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**Faculty Compensation Plan**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The major goals of the University of Florida (UF) College Of Medicine (COM) faculty compensation plan are to promote and reward individual success in teaching, research, service and patient care through monetary incentives and individual recognition.

The compensation plan covers both clinical and basic science faculty employed by the COM. All faculty employed in salaried, benefits-eligible positions participate except: (1) faculty reporting to COM leadership in Jacksonville (COM faculty employed at the Jacksonville regional campus are covered under a separate compensation plan), (2) OPS and Emeritus faculty, (3) postdoctoral associates and research associates, (4) visiting faculty, (5) Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants,and (6) faculty specifically exempted by the Dean.

A new faculty member who is employed after the first business day of the fiscal year may be included in the plan if the position is included in the department’s annual budget and has been given an appropriate assignment and, for clinical faculty, a wRVU target.

This compensation plan is subject to periodic review by the COM Compensation Committee and revision by the Dean to ensure that the goals of the plan are being met. Without revising the plan, incentive payments or other elements of this plan may be suspended in specific cases where the College of Medicine faces financial exigency, as determined by the Dean. Standing research and clinical subcommittees of the Compensation Committee are available to make recommendations to chairs or the Dean, as appropriate, about disputes, conflicts, or questions surrounding faculty compensation.

# **Base Salary**

Base salary is a faculty member’s fixed contracted salary. Base salary may be adjusted annually in accordance with UF and COM guidelines and based on the faculty member’s performance. If performance measures are achieved or exceeded, faculty will be eligible for a base salary increase, incentives, and/or a year-end departmental incentive.

Base salary, also referred to as “Fixed/Contractual Salary Plus Medical Practice Supplement” in the AAMC Faculty Salary Survey, will be subject to an established floor and ceiling, stratified for rank and specialty (EXHIBIT III). A faculty member’s base salary cannot be reduced below the AAMC 20th percentile, and cannot exceed the AAMC 75th percentile. It is the intent of the COM to provide appropriate total compensation without inflating base salary. When annual faculty salary increases are authorized by UF or the COM, faculty above the 75th percentile may be granted a payment in lieu of a base salary adjustment*.* Other external benchmarks in lieu of the AAMC 75th percentile ceiling may be used with the approval of the Dean. For basic science faculty and PhD’s in clinical departments, base salary is subject to the AAMC 20th percentile floor but not the ceiling.

Total compensation is comprised of base salary, administrative supplements, productivity incentives, year-end departmental incentives, and one time payments.  Total compensation may not exceed fair market value.  In order to receive an incentive payment, a faculty member must be employed with the College of Medicine in a faculty position through June 30th of the current year.

Base salary increases associated with faculty promotions and the UF Salary Pay Plan (SPP) will be made in accordance with University of Florida and COM guidelines.

**FACULTY ASSIGNMENTS AND PERFORMANCE SCORES**

All faculty are assigned an academic home department responsible for their annual evaluation. If faculty have major responsibility in another area, a Center for example, the home department chair should communicate with the appropriate supervisor from that area regarding the faculty assignment and evaluation.

The department chair, or appropriate designee, must define faculty job expectations and establish full time equivalent (FTE) assignments for each faculty member, as well as performance measures for each assignment. A faculty member's FTE assignments should accurately reflect the work effort of the faculty member. Performance measures appropriate for faculty rank and opportunity are determined with input from the faculty member.

When residents or medical students are present during clinical work, clinical FTE’s may be reallocated 80% patient care and 20% teaching to provide credit for instructional activity. For teaching FTE’s, instructional hours and number of students taught are used to align FTE with responsibilities. The FTE assigned to research cannot be less than the ratio of all salary paid by research grants and research contracts divided by base salary.

Faculty members with assignment to the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) will be assigned an FTE value that reflects net time commitment to the VHA. VHA appointments are based on 40 hours of work per week, which represents an 8/8ths appointment to the VHA. During scheduled VHA hours, a faculty member cannot participate in COM activities.

At the time of their annual evaluation, faculty members must demonstrate that they met their assigned performance measures for the year. A rating system will be used for performance, assigning a grade for each activity (1 to 5, 5 = best score) and adjusting the score for assigned FTE. The weighted scores for all activities will determine the final performance score as shown in the table below. Grades will be rounded to the nearest tenth decimal place.

Chairs may increase or decrease the grade in any one mission by up to 1.0 point to reflect professionalism, attitude, enthusiasm, willingness to volunteer, attendance at meetings, participation as a team player, and similar characteristics and contributions.

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| **Mission** | **FTE Percent** | **Grade** | **Score** |
| Teaching |  |  |  |
| Research |  |  |  |
| Service |  |  |  |
| Patient Care |  |  |  |
| Veterans Health Administration |  |  |  |
| Total | 100 % |  |  |

Faculty are eligible for annual base salary and merit increases, incentives, and year-end departmental incentives based upon the faculty member’s total performance score as referenced in the table below. Such increases must be in accordance with UF and COM guidelines.

Faculty who receive an annual evaluation rated at the below performance standard level or at the unsatisfactory performance level are subject to annual reductions in base salary. In such situations, the effective date of base salary reductions will be determined by the Dean.

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| **Overall**  **Performance Score** | **Outcome** |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | **Outstanding performance**. Eligible for base salary and merit increase, incentive, and year-end departmental incentive.\* |
| 4.0 to 4.4 | **Exceeds performance standard.** Eligible for base salary and merit increase, incentive, and year-end departmental incentive.\* |
| 3.0 to 3.9 | **Achieves performance standard.** Eligible for base salary and merit increase, and incentive. |
| 2.0 to 2.9 | **Below performance standard.** Up to 5 percent base salary reduction. Not eligible for incentive or year-end departmental incentive. |
| 0.0 to 1.9 | **Unsatisfactory performance.** Up to 10 percent base salary reduction. Not eligible for incentive or year-end departmental incentive. |

\*Higher performance scores may result in higher merit increases and year-end departmental incentives.

**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND EVALUATION**

Performance will be tied to academic benchmarks and evaluated by objective data whenever feasible. Departments will develop performance measures for each mission that can be used to benchmark and establish a base score. If a faculty member’s assignment changes during the year because of new or altered assignments, such changes must be approved by the Dean and documented in writing to the faculty member.

**TEACHING EVALUATION**

Measures of teaching performance are based on data that will be provided by the COM, course, clerkship and residency program directors, and individual faculty members. Productivity is measured in teaching hours, numbers of students taught, service on teaching committees, and development of teaching aids. Teaching productivity should correspond to the FTE assigned to teaching.

Quality is to be measured by student, resident and peer evaluations and by teaching awards. The following table provides a guideline for grading teaching performance.

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| Grade | Quality |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Recognized for teaching excellence by students, residents, or peers. Demonstrates teaching leadership by distinguished service on UFCOM education committees or as a course, IDP director, clerkship, or residency program director. Responsible for and achieves continuing residency accreditation. Promotes education programs at regional or national meetings. Receives outstanding teaching awards. |
| 4.0 to 4.4 | Readily accepts teaching responsibilities, produces materials, and works with others to improve educational programs. Achieves above average performance ratings from students, residents or peers. |
| 3.0 to 3.9 | Participates in assigned teaching responsibilities with average performance ratings as identified by students, residents, course or residency program director, IDP director, chair, or Associate Dean for Education. |
| 2.0 to 2.9 | Performs below expectation for assigned teaching responsibilities as indicated by poor evaluations from student, resident, or peers, or by failure to perform assignments on time. |
| 0.0 to 1.9 | Does not accept teaching responsibilities when asked or accepts with reluctance and/or fails to follow through on assignments. |

# **individual teaching incentive**

To recognize outstanding performance in teaching, an incentive may be available from the COM Office of the Dean for a select number of educators. Eligible faculty will be nominated from each department and participate in a college-wide competition to receive an incentive. Faculty are selected based on the excellence of their teaching of medical students, residents and fellows, graduate students, post-docs, and mentorship of other faculty.

To qualify for an award of excellence in teaching, candidates must have an teaching grade of 4.5 or better, no grade less than 3.0, and a teaching assignment of at least 15%. If extenuating circumstances exist such that a department chair believes a particular faculty member deserves consideration for the award with less than 15% time assigned to teaching, the nomination can proceed with a request to the selection committee to excuse the 15% teaching assignment requirement. Department chairs and members of the selection committee are not eligible for the teaching incentive.

Each department may nominate one or more faculty meeting the criteria referenced above. The maximum number of nominations by a department will be based on the department’s assigned teaching FTE. This number is determined by calculating the sum of the teaching FTE assignment of faculty in each department for the academic year. This total by department is rounded up to the next whole number.

The department chair must approve all nominees and either rank order or categorize those submitted for the incentive awards as outstanding, excellent, or very good. The teaching portion of the department chair’s annual evaluation letter will be used to support nominated individuals, or a separate letter from the chair may be issued. Asthe primary support document, the evaluation letter must include a summary of the candidate’s teaching activities, emphasizing teaching accomplishments, and evaluations of medical students, residents and fellows, graduate students, post-docs, and mentored junior faculty. The evaluation letter must also include the candidate's performance grades for all assigned missions. Nominated applicants should review their evaluation letter for completeness prior to submission.

The selection committee will judge teaching excellence based on the quality of teaching, as assessed by teaching and peer evaluations, teaching effort, and a candidate’s teaching accomplishments. The committee will determine which of the nominated faculty receive awards, with the goal to select the top 10% of COM educators.

The selection committee shall be comprised of the following individuals:

1. Senior Associate Dean for Education or designee, serves as chair of the selection committee.
2. Associate Dean for Graduate Education.
3. Associate Dean for Medical Education.
4. Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education.
5. Chair of the College of Medicine Curriculum Committee.
6. Faculty member appointed by Society of Teaching Scholars.
7. Basic Science Department Chair appointed by the Dean.
8. Clinical Department Chair appointed by the Dean.
9. President of the Faculty Council or his/her designee.

**Incentive awards**. The minimum and maximum awards will be determined by funds available. The selection committee may recommend to the Dean the monetary value of the awards.

**Exemplary Teacher Awards**. Faculty receiving incentive awards will be recognized as Exemplary Teachers at the Educational Week Banquet held during the spring semester.

**RESEARCH EVALUATION**

Measures of research performance are based on objective data that will be col­lected by the COM or provided by the individual faculty member. Faculty members with 0.20 FTE or greater assigned to research, or assistant professors during their initial employment for up to five years with 0.30 FTE or greater assigned to research, are expected to have the research portion of their base salary derived from research grants. For these faculty members, grant awards and salary offsets from grants will be used to calculate incentives (as described below) and will determine the research funding component score which will be 60% of the research grade.

The second component (40%) of the grade is research outcomes. Outcome measures are based on conduct and progress of research, publications, presentations, recognized achievements in research, and meeting or exceeding individual annual research goals.

The grade for faculty members with < 0.20 FTE and for assistant professors (in their first five years) with < 0.30 assigned to research will be based solely on research outcomes, including progress toward meeting/exceeding expectations for publications, presentations, and participation in research activities locally or nationally.

The following table provides guidelines for assessing research accomplishments. The department chair or designee will establish specific performance measures for an individual faculty’s research FTE, according to rank and opportunity, with faculty input. Research scores will be determined for each of the two components and the final grade will be a weighted average of the research funding (60%) and the research outcomes (40%) category scores.

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| Grade | Research Funding (60%) | Research Outcomes (40%) |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Supports research FTE\* salary on research grants or contracts. | Far exceeds expectations/yearly goals for presentations, publications, patents, and conduct of research.  Achieved or building national reputation, e.g., service on study section/research advisory group, visiting professor/invited speaker, or similar peer recognition. Receives research achievement awards. |
| 4.0 to 4.4 | Serves as PI or Co-I on research grants with some salary support. Alternatively, has secured 75% or more of research FTE\* from grants/contracts or start-up funds. | Exceeds expectations/yearly goals for presentation, publications, patents, and conduct of research.  Solid and promising research progress with appropriate handling of problems. |

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| 3.0 to 3.9 | Meets expectations for grant applications with at least one grant with priority score near funding range or with an improved score on resubmission.  Alternatively, has secured 50% or more of research salary from grants/contracts or start up funds. | Submits abstracts, papers and patents as appropriate. Conduct and progress of research is satisfactory and meets expectations. |
| 2.0 to 2.9 | Submits/participates in grant applications but with scientific priority scores substantially out of funding range.  Has made good effort to secure funding but without success. | Makes no sustained effort to present or submit available work for publication.  Conduct and progress of research is slow and does not meet expectations/yearly goals. |
| 0.0 to 1.9 | Fails to submit or participate in grant applications with salary support.  Fails to obtain funding in a timely manner. | Makes no effort to present or submit available work for publication.  Conduct and progress of research is minimal. |

\* An individual’s support of their research FTE may be less than support of their full salary for those faculty whose salary is above federal grant salary caps (e.g., NIH).

**INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH INCENTIVE**

To participate in the individual research incentive, a faculty member must have ≥ 0.20 FTE time assigned to research and an assistant professor (for up to five years or until promotion to associate professor, whichever occurs first) must have ≥ 0.30 FTE assigned to research. However, department chairs can request approval of the Dean for participation in the individual research incentive by faculty with FTE < 0.20 or by assistant professors with FTE < 0.30 who, in spite of their small amount of time dedicated to research, have obtained grant support for their research salary.

To provide an incentive for faculty to seek salary support from research grants, the percentage of research FTE salary covered by grants will be used to calculate a research incentive according to the table below. For the purpose of the incentive, research salary support will be provided primarily by extramural, peer-reviewed grants. Research grants and research contracts, including industry sponsored research, count towards the research incentive if they specify salary support and are awarded with indirect costs. Salary paid by a research career development award, including VA mentor research training programs, is included in the incentive. For salary offsets to count towards the research incentive, the faculty member must be the principal investigator, co-principal investigator or a co-investigator who has made a significant intellectual contribution to the grant application as determined by the chair after consultation with the principal investigator.

Incentives for grant supported salaries are calculated as a percent of base salary allocated to research per the table below. For faculty whose salary rate exceeds a cap determined by a funding agency (e.g., NIH cap on salary), determination of the research grade and the incentive will be based upon the FTE assigned to the grant (relative to the faculty member’s total FTE assigned to research), not the actual amount of funding awarded by the granting agency for that FTE.

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| Base Salary Covered by Grants  Adjusted for Research FTE | Incentive as a Percent of Base Salary Allocated to Research |
| 50% or more  60% or more  75% or more  90% or more | 2.0  3.0  4.5  6.0 |

###### If a faculty member qualifies for an incentive and the calculated award is less than $ 250, the actual award he/she would receive is $ 250.

###### To provide incentives for newly appointed assistant professors who are developing a research program, recognizing that it is often difficult for these individuals to secure the level of funding indicated above, the following will apply. For up to five years as an assistant professor or until promotion to associate professor, the table below will be used to calculate the faculty member’s incentive. To participate in this program, an assistant professor must have ≥ 30% time assigned to research. (Department chairs can request approval of the Dean for participation in the individual research incentive by assistant professors with FTE < 0.30 who have 20% or more of their research salary supported by grants.)

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| Base Salary Covered by Grants for qualified Assistant Professors  Adjusted for Research FTE | Incentive as a Percent of Salary  Allocated to Research |
| > 20%  30% or more  45% of more  60% or more | 2.0  3.0  4.5  6.0 |

Additional incentives will be given to promote and reward investigator-initiated, peer reviewed, competitive, large-scale research grant/contract awards. To encourage large grants that involve multiple investigators such as Program Projects  and Center grants, in which each investigator contributes a separately funded project or a separate project with a dedicated budget, additional research incentives are also provided. Incentives are given for each year of the research award, for grant/contract expenditures to UF that specify salary support for the principal (PI) or lead investigator and pay indirect costs, in accordance with the table below:

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| **Research Activity** | Incentive as Percent of Salary Charged to Research Grant |
| PI or lead investigator on a competitive, peer-reviewed Program Project, center or comparable multiple grant award, with direct costs greater than $750,000 per year.  PI or lead investigator on a competitive, peer-reviewed training grant, with direct expenditures greater than $ 100,000 per year.  PI or lead investigator on investigator-initiated, competitive, peer-reviewed grant(s), including subproject(s) of a competitive, peer reviewed Program Project, center or other multiple grant award(s) with total direct expenditures:  > $100,000 per year  > $500,000 per year  > $1,000,000 per year  > $2,000,000 per year  PI on VA Merit Review Award with direct expenditures of $ 150,000 and at least a 5/8 appointment to the VHA.    Incentive payments will be pro-rated for grants less than $ 150,000. | 6  3  4  5  6  7  $1,500 |

The incentive that accrues to the investigator will be calculated and paid semi-annually based on the actual amount of salary charged against the grants (i.e., if a grant was open for nine months, but salary was charged to the grant for only two months, then only two months of salary offset would be used to calculate the incentive amount). Fringe benefits will not be paid on incentives.

To ensure that balance between assigned departmental missions is maintained, eligibility for the research incentive requires a performance rank of 3.0 or better in all mission categories.

**SERVICE EVALUATION**

Service activities in teaching, research, or patient care should be assigned to that mission. Other service activities include such duties as senior/associate/assistant deanships, department chairs, associate/assistant chairs, division chiefs, medical directors, service or educational contract administrators/directors, UF, COM and department committee membership / leadership. Performance measures will be developed by the appropriate supervisor and faculty.

The following table provides a guideline for assessment of service performance.

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| **Service Evaluation** | |
| Grade |  |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Serves in key administrative positions with demonstrated leadership as judged from unit operation consistent with budget and respectful of personnel. Demonstrates organizational skills. Serves in elected or appointed administrative position outside UFCOM consistent with its mission. |
| 4.0 to 4.4 | Exceeds expectations in most but not all areas. Promotes cooperation with colleagues and clearly supports department and college objectives. |
| 3.0 to 3.9 | Meets administrative expectation. Attends meetings and contributes to objectives. |
| 2.0 to 2.9 | Accepts responsibilities but performance is lacking. Does not follow through on assignments and demonstrates minimal progress on goals. Often absent from committee meetings. |
| 0.0 to 1.9 | Does not accept administrative responsibilities when asked. |

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENT**

An administrative supplement may be provided for significant administrative responsibilities. Administrative supplements are considered part of a faculty member’s base salary. When a faculty member’s administrative assignment ends, any administrative supplement associated with that assignment is removed from the faculty member’s base salary. One-time payments paid to faculty members for activities such as additional duty or responsibilities are temporary and are not included in base salary*.*

**PATIENT CARE EVALUATION**

Patient care is evaluated on measures of productivity and quality of care. Work relative value units (wRVUs), compared to target, define one performance measure for clinical productivity. For those faculty whose clinical FTE is 0.20 or greater, 75% of the base grade for clinical performance will be assigned by the COM, based on how actual productivity compares to the assigned wRVU target as indicated in the table below.

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| **Clinical Productivity and Quality** | | |
| Grade | Productivity (75%) | Quality and Safety (25%) |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Exceeds wRVU target by 25 percent or more | Greatly exceeds performance standards determined at annual evaluation |
| 4.0 to 4.4 | Exceeds wRVU target by at least 10 percent | Exceeds performance standards determined at annual evaluation |
| 3.0 to 3.9 | Meets expectation | Meets performance standards determined at annual evaluation |
| 2.0 to 2.9 | Falls below wRVU target by at least 15 percent | Performs slightly below performance standards determined at annual evaluation |
| 0.0 to 1.9 | Falls below wRVU target by 30 percent or more | Fails to meet performance standards determined at annual evaluation |
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Base grades will be calculated using a sliding scale between 1 and 5 as shown above.

The chair may request an adjustment in the base grade for approved medical leaves of absence or other circumstances beyond the control of an individual faculty member.

The chair assigns 25% of the grade based on quality of care, using measures previously agreed to during the faculty member’s annual evaluation meeting. These may include measurable quality markers, a 360 evaluation, collegiality, physician and patient satisfaction surveys, medical record completion, and ongoing professional practice evaluations. Input from the departmental quality officer is anticipated. The timeliness, adequacy, and accuracy of information provided for patient billing may also be considered.

For faculty whose clinical service is supported by salary cost reimbursement from a contract, the grade for this service will be determined based on how well the individual fulfills the terms of the contract, as determined by the chair using assigned performance measures. If such individuals also have an additional clinical assignment, the overall clinical grade will be proportioned based on FTE assigned to contract versus total clinical FTE.

For faculty with less than 0.20 FTE assigned to patient care activities, the chair will determine a faculty member’s grade based on the faculty member achieving his/her assigned performance measures.

**INDIVIDUAL CLINICAL INCENTIVE**

The chair will define, with input from the faculty member, annual work RVU targets. (In the unusual situation where wRVUs targets are inappropriate, a chair may request the Dean to approve an alternative method of assigning or calculating clinical productivity targets.) In determining the targets, chairs will take into consideration base salary allocated to clinical activities, clinical hours or sessions, historical performance, and opportunity. Assigned wRVUs are expected to be between the 50th and 90th percentile (adjusted for clinical FTE) for the individual’s specialty as defined in the most recent Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Academic Practice Compensation and Productivity Survey (EXHIBIT IV). MGMA data exclude residents, physician assistants and other secondary providers. When such providers are used or in the discretion of the chair, the assigned wRVU targets may exceed the MGMA limits.

Work RVUs standardize physician services across all types of activities. Work RVUs are converted into net collections using the average ratio of wRVUs to net collections for the appropriate operational unit (department/division/specialty), updated semi-annually. The translation of wRVUs into net revenues is calculated using values appropriate for the type of work performed. Payor mix will influence this conversion factor. Net revenues for this purpose are defined as equal to gross collections less payment of billing refunds, the Dean’s tax and Faculty Group Practice costs. The chair must set individual wRVU targets for the faculty as a whole at a level that produces net collections sufficient to cover the cost of the clinical mission of the department and any activities intended to be supported by clinical revenue, as negotiated during the budget process. Specifically, the assigned departmental wRVUs as a whole must cover the approvedclinical budget. Any changes in wRVU targets during the year must be approved by the Dean and documented in writing to the faculty member.

To participate in the clinical incentive plan, a faculty member must have at least 20% time assigned to clinical service. (Exception: Faculty supported by career development awards requiring at least 60% time commitment to research may qualify for the clinical incentive with a 0.15 FTE assigned to clinical service.) Faculty who exceed their assigned wRVU targets are eligible to receive an incentive payment.

The incentive payment is 20% of the product of the number of wRVUs above target multiplied by the departmental/division/specialty average net revenue per wRVU. The 20% may be increased by the Dean contingent on sufficient COM financial resources*.* The department is allocated 70% (less if the individual incentive increases) and the COM 10*%.* Payment may be made quarterly or semiannually, and the incentive is based on annual projections. Mid-year incentives will include a holdback of 25%, to be paid at year-end, to spread the incentive over the academic year and to guard against unforeseen adverse financial events in the remainder of the year. Fringe benefits are not paid on clinical incentive awards.

To ensure that balance between assigned departmental missions is maintained, eligibility for clinical incentives requires a performance rank of 3.0 or better in all mission categories.

In circumstances where a group target seems more appropriate than an individual target departments may request approval from the Dean to use a clinical group target.

For faculty with an FTE assignment on clinical contracts based upon a fee for service or fee per encounter, work RVU equivalents will be calculated and credited to faculty.  The departmental or divisional average net collections per RVU will be used to determine the work RVU equivalents associated with the clinical contract with fee for services provisions.

Contracts that are based on salary cost reimbursement are excluded from the clinical incentive calculation along with that proportion of the FTE attributed to the contract. Faculty performing at a grade higher than 3.0 for clinical work who do not generate wRVUs (e.g., contracts) may be eligible for year-end departmental incentive based on their overall clinical grade provided they have no grade below a 3.0 on any other mission.

**VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

The chair, or appropriate designee (i.e., Chief of Service at the VHA) will evaluate the faculty member with respect to his/her VHA assignments. UF faculty are not compensated by the COM for their VHA work; however, because the close relationship with the VHA is critical to the COM’s missions, the College does consider a faculty member’s performance of VHA responsibilities in its evaluation of the faculty member and in its compensation plan.

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| **Grade** | **VHA evaluation** |
| 4.5 to 5.0 | Outstanding performance in nearly all areas. |
| 4.0 to 4.4 | Exceeds expectations in most but not all areas. |
| 3.0 to 3.9 | Meets expectation for clinical and/or research service. |
| 2.0 to 2.9 | Marginal to inadequate performance. |
| 0.0 to 1.9 | Fails to meet responsibilities as presented in job description. |

**YEAR-END DEPARTMENT INCENTIVE**

At the end of the fiscal year and with the approval of the Dean, a department with an excess of revenues over expenses may allocate funds to pay year-end departmental incentives to faculty members. Faculty eligibility for a year-end departmental incentive requires an overall performance score of 4.0 or higher and no performance grade less than 3.0 in any mission category.

In special situations, a chair can appeal to the Dean to grant a year-end departmental incentive to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to the betterment of the department, even if that faculty member does not have the performance scores that would otherwise qualify him/her for a year-end departmental incentive.

# **endowments**

COM policy permits base salary to be funded with spendable income from appropriate endowments to the extent that it is not covered by other funds (i.e., clinical income, research grants, contracts, etc.). Payments must be consistent with the legal requirements of the endowment. Deviations from this policy must be approved by the Dean.

**COMPENSATION PLAN DATABASE**

The COM’s Fiscal Services Division is responsible for maintaining the compensation plan database upon which incentives will be calculated and for aligning departmental budgets and FTE assignments with the compensation plan. Clinical and research performance data will be updated on a monthly basis while educational performance will be updated on a semester basis. Faculty may access their individual accounts and monitor their performance toward assigned targets at the following address:

<http://apps.comfs.ufl.edu/compplan>

A Gatorlink identification and password are required to access the compensation plan database.

**TIMELINE**

The annual evaluation period for faculty members concides with the fiscal year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. The review of clinical productivity data for incentive pay purposes also is based on the fiscal year time frame. The conversion factor for wRVUs to net revenue will be determined quarterly beginning with the start of the fiscal year.

Faculty evaluations are expected to be conducted between July 1st and August 15th. A faculty letter of evaluation must be issued to each faculty member by August 15th . The letter of evaluation must include the faculty member’s assignment and performance expectations for the next fiscal year, must be signed by the faculty member, and returned to the COM’s Office of the Dean by August 15th. The complete timeline for the Compensation Plan is outlined in EXHIBIT VI.

**RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT AND GRIEVANCES**

Implementation of the compensation plan requires negotiation between a faculty member and his/her chair or designee. In the rare circumstance when a faculty member cannot reach agreement with his/her chair, the faculty member may appeal to the Dean.In addition, faculty members may pursue their concerns/disputes regarding compensation plan issues through the University of Florida’s faculty grievance process.

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**EXHIBIT I**

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Faculty Compensation Plan

**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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| **Mission** | **Measures** | **Examples** |
| Teaching | Number of instructional hours  Teaching productivity  Service on college or department education committees  Development of teaching aids  Serve on national education committees or functions  Student/peer evaluations  Teaching awards  Publication in relevant journals devoted to medical education (such as Academic Medicine)  Service on PhD Committees  Graduate student mentoring  Student exam pass rate  Peer mentoring | 200 hours teaching students  Appropriate for assigned eFTE  Member Curriculum Committee  “ Medical Selection Committee  Develop computer instructional program  Chair AAMC section on accreditation  Exceed dept average student or resident evaluation scores  Achieve satisfactory peer-evaluation  Teacher of the Year  Achieves X number of publications  Chair X number of PhD committees  Number of graduate students mentored  Pass rate on trainee exams/boards in faculty members specialty area  Score on peer (faculty) mentoring evaluation |
| Research  Research | Research applications submitted  Research applications funded  Program project or training grant  Sponsored clinical trials  Study section, research advisory  group, local research committee  Publications/Presentations  Significance of Research  Patent applications / awards  Licenses/Royalties Awarded  Percentage of salary covered by grants  Progress toward meeting research goals (as stated in formalized plan)  Research recognition awards and general assessment of research quality | Submit 2 grant proposals  Applications funded  Submitted or funded  Clinical trials funded  Member of study section  List per university format  Number of times work is cited in peer reviewed literature  List per university format  Number/dollar amount of award  Should have 50% of FTE devoted to research covered by third year  List goals achieved  Awards received |
| Service | Department assigned responsibilities  Effectiveness in achieving stated goals  Compliance  UF, COM, and Department committee leadership/service  Community service  Evidence of leadership | Associate/Assistant chair / Division chief / Medical directors /  X% reduction in compliance citations;  ACGME milestones achieved;  Divisional quality standards achieved  Dean's office assignments  Institutional Review Board  UF Faculty Senate and Committees  COM Faculty Council  President, Alachua County Medical Society  Accomplishment of goals and responsibilities within expected timeframe and fiscal constraints |
| Clinical | Exceeds target wRVUs  Billing  Charge Lag Reduction  Net collections (including contracts) per c FTE  Performance ratings in 360 evaluations  Participation in PQRI  Referring physician survey    Patient satisfaction survey  Clinic access: 3rd available appt  Scheduled clinic time  Clinic cancellations  Clinical volume  OR/Clinic utilization  Length of Stay  Readmission reduction  PQRI survey | Generate >4,500 wRVUs  Provides appropriate billing information on a timely basis  Charge lag days < X  Generate >$200,000 net collections  360 evaluation score  PQRI participation and score  Achieve high satisfaction score  Patient satisfaction survey score  3rd available appt < X days  Arrive on time for clinic > 95%  Achieve < X% appointment “bump” rate  Performs X number of surgical cases/office visits  Utilizes X% of assigned OR block time/clinic rooms  Achieves target LOS goal  Readmission rate < X%  Top 1/3 of physicians surveyed |

**Exhibit II**

Examples:

*Example of clinical scoring:*

Dr. Smith (see below) achieved a productivity score of 10% above target, resulting in a clinical productivity grade of 4.0, which is 75% of his clinical score. For quality he achieved average patient satisfaction scores, participated in a PQRI initiative with average scores, and met expectations for clinic attendance resulting in a grade of 3.0, which is 25% of his clinical score. His overall clinical grade is 3.75. (4.0 x .75 = 3.0 plus 3.0 x .25 = .75)

*Example of clinical incentive:*

Dr. Smith has a clinical FTE assignment of 0.60, an average performance rank of 4.0, and a wRVU target of 4,500. The departmental conversion factor of net collections per wRVU is $72. If Dr. Smith produces 4,950 wRVUs, ten percent above his target, then Dr. Smith would be eligible for an incentive equal to $6480 (450 wRVUs above target multiplied by $72/wRVU multiplied by 20%).

*Example of how FTEs are calculated with a VHA appointment:*

A faculty member has an 8/8 appointment to the VHA and works 10 additional hours at a College of Medicine clinic. The FTE appointment at the VHA would be calculated as 40 hours VHA time divided by 50 total hours worked per week or 0.80 FTE for the VHA appointment and 0.20 FTE for the College of Medicine (10 hours College of Medicine/50 total work hours per week).

*Example of research incentive:*

Dr. Avery is an associate professor, who earns a base salary of $120,000 and has 40% of his time assigned to research. Based on FTE assignment, the portion of his base salary allocated to research is $48,000.

As PI of a peer reviewed, competitive grant with direct costs of $250,000 per year and indirect costs paid to the University, Dr. Avery has $ 24,000, 50% of his research salary covered. He earns an incentive for salary offset calculated as 2% of $48,000, for a total incentive for research of $960.

*Example of research incentive:*

Dr. Jones is a full professor who earns a base salary of $200,000 and has 75% of her time assigned to research. Based on FTE assignment, the portion of her base salary allocated to research is $150,000. Dr. Jones is a Co-PI on an NIH grant that pays $40,000 of her base salary.

Dr. Jones is also PI of a Program Project grant of $800,000 a year, with indirect costs, which covers an additional $50,000 of her base salary. Thus she has $90,000 of her salary covered by grants, which is 60% of her salary assigned to research. For research salary offset by grants, she will receive an incentive of $4,500, 3% of her $150,000 research salary. Plus, for being a PI on the program project grant, she will receive 6% of $150,000 or $9000. Her total research incentive is $13,500.

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2009 Benchmark

**Clinical Faculty (MD degree)** AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

Percentile Percentile

Anesthesiology

Assistant professor 214,000 309,000

Associate professor 230,000 338,000

Professor 234,000 352,000

Emergency Medicine

Assistant professor 178,000 230,000

Associate professor 190,000 247,000

Professor 202,000 259,000

Community Health & Family Medicine

Assistant professor 129,000 167,000

Associate professor 146,000 184,000

Professor 159,000 207,000

Medicine – Allergy/Immunology

Assistant professor 81,000 179,000

Associate professor 111,000 191,000

Professor 156,000 232,000

Medicine - Cardiology

Assistant professor 169,000 303,000

Associate professor 203,000 350,000

Professor 213,000 372,000

Medicine – Dermatology (excluding Mohs Surgery)

Assistant professor 143,000 262,000

Associate professor 179,000 300,000

Professor 174,000 340,000

Medicine – Dermatology (including Mohs Surgery)

Assistant professor 227,000 341,000

Associate professor 204,000 476,000

Professor 262,000 432,000

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Percentile Percentile

Medicine - Endocrinology

Assistant professor 111,000 151,000

Associate professor 141,000 193,000

Professor 171,000 243,000

Medicine - Gastroenterology

Assistant professor 154,000 253,000

Associate professor 191,000 324,000

Professor 204,000 324,000

Medicine - General Internal

Assistant professor 127,000 175,000

Associate professor 143,000 203,000

Professor 172,000 250,000

Medicine - Geriatrics

Assistant Professor 115,000 155,000

Associate professor 141,000 191,000

Professor 164,000 230,000

Medicine – Hematology/Oncology

Assistant professor 146,000 215,000

Associate professor 172,000 256,000

Professor 200,000 308,000

Medicine – Infectious Diseases

Assistant professor 115,000 148,000

Associate professor 140,000 179,000

Professor 170,000 233,000

Medicine - Nephrology

Assistant professor 127,000 176,000

Associate professor 156,000 216,000

Professor 185,000 265,000

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Percentile Percentile

Medicine – Pulmonary

Assistant professor 132,000 194,000

Associate professor 161,000 216,000

Professor 186,000 261,000

Medicine - Rheumatology

Assistant professor 110,000 154,000

Associate professor 132,000 187,000

Professor 160,000 236,000

Neurological Surgery

Assistant professor 250,000 450,000

Associate professor 294,000 527,000

Professor 258,000 538,000

Neurology

Assistant professor 120,000 168,000

Associate professor 145,000 201,000

Professor 176,000 246,000

Obstetrics & Gynecology - General

Assistant professor 154,000 233,000

Associate professor 185,000 264,000

Professor 198,000 324,000

Obstetrics & Gynecology – Gynecologic Oncology

Assistant professor 197,000 262,000

Associate professor 225,000 362,000

Professor 250,000 395,000

Obstetrics & Gynecology – Maternal and Fetal

Assistant professor 188,000 300,000

Associate professor 213,000 316,000

Professor 241,000 388,000

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Percentile Percentile

Obstetrics & Gynecology – Reproductive Endocrinology

Assistant professor 170,000 255,000

Associate professor 201,000 281,000

Professor 225,000 364,000

Ophthalmology

Assistant professor 129,000 227,000

Associate professor 170,000 301,000

Professor 190,000 335,000

Orthopedic Surgery

Assistant professor 212,000 393,000

Associate professor 271,000 500,000

Professor 276,000 485,000

Otolaryngology

Assistant professor 180,000 258,000

Associate professor 213,000 327,000

Professor 225,000 370,000

Pathology - Anatomic

Assistant professor 150,000 194,000

Associate professor 172,000 230,000

Professor 208,000 281,000

Pathology - Clinical

Assistant professor 140,000 182,000

Associate professor 175,000 234,000

Professor 203,000 289,000

Pathology - Other

Assistant professor 116,000 169,000

Associate professor 137,000 198,000

Professor 172,000 254,000

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2009 Benchmark

**Clinical Faculty (MD degree)** AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

Percentile Percentile

Pediatrics – Allergy/Immunology

Assistant professor 118,000 141,000

Associate professor 140,000 178,000

Professor 159,000 228,000

Pediatrics - Cardiology

Assistant professor 150,000 199,000

Associate professor 187,000 250,000

Professor 215,000 300,000

Pediatrics – Critical/Intensive Care

Assistant professor 144,000 193,000

Associate professor 177,000 229,000

Professor 217,000 285,000

Pediatrics - Endocrinology

Assistant professor 115,000 137,000

Associate professor 133,000 170,000

Professor 155,000 198,000

Pediatrics - Gastroenterology

Assistant professor 138,000 170,000

Associate professor 161,000 206,000

Professor 187,000 257,000

Pediatrics - General

Assistant professor 120,000 169,000

Associate professor 135,000 192,000

Professor 158,000 240,000

Pediatrics - Genetics

Assistant professor 109,000 137,000

Associate professor 122,000 150,000

Professor 150,000 212,000

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**Clinical Faculty (MD degree)** AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

Percentile Percentile

Pediatrics – Hematology/Oncology

Assistant professor 123,000 142,000

Associate professor 146,000 184,000

Professor 180,000 227,000

Pediatrics – Infectious Diseases

Assistant professor 106,000 133,000

Associate professor 123,000 159,000

Professor 153,000 215,000

Pediatrics – Neonatology

Assistant professor 144,000 203,000

Associate professor 177,000 231,000

Professor 200,000 273,000

Pediatrics – Nephrology

Assistant professor 115,000 140,000

Associate professor 140,000 168,000

Professor 162,000 217,000

Pediatrics – Neurology

Assistant professor 131,000 163,000

Associate professor 155,000 193,000

Professor 169,000 231,000

Pediatrics – Pulmonary

Assistant professor 126,000 160,000

Associate professor 148,000 192,000

Professor 173,000 227,000

Physical Med & Rehabilitation

Assistant professor 134,000 201,000

Associate professor 159,000 221,000

Professor 172,000 250,000

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**Clinical Faculty (MD degree)** AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

Percentile Percentile

Psychiatry

Assistant professor 127,000 174,000

Associate professor 145,000 190,000

Professor 166,000 248,000

Radiation Oncology

Assistant professor 224,000 328,000

Associate professor 250,000 361,000

Professor 291,000 416,000

Radiology (Interventional)

Assistant professor 232,000 396,000

Associate professor 275,000 424,000

Professor 269,000 400,000

Radiology (Non-Interventional)

Assistant professor 221,000 338,000

Associate professor 233,000 341,000

Professor 262,000 381,000

Surgery - General

Assistant professor 185,000 281,000

Associate professor 210,000 349,000

Professor 215,000 400,000

Surgery - Pediatrics

Assistant professor 234,000 331,000

Associate professor 277,000 415,000

Professor 325,000 544,000

Surgery - Plastic

Assistant professor 196,000 325,000

Associate professor 225,000 375,000

Professor 260,000 476,000

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2009 Benchmark

**Clinical Faculty (MD degree)** AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

Percentile Percentile

Surgery – Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery

Assistant professor 225,000 387,000

Associate professor 277,000 516,000

Professor 317,000 555,000

Surgery - Transplant

Assistant professor 182,000 300,000

Associate professor 249,000 418,000

Professor 260,000 472,000

Surgery - Urology

Assistant professor 177,000 300,000

Associate professor 222,000 356,000

Professor 239,000 386,000

Surgery - Vascular

Assistant professor 205,000 306,000

Associate professor 247,000 411,000

Professor 253,000 389,000

Source: AAMC Report on Medical Faculty Salaries 2008-2009/University of Florida College of Medicine Special Report. Fixed/Contractual Salary plus Medical Practice Supplement, M.D. or Equivalent Faculty, All Medical Schools. Compensation includes salary plus on call, additional duties, and other lump sum payments excluding scholarship, cell phone reimbursement, bonus and incentive payments.

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2009 Benchmark

**Ph.D. or other doctoral degree**  AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

**In a Clinical Department** Percentile Percentile

Lecturer/Asst in/Assoc In 51,000 78,000

Assistant professor 68,000 98,000

Associate professor 90,000 134,000

Professor 123,000 194,000

2009 Benchmark

**Ph.D. or other doctoral degree**  AAMC 20th AAMC – 75th

**In a Basic Science Department** Percentile Percentile

Lecturer/Asst in/Assoc In 46,000 NA

Assistant professor 65,000 NA

Associate professor 89,000 NA

Professor 120,000 NA

Source: AAMC Report on Medical Faculty Salaries 2008-2009/University of Florida College of Medicine Special Report. Fixed/Contractual Salary plus Medical Practice Supplement, Ph.D. or Other Doctoral Faculty, All Medical Schools. Compensation includes salary plus on call, additional duties, and other lump sum payments excluding scholarship, cell phone reimbursement, bonus and incentive payments.

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THIS TABLE SHOULD BE USED IN SETT*ING* TARGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011.

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Table 28 Standardized Work RVUs for Academic Faculty to 100%

Billable Clinical Activity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Department | MGMA 50th Percentile | MGMA 90th Percentile |
| Anesthesiology  Emergency Medicine  Family practice (with OB)  Family practice (without OB)  Internal Medicine: General  Cardiology: Invasive  Cardiology: Inv-Intervntnl  Cardiology: Noninvasive  Dermatology  Dermatology: MOHS Surgery  Endocrinology/metabolism  Gastroenterology  Geriatrics  Hematology/oncology  Infectious Disease  Nephrology  Oncology (only)  Pulmonary medicine  Rheumatology  Neurology  Neurosurgery  Ob/Gyn: General  Ob/Gyn: Maternal & Fetal  Ophthalmology  Orthopedic surgery:  Otorhinolaryngology | 10,008  6,115  4,976  4,722  4,157  5,375  9,210  6,677  6,447  17,068  3,764  6,879  3,361  4,610  3,973  5,506  4,185  5,456  4,403  3,326  12,730  6,428  7,904  5,086  9,323  7,199 | 22,478  11,167  7,633  6,664  6,111  11,369  14,270  9,951  13,261  24,156  6,218  13,611  5,298  6,988  6,505  11,096  8,690  12,235  8,926  6,360  20,230  12,712  16,066  14,796  17,330  13,809 |

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Billable Clinical Activity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Department | MGMA 50th Percentile | MGMA 90th Percentile |
| Pathology: Anatomic  Pathology: Clinical  Pediatrics: General  Allergy/Immunology  Cardiology  Critical Care  Endocrinology  Gastroenterology  Genetics  Hematology/oncology  Infectious Disease  Neonatology  Neurology  Nephrology  Pulmonary  Psychiatry: General  Psychiatry: Child & Adolescent  Radiation oncology  Radiology: Diagnostic-Invasive  Radiology: Diagnostic-Noninvasive  Radiology: Nuclear Medicine | 7,003  2,005  3,873  3,836  5,405  6,210  2,992  4,748  1,988  3,352  2,533  12,105  3,647  3,580  3,394  2,840  2,708  10,463  8,708  7,379  5,396 | 12,926  11,401  7,078  4,836  8,678  13,770  4,429  7,152  3,987  6,274  5,146  27,793  7,190  6,121  6,249  5,386  5,362  16,488  13,170  13,696  10,235 |

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Billable Clinical Activity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Department | MGMA 50th Percentile | MGMA 90th Percentile |
| Surgery: General  Surgery: Cardiovascular  Surgery: Cardiovascular-Pediatric  Surgery: Oncology  Surgery: Pediatric  Surgery: Plastic & Reconstruction  Surgery: Thoracic (primary)  Surgery: Transplant  Surgery: Trauma  Surgery: Trauma-Burn  Surgery: Vascular (primary)  Urology | 8,249  12,166  12,263  7,649  7,551  7,329  8,758  8,500  10,917  9,355  9,071  8,964 | 13,915  23,886  19,038  13,449  13,298  13,776  19,486  11,945  19,581  16,011  14,672  15,351 |

**EXHIBIT V**

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TIMELINE

2010-11

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| Month | Activity |
| July 1, 2010 | Start of fiscal year and faculty evaluation period. |
| Fall, 2010 | Annual report to faculty |
| Jan/Feb 2011 | Budget goals, discussion with individual faculty, specifically wRVU targets and research funding. |
| Feb, 2011 | Semi-annual individual clinical or research incentive payments to be awarded if approved by the Dean. |
| Spring semester 2011 | Recognition of Exemplary Teachers |
| April, 2011 | Budget goals established for clinical departments for next fiscal year. |
| May, 2011 | Budget process finalized. |
| June 6, 2010  June 30, 2011 | Departments notified of eligible candidates for teaching incentives.  End of fiscal year. FY10-11 faculty evaluation period ends. |
| July 1, 2011July 11, 2011 | Start of fiscal year (FY11-12).  Clinical evaluation base grades assigned by COM and distributed to chairs.  Departmental wRVU targets distributed to clinical departments.  Annual faculty evaluations conducted for prior fiscal year and assignment of new faculty productivity targets for current fiscal year (due to summer vacation plans, some evaluations may be conducted in June).  Determine size (if any) of departmental year-end Departmental incentive pool and eligible faculty. Date of payments determined by Dean. |
| Aug 15, 2011 | Deadline for chairs to issue annual letters of evaluation to faculty.  Faculty letters of FY 11-12 assignment, signed by chair and faculty member, due to Jan Eller's office. |
| Aug 15, 2011 Sept 15, 2011 | Deadline for submission of teaching incentive applications.  Recommendation of Teaching Selection Committee due in Dean's office. |
| Fall semester 2011 | Payment of individual clinical, research and teaching incentives as approved by the Dean. |