

33.99.08 Student Employment

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Regulation Summary

Student employment within The Texas A&M University System (system) is administered in accordance with this regulation.

Regulation

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Student employees are those whose association with the system is for the primary purpose of furthering their formal education. To be eligible for part-time employment by the system, a student must maintain an academic record acceptable to the employing department.
- 1.2 Each member chief executive officer (CEO) designates an office to administer student employment and establish guidelines for student employment.
- 1.3 Student financial aid officers are responsible for administering federal and state work-study programs consistent with applicable regulations and in coordination with other offices at the member that are involved with student employment. Requirements for the employment of students who are not in work-study programs are determined by each member and set forth in guidelines or processes.
- 1.4 The system-wide pay plan provides job profiles for undergraduate student employees in the student worker and student work-study job families for use by all members. Each member establishes the rates of pay for students. Wages paid to students are based on job duties and the student's previous experience, degree of skill, longevity, and required level of supervision.

2. BENEFITS

Student employees do not qualify for vacation, sick leave, emergency leave, or holiday pay. Undergraduate student workers are not eligible for group insurance benefits unless they work the required number of hours, but graduate assistants are eligible if they meet the requirements outlined in System Policy *31.02, Employee Insurance and Retirement Benefits*.

3. GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

- 3.1 When graduate student status is a requirement for employment, members use job profiles within the graduate job family in the system-wide pay plan.

3.2 Each member establishes the rates of pay for graduate assistants, and such rates may vary by department, by academic discipline, and by job title based on job responsibilities.

4. NONAFFILIATED STUDENT WORKERS

Students who are enrolled in high school or in another educational institution are assigned to a title in the Nonaffiliated Student Worker series when employed by a member. Each CEO, or designee, is responsible for determining the rates of pay for such workers.

5. STUDENT TRAINEES/INTERNS

When the training activities of a student meet all the criteria listed below, the student is not considered to be a system employee and is not covered by system benefit programs, including unemployment compensation and workers' compensation. If any one of these criteria is not met, an employer-employee relationship probably exists, in which case the student is entitled to compensation and may be eligible for participation in system benefit programs.

- (a) The training/internship, even though it includes actual operations of the institutional facilities, is a part of the curriculum.
- (b) The training/internship is for the benefit of the student.
- (c) The student does not displace regular employees, but works under their close observation.
- (d) The one who provides the training/internship derives no net advantage from the activities of the student and, on occasion, operations may actually be impeded.
- (e) The student is not entitled to a job at the conclusion of the training/internship.
- (f) Both parties understand that the student is not entitled to wages for the time spent in training.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Policy 31.02, Employee Insurance and Retirement Benefits](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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