University of Massachusetts Amherst

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is a state university within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts established under Chapter 75, as amended, and Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1991.

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Theresa W. Girardi, Assistant Director, Post-Award Management
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Political Subdivision:  2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts, Hampshire County (MA-002)

Cognizant Audit Agency:  DHHS, Michael Stanco, HHS Representative, 26 Federal Plaza, Rm. 41-122, New York, NY 10278. Phone (212) 264-0920

Contract Administration Office (DOD and NASA projects):  Office of Naval Research/ONR Draper, 495 Summer Street, Room 103, Boston, MA 02210-2109. Phone:  617-753-4640

Indirect Cost:
Federal Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) effective immediately.  https://www.umass.edu/research/policy/college-and-university-rate-agreement-fy-2018. These Predetermined Rates should be used respectively to calculate the indirect cost rate for all research proposals submitted within each applicable period. On/off campus policy is located at under the Research Policies under the title: On and Off Campus Indirect Cost Rates Determination Policy: https://www.umass.edu/research/policy/and-campus-indirect-cost-rates-determination-policy.

Research
On-campus 59.5% MTDC  7/1/2015 - 6/30/2018
Off-campus 26% MTDC  7/1/2013 - 6/30/2018

Instruction
On-campus 49% MTDC  Off-campus 26% MTDC  7/1/2013-6/30/2018

Other sponsored activities
On-campus 31.5% MTDC  Off-campus 26% MTDC  7/1/2014-6/30/2018

SBIR/STTR Phase 1  26% MTDC
SBIR/STTR Phase 2  Federal On-Campus Research Rate as identified above

Definitions of Project Types for F&A purposes, https://www.umass.edu/research/guidance/project-types-fa-purposes

Non-federal Indirect Cost Rates:

- Industry and Non-Mass. gov’t. agencies  59.5% MTDC  7/1/2015 – 6/30/2018
- Foundations and non-profits  20% TDC or Published Sponsor Policy Rate
- Comm. of Mass. & local gov’t. agencies  26% MTDC
- Unrestricted grants ($1000 & over)  10% TDC

Definition of an Unrestricted Grant: https://www.umass.edu/research/awards/set/what-are-awards
Benefited Positions / Fringe Rates:

| Fringe       | 7/1/18 - 6/30/19 | 34.89% + workers comp 0.30%, + UI, UHI, MTX 1.73% = 36.92% |
| Health & Welfare | $16.50 weekly = $858 annually* |
| Sick Leave Bank | 0.58% not assessed on Faculty Salaries |

**Fringe** benefits applicable to direct salaries and wages are treated as direct costs. They are the rates identified in the Massachusetts Statewide Cost Allocation Plan approved by DHHS. This rate is comprised of Group Insurance and Retirement. The combined rate must be applied to all benefited personnel on any awards.

**Health and Welfare** (H & W) for all benefited positions is $16.50 per week ($858) annual FTE (prorate on part-time positions). However, as with the Fringe Benefit Rate, for split-funded personnel, the H & W must be charged to each account on a prorated basis.

*With union contracts pending, it’s recommended to budget $17/week for planning purposes.

Non Benefited Positions:
- Workers Compensation, UI, UHI, MTX 2.03%

Post Doctoral Fellows:

**Minimum Salary Requirement from the contract expiring on 3/31/19**

a. Effective December 1, 2016, the minimum full-time equivalent salary shall be $47,476. All postdocs on the payroll and in the bargaining unit on or after this date shall be paid a salary that is not less than the minimum full-time salary.

b. Effective December 1, 2016, postdocs who are in the bargaining unit and on payroll on this date and were in the bargaining unit and on payroll the preceding September 1, shall have their salary increased to the appropriate salary minimum shown in the I-DEC-16 column below or in the amount of two percent (2%), whichever is greater. Years of experience shall be based on total time as a postdoc, including appointments at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and all prior postdoctoral appointments.

c. Effective December 1, 2017, postdocs who are in the bargaining unit and on payroll on this date and were in the bargaining unit and on payroll the preceding September 1, shall have their salary increased to the appropriate salary minimum shown in the I-DEC-17 column below or in the amount of two percent (2%), whichever is greater. Years of experience shall be based on total time as a postdoc, including appointments at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and all prior postdoctoral appointments.

d. Effective December 1, 2018, postdocs who are in the bargaining unit and on payroll on this date and were in the bargaining unit and on payroll the preceding September 1, shall have their salary increased to the appropriate salary minimum shown in the I-DEC-18 column below or in the amount of two percent (2%), whichever is greater. Years of experience shall be based on total time as a postdoc, including appointments at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and all prior postdoctoral appointments.

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Post-Doc Fringe:

The fringe benefit rate for Post-Docs is effective 7/1/16.

| Fringe       | 7/1/18 - 6/30/19 | 9.85% Health + Workers comp 0.30%, + UI, UHI, MTX 1.73% + Terminal Leave 3.20% = 15.08% |
| Health & Welfare | $16.50 weekly = $858 annually* |

*With union contracts pending, it’s recommended to budget $17/week for planning purposes.*


**Faculty Summer Salary** - The summer period may begin the first Sunday after graduation and ends August 31 every year. Summer effort on all federal and Commonwealth of Massachusetts projects is limited to 2.5 summer months unless the sponsor has more stringent restrictions such as NSF. Please refer to this site for more information on faculty summer appointments: [http://www.umass.edu/research/summer-add-comp-faqs](http://www.umass.edu/research/summer-add-comp-faqs)

**Fringe Applicable to Faculty Summer Salary:**
Workers Compensation, UI, UHI, MTX  

2.03%

**Fringe Applicable To Faculty Academic Year Release Time:** (see Benefited Positions)

**Faculty Academic Year Ad Comp: Not Allowable in Most Cases – Refer To:**
[https://www.umass.edu/research/sites/default/files/additional_compensation_guidelines.pdf](https://www.umass.edu/research/sites/default/files/additional_compensation_guidelines.pdf)

**Students:**

**Summer Student Payroll:** ALL STUDENTS (excluding Post Docs and Fellows) employed for the summer and not enrolled in classes are to be assessed 1.73% UI, UHI, MTX on the summer salary.

**Graduate Student Stipend** – current hourly minimum RA salary rates, per collective bargaining agreements:
- AY 2018-2019: $28.59/hour
- AY 2019-2020: $30.33/hour

For more information, see [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office)

**Graduate Student Fee Calculator:** Save yourself some time and use the student fee calculator located: [https://jgams.research.umass.edu/calculators/GS_fringe_calc_a.jsp](https://jgams.research.umass.edu/calculators/GS_fringe_calc_a.jsp)

**Graduate Student Health & Welfare** $16.50/wk must be assessed to all Graduate Student appointments. ($17/week as of 9/4/2018)

**Graduate Student Tuition Charge:**
Effective 7/1/17, a change to the Tuition Charge came into effect on Graduate Student appointments. The rate charged effective 7/1/18 is $11,975.00 per FTE on a single account. As outlined in Article 2 of the GEO/University contract, a full-time FTE is equal to 760 hours or more of employment for the year, or $315.13 per week for 20 hours of work. Appointments less than the 760 FTE shall use the rate of $15,757 per hour to assess the rate. Each additional year should be inflated by $1000. (FY19 $11,975, FY20 $12,975, FY21 $13,975, FY22 $14,975 unless notified of other rate increase) Summer appointments are not subject to tuition charges. *Tuition Charges are exempt from indirect costs calculations.* Proposals that were submitted prior to 7/1/17, and active awards currently in non-competing status will be grandfathered at their current rate (with 5% annual COLA) until a competitive application or, a supplement that was not in the original scope of a project, is submitted.

**GEO Health Deferment Rate** - The rate is 19.27% of wages of academic and summer.

**Tuition Waivers:** Cost Sharing of tuition waivers, *if allowable* under federal Cost Accounting Standards, (see [https://www.umass.edu/research/policy/cost-sharing-policy](https://www.umass.edu/research/policy/cost-sharing-policy)) use the blended rate of $2,500 per RA semester. (Under review. Please use this rate until amended.)

**Miscellaneous Pertinent Information:**

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