Application Procedures

UW-MADISON FACULTY SABBatical PROGRAM

Applicants should submit their proposal to the chair of their department using the online submission program at https://apps.ohr.wisc.edu/staffdev/User/Default.aspx. If the faculty member has an appointment in more than one department, the online proposal should be directed to the chair of their major department. Send a printed copy to the second and/or third department chairs, as appropriate.

The online proposal will ask you to attach the following documents (in PDF format):

1. Summary of current vita (2-3 pages maximum);

2. Description of the proposed sabbatical program including its anticipated benefits to the instructional mission of the department, program or school/college (2-3 double-spaced typed pages).

Within the proposal, you will find these forms:

1. Compensation Received During Sabbatical Assignment Form. List all grants and pending awards to be used during the sabbatical. If you are unsure if you will be receiving grants and/or awards, please enter a “0.” **Note:** Faculty members are not eligible to receive a Sabbatical and Faculty Development Grant during the same time period.

2. Agreement Form. **Note:** A faculty member must agree to return to UW-Madison for at least one academic year of service after the conclusion of the sabbatical, or repay any compensation (salary, plus the University’s share of fringe benefits) received from the UW System during the sabbatical. (This condition will be interpreted to mean that the faculty shall be in residence as a full-time faculty member at UW-Madison for at least one academic year after the leave in order that the results and benefits of the sabbatical experience can be shared with colleagues and students.)

Each proposal must be reviewed by the Department Executive Committee. If a department has multiple applicants, the proposals should be ranked by the Executive Committee. Online applications will be forwarded to the appropriate dean/director (check with your chair or the dean’s office for the due date), with a letter (included within the online proposal in PDF format) from the chair providing:

1. Department Executive Committee approval of the sabbatical plan;
2. A specific outline of the source of support for the sabbatical (colleague coverage, temporary lecturer, or the like), and
3. A brief statement noting the anticipated benefits to the department if the leave is awarded. Deans/Directors will arrange for faculty review of applications from their schools/colleges, consider them in light of budgetary resources available, and electronically submit the online proposal(s) to the Office of Human Resources by October 2, 2017. In the case of faculty members with split appointments, the second (and third, if applicable) department chair(s) must send a letter by e-mail indicating its Department Executive Committee approval to the Dean’s office so that it may be inserted into the online application. The dean’s office should upload the letter into the approval box located within the online proposal.

Instructions for the online proposal are found at this website: https://www.ohr.wisc.edu/grants/sabbatical.aspx

Proposals are then reviewed and evaluated by the Provost’s Office to insure they adhere to campus and system guidelines, and are forwarded to the UW System by the Chancellor. Awards are announced at the December Board of Regents’ meeting and successful applicants will be notified by January 2018.
GUIDELINES

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Eligibility

A faculty member is eligible for a sabbatical under the following terms:

1. A faculty member must have completed six or more years of full-time service, or its equivalent, in the UW-System and not have taken a sabbatical within the UW-System during the prior six years of full-time service or equivalent.

2. Leaves of absence, regardless of funding source (including personal resources), will be excluded in determining years of full-time service.

3. Preference will be given to those making significant contributions to teaching and those who have not had a leave of absence, regardless of funding source, in the prior four years.

4. A sabbatical will not be awarded to:
   a) a faculty member denied reappointment to a permanent position in the year following a sabbatical leave, or
   b) a faculty member who does not plan to return to the institution from which the leave is granted for at least one academic year of full-time service after the conclusion of the sabbatical.

Types

There are two types of sabbatical leaves available to UW-Madison faculty:

1. Sabbatical leave for a period of up to one academic year (and not cross academic years) and receive from the School/College/Department financial support at any level up to 65 percent of his/her salary for that period, in accordance with the faculty member’s school/college policies. Note: percentage of salary compensation may vary from college to college.
2. Sabbatical leave **for one semester** of an academic year and receive from the School/College/Department financial support at any level up to the faculty member’s full salary compensation for that period.

*NOTE: Creditable service for retirement purposes will vary depending on the length of the sabbatical and the level of compensation. A faculty member considering a sabbatical leave request should consult with a fringe benefits counselor prior to submitting a formal request.* (Office of Human Resources/Benefit Services – 262-5650)
Conditions

The following conditions govern the UW-Madison program:

1. Salary funds generated by academic year sabbatical leaves, leaves without pay, by personnel turnover, or by personnel reassignment from GPR support may be used to employ, where necessary, temporary replacement instructional staff to maintain the level and quality of instructional services to students.

2. Sabbatical leaves are awarded for the academic and not calendar year. For purposes of the sabbatical program, sabbatical leaves refer to the period of August through May.

3. A faculty member may receive and is encouraged to seek supplementary grants or other awards while on sabbatical, but such compensation, when combined with the amount of institutional compensation, shall not exceed the full compensation normally received from the UW-System for that period.

   However, the faculty member may seek additional support specifically for travel or unusual living expenses incident to the sabbatical program without restriction by the full compensation maximum. If, however, the additional support is from UW-Madison funds, the request must state the source of the additional funding, and the funding chosen must permit the types of expenses anticipated. THE DEAN MUST APPROVE THE REQUEST PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SABBATICAL. The Dean has the discretion to approve or deny the request. In the sabbatical application, the faculty must specify all grants or other awards applied for that are intended for use during the period of the sabbatical.

4. Such additional grants or awards may be received by the faculty member only if the conditions for accepting the additional resources do not interfere with the stated purposes of a faculty member’s sabbatical program.
5. A faculty member may not use the sabbatical to accept other paid employment during the period of the leave, unless it has been stipulated in the application for the sabbatical and agreed to by the Dean/Director. If so stipulated, #3 applies.

6. A faculty member must agree to return to UW-Madison for at least one academic year of service after the conclusion of the sabbatical, or repay any compensation (salary, plus the University’s share of fringe benefits) received from the UW System during the sabbatical. (This condition will be interpreted to mean that the faculty shall be in residence as a full-time faculty member at UW-Madison for at least one academic year after the leave in order that the results and benefits of the sabbatical experience can be shared with colleagues and students.)

7. Within three months of returning to UW-Madison, a faculty member must submit to the Department Chair, Dean’s/ Director’s office, and the UW-Madison Provost (attention Laurie Mayberry, 117 Bascom Hall) a written report outlining the accomplishments and it must specifically explain how instruction was enhanced during the sabbatical leave (2-3 pages). NOTE: Fall sabbatical reports are due March 31; Spring and Academic Year sabbatical reports are due August 31.

8. Each faculty member must fill out, sign and submit with the application the Compensation Form and Agreement Form.