall include three major  
209 categories:
- 210 1. Innovations to improve graduate teaching;  
211 2. Graduate Teaching Accomplishments/honors;  
212 3. Evidence of impact on graduate teaching.
- 213 (3) Excellence in Research Awards
- 214 a. Eligibility. Employees must have an assignment of at least 0.10 FTE in  
215 research over each of the three immediately preceding years and the current year at UCF.
- 216 b. The criteria for evaluating applicants' files shall include three major  
217 categories:
- 218 1. cumulative value and impact of research efforts at UCF within the  
219 discipline and to society;  
220 2. Recognition of research impact by the individual's peers in the same or in  
221 related disciplines;  
222 3. Publication/dissemination and presentation of research results.
- 223 (4) Excellence in Faculty Academic Advising.
- 224 a. Eligibility. All employees who currently advise and who have advised  
225 undergraduate students over the preceding three academic years are eligible.
- 226 b. The criteria for evaluating applicants' files shall include three major categories:  
227 1. Evidence of extra effort to improve advising;  
228 2. Evidence that students have been sensitively and appropriately informed  
229 and guided concerning career choices and academic opportunities;  
230 3. Evidence that the nominee serves as a role model in the pursuit of  
231 learning.
- 232 (5) University Awards for Excellence in Professional Service.
- 233 a. Eligibility. Employees who are assigned an FTE of 0.10 for professional  
234 service duties over the current year and for each of the three preceding academic years are  
235 eligible.
- 236 b. The criteria for evaluating applicants' files shall include three major  
237 categories:
- 238 1. Evidence of effectiveness in service to the university by highlighting  
239 leadership contributions;

- 240                   2. Evidence of significant accomplishment in professional organizations in  
241 the nominee's discipline;
- 242                   3. Evidence of recognition for outreach activities, service, and leadership  
243 contributions to community organizations.
- 244                 (6) Excellence in Librarianship.
- 245                   a. Eligibility. Employees who have served at UCF as a librarian on a permanent  
246 line for the current year and at least the three years immediately preceding the current year  
247 are eligible.
- 248                   b. The criteria for evaluating applicant's files shall include two major categories:
- 249                    1. Evidence of extra effort to improve library services and collections;
- 250                    2. Evidence of a sustained period of excellence in the library profession.
- 251                 (7) Excellence in Instructional Design.
- 252                   a. Eligibility. Must be an instructional designer on a non-visiting, non-OPS 12-  
253 month contract at the time of nomination and over the three preceding academic years.
- 254                   b. The criteria for evaluating applicant's files shall include two major categories:
- 255                    1. Innovative contributions to UCF and/or the ID field;
- 256                    2. Evidence of outstanding effort to promote quality of online instruction and  
257 improve relationships with faculty members at UCF.
- 258                 (8) Recommendations for these awards are made by various committees and are  
259 ultimately determined by the President or designee.
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### 261 **23.6 Salary Increases for Employees Funded by Contracts and Grants and** 262 **Auxiliary Accounts**.<sup>[CP5]</sup>

263                 (a) Employees on contracts or grants or auxiliary accounts shall receive salary  
264 increases equivalent to similar employees on Education and General (E&G) funding,  
265 provided that such salary increases are permitted by the terms of the contract or grant and  
266 adequate funds are available for this purpose in the contract or grant. In the event such  
267 salary increases are not permitted by the terms of the contract or grant, or in the event  
268 adequate funds are not provided, the University's representative shall seek to have the  
269 contract or grant modified to permit or fund such increases.

270                 (b) Nothing contained herein shall prevent employees whose salaries are funded by  
271 grant agencies from being allotted raises higher than those provided in this Agreement if  
272 such increases are provided by the granting agency.

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274 **23.7 Administrative Discretion Increases.** From the date of ratification of this  
275 document, through August 31, 2024-2024<sup>[CP6]</sup>, the University may provide Administrative  
276 Discretion Increases up to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the total salary rate of  
277 employees who were in an employment relationship with the University on May 67,  
278 2021<sup>[CR7]</sup>2020. Any Administrative Discretion Increase provided to contract and grant (C&G)  
279 employees, any court-ordered or court-approved salary increase, any prevailing wage  
280 adjustment for the purpose of qualifying for immigration status, or any salary increase to  
281 settle a legitimate, broad-based employment dispute shall not be subject to the terms and  
282 limitations of this Section.

283                 (a) The University may provide Administrative Discretion Increases for verified written  
284 offers of outside employment, special achievements, merit, compression and inversion,  
285 equity and market equity considerations, and similar special situations to employees in the  
286 bargaining unit.

287 (b) Administrative Discretionary Increases for verified written offers of outside  
288 employment shall not be subject to the one and one-half percent (1.5%) salary rate  
289 limitation.

290 (c) UFF Notification. At least 14 days prior to the effective date of any such increase, the  
291 University shall provide to the UFF a written notification of the increase which states the  
292 name of the employee, the rank and discipline of the employee, the amount of the increase,  
293 and the reason for the increase.

294 (d) The University's ability to provide Administrative Discretion Increases shall expire  
295 August 31, ~~2021~~2024, and shall not become part of the status quo.

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297 **23.8 Report to Employees.** All employees shall receive notice of their salary increases  
298 prior to implementation.

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300 **23.9 Type of Payment for Assigned Duties.**

301 (a) Duties and responsibilities assigned by the University to an employee that do not  
302 exceed the available established FTE for the position shall be compensated through the  
303 payment of salary, not Other Personal Services (OPS) wages.

304 (b) Duties and responsibilities assigned by the University to an employee that are in  
305 addition to the available established FTE for the position shall be compensated through  
306 OPS wages, not salary.

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308 **23.10 Twelve-Month Payment Option.** The parties agree that a twelve-month payment  
309 option for 9-month employees shall be offered each year during an annual open enrollment  
310 period from April 1 to June 30. If chosen by the employee, this payment option shall  
311 become effective for one year starting with the first full pay period beginning after August 8.  
312 The plan shall allow for employees to select a fixed savings amount to be deducted from  
313 each of the nineteen full bi-weekly paychecks received during the Fall and Spring  
314 semesters with a change in that amount to account for those paychecks from which double  
315 premiums are deducted. The total savings shall be returned to the employee in equal  
316 amounts for the five full bi-weekly paychecks received during the Summer. The University  
317 shall provide an online calculator to assist the employee in determining a savings amount  
318 and fixed reduction amount that will allow the employee's net paychecks to remain  
319 approximately constant. Pay received for supplemental summer assignments shall be  
320 unaffected by this plan. This pay plan is subject to tax limitations.

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322 **23.11 Administrative Salary Stipends.** A temporary salary increase that is provided to  
323 an employee as compensation for performing a specific, titled administrative function shall  
324 be permitted under this agreement as an Administrative Salary Stipend. At least 14 days  
325 prior to the effective date of any Administrative Salary Stipend, the University shall provide  
326 UFF a written notification of the stipend which states the name of the employee, the rank  
327 and discipline of the employee, the amount of the stipend, and the reason for the stipend.  
328 If all or part of the stipend is later added to the employee's salary, the amount so converted  
329 shall be treated as an Administrative Discretion Increase during the year in which the  
330 conversion takes place and shall be subject to limitations of that section.

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332 **23.12 Salary Rate Calculation and Payment.** The biweekly salary rate of employees  
333 serving on twelve-month appointments shall be calculated by dividing the salary rate by  
334 26.1 pay periods.

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**23.14 Compensation.** UCF will comply with all applicable Federal and State labor and employment laws.