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<b>BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b>			

A. Generally, eligibility to participate in the Fringe Benefits Program at the University is defined by the characteristics of the position being filled and not the activities of the employee.

B. Employees eligible to participate must satisfy the requirements of both paragraphs 1 and 2 below.

1. The employee must hold an "appointed" position either permanently or as a temporary replacement. An appointed position is defined as:

a. one numbered in the University's Position Control System and budgeted as an identifiable salary item in the University's Approved Budget; or

b. one carrying the word "Research" in its official title. Student "research" positions associated with educational pursuits are not eligible, e.g. Graduate Research Assistant.

2. The position must require work of at least half-time, where "half-time" position is defined as:

a. 20 hours or more per week for 6 or more months; or

b. requiring a quarterly teaching load of no less than half the load expected of full-time faculty in the department and receiving a salary of no less than half that of the lowest full-time appointed faculty member in that department for two or more quarters.

3. Employees on approved sabbatical leaves who otherwise are eligible to participate in the Fringe Benefit Program continue to be eligible.

4. Employees holding an eligible position and working less than full-time receive prorated benefits based on the percentage of time worked.

5. The Board of Trustees, by resolution, extends the eligibility for benefits coverage, including health care, to same sex domestic partners and their children consistent with the eligibility for spouses of married employees and the children of these spouses.