

## Benefits Unique to Academic Year Faculty Positions (MSP)

Your position in this bargaining unit brings many benefits, some of which are unique to the bargaining unit which represents your position. This document is a brief overview of those benefits which appear in the MSP/MTA collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

**Sick Time:** As a full-time employee in this bargaining unit you will accrue 3.07 hours each pay period (2 weeks) for a total of 10 days per year. Sick leave accruals are pro-rated based on your position's full-time equivalency and amount of time paid. Use of more than 5 days of accrued sick time in order to care for another individual with a serious health condition requires approval from the MSP Sick Leave Bank Committee.

**Sick Leave Bank:** The Sick Leave Bank is intended to provide short-term salary continuation when you are unable to perform your job due to a non-work related disability, you have a reasonable expectation of returning to your pre-disability position and your accruals are insufficient to cover your absence. Prior to drawing from the Bank you must have an approved application and exhaust all of your own accrued sick leave. You may elect to join the Sick Leave Bank at any time by donating 1 or more days of your accrued sick leave. Benefit time accrues to the bank while you're using the Sick Leave Bank. Also, members may donate additional sick time upon retirement and during open enrollment.

Full-time tenured and tenure-track & state-funded non-tenure-track faculty members with at least six years of full-time service and have appointments that make it possible to fulfill a return-to-work obligation are eligible for paid parental leave if they become biological or adoptive parents of a child under five years of age. These faculty members are eligible to enroll in the Sick Leave Bank concurrent with that event and receive a one-semester paid leave (inclusive of use of his/her own accrued sick leave). More detailed information is available in Section 27.14 of the MSP bargaining contract and at the Human Resources Employee Service Center (room 325 Whitmore Administration Building).

**Bereavement Leave:** benefited bargaining unit members shall be granted a leave of absence with pay for a maximum of five (5) days of bereavement upon evidence of the death of a family member, or of a person for whom the bargaining unit member is primarily responsible for making funeral arrangements. Family is defined to include the bargaining unit member's significant other; a relation by blood, marriage, or adoption; and/or a person living in the member's immediate household. Bereavement leave for other loved ones may be approved at the discretion of the Department Chair/Head and Dean or equivalent administrative officials. This leave may be used, at the option of the bargaining unit member, within 30 calendar days from said death. Alternatively, the leave may be used to attend the funeral or memorial service occurring within one year of said death.

Note:

- If the position you hold at the University is no longer affiliated with this bargaining unit, this will result in a change to the benefits listed above. Please contact Human Resources (AskHR online at [www.umass.edu/hr](http://www.umass.edu/hr)) with questions in this regard.
- As CBAs are re-negotiated this may result in a change to the benefits listed above.
- For additional information on benefits unique to this bargaining unit please reference the current CBA on the UMass Amherst Provost's Office website. Where this document departs from the CBA, university policy or federal/state law, the latter shall prevail.