

**ARTICLE VIII, PART TWO (FACULTY COMPENSATION PROGRAM) OF THE
2022-2026 COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE AAUP-AFT**

PART TWO: FACULTY COMPENSATION PROGRAM (herein "FCP")

I. Criteria

To the extent of funds available as set forth in PART ONE, Section III of this Article 8 for the fiscal year identified therein, merit salary increases will be awarded to faculty members who have demonstrated recent and continuing excellence based on one or more of the criteria of teaching, scholarship, and service. In addition, merit salary increases may be awarded to faculty members whose current compensation warrants special consideration on the basis of academic or professional contributions in comparison with compensation of colleagues of similar achievement in the department or discipline at large.

II. Eligibility

1. The full-time faculty member must be in a negotiations unit position as of the second payroll in October and continue to serve in such position through the date of payment.
2. The part-time faculty member must have served three consecutive years in a negotiations unit position as of July 1, and continue to serve in a negotiations unit position through the date of payment.
3. An individual faculty member is not eligible for a merit increase in his or her terminal year at Rutgers.
4. An individual faculty member may opt not to be considered for a merit increase.
5. An individual faculty member who does not submit materials in a year in which there is a merit salary program, in accordance with PART ONE, Section III of this Article, shall not be eligible to be considered for a merit salary increase.

III. Allocation of Funds

Funds available for merit salary increases pursuant to the FCP will be allocated to the three geographic areas of the University (Camden, Newark and New Brunswick) and to RBHS, based on the proportion of the total unrestricted faculty salary pool in each of the four areas, except that 5% of the total funds available for merit salary increases in 2024-2025 shall be allocated to the President's reserve for distribution as specified in VI. 9. below. Pool funds allocated to each of the four areas will be divided into a tenure and tenure-track (TT) pool and a non-tenure track (NTT) pool based on the proportion of TT and NTT faculty salaries to the total unrestricted faculty salary base for each of the four areas as of October 15. Eighty percent of the tenure-track pool must be used for awards to tenured and tenure-track faculty; eighty percent of the non-tenure track pool must be used for awards to non-tenure track faculty. Up to twenty percent of the dollars in either

pool may be used for faculty in the other pool.

IV. Size of Salary Increase

A salary increase pursuant to the FCP will be awarded as follows:

2024-2025: The pool of funds as set forth in PART ONE Section III shall be available for merit salary increases. The amount of a merit salary increase, if any, that may be awarded shall be at least 1% of the faculty member's salary as of June 30, 2024 or \$500, whichever is less. A faculty member may receive a merit salary increase of up to 10% of the faculty member's salary as of June 30, 2024.

V. Announcement of Application of the Criteria

To ensure equitable treatment for their members, departments must formulate a statement for each pool (TT and NTT) of their own specific criteria for a merit salary increase and the application of them within the framework of the general criteria set forth in Section I. above. The faculty of the department shall formulate and promulgate to the department such a statement for each pool prior to the commencement of the process for consideration for award of salary increases specified below.

VI. Consideration for Award of a merit salary increase:

1. Consideration for awards of merit salary increases will begin during the fall 2023 semester for a merit increase effective July 1, 2024.
2. The departmental chairperson shall announce twenty (20) days in advance that the Peer Evaluation Committee will be considering eligible faculty members for merit salary increases from each pool and that eligible faculty members are invited to submit relevant materials for consideration.
3. Departments with four or more tenured members shall elect a Peer Evaluation Committee of at least three full-time members composed of tenured members and at least one (1) NTT member of the department. In departments with fewer than four tenured members, all the tenured members shall constitute the Peer Evaluation Committee. In departments without tenured members, there shall be no Peer Evaluation Committee.

Nominations for the committee may be made by any faculty member of the department. Elections to the committee shall be by secret ballot of all full-time members of the department holding the rank of Assistant Professor or equivalent, and above who are not in their terminal year. The department chairperson shall convene, be a non-voting member of, and participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

4. Deans shall provide guidance to the department chairpersons or to the Peer Evaluation Committees in units with no department chairpersons concerning the

funds available (stated in dollars or a meaningful range of dollars) from which the department or the Peer Evaluation Committee may make recommendations for merit salary increases pursuant to the FCP.

The Peer Evaluation Committee shall meet to evaluate all members of the department who are not members of the Committee, who are eligible for consideration for a merit salary increase pursuant to the FCP. The Committee shall determine, from among those faculty members considered, those who it will recommend for a merit salary increase, in accordance with the criteria set forth in PART TWO, Section I. above. The Committee shall prepare a summary statement of its evaluation for each member of the department it recommends and shall indicate which one or more of those criteria is the basis for its recommendation.

5. Subsequent to completing the evaluation process set forth in 4. above, the Peer Evaluation Committee, at its option, may make recommendations to the department chairperson, within the guidelines set forth in Section IV. above, concerning the size of the merit salary increase for those individuals whom the Committee has recommended for receipt of such an increase. If the committee chooses to make such recommendations, the chairperson shall provide to the Committee, in confidence, the salary for each individual recommended by the Committee for a merit salary increase. In addition, the Committee may make recommendations to the department chairperson that up to 20% of the dollars in either pool (TT or NTT) be used for merit awards to faculty in the other pool.
6. After the deliberations of the Peer Evaluation Committee are complete, the chairperson may either (a) endorse the Committee's recommendations, incorporating the names of the members of the Committee whom the chairperson judges meet the criteria for a merit salary increase, or (b) prepare an independent list of all of those faculty members in the department who, in the judgment of the chairperson, should receive a merit salary increase. In addition, the chairperson shall review the salaries of members of the department and shall make recommendations, within the guidelines set forth in Section IV. above, as to the size of the merit salary increase for individuals on his/her list. For each faculty member the chairperson recommends, he/she shall indicate which one or more of the criteria set forth in PART TWO, Section I above is the basis for his/her recommendation. The chairperson will then forward his/her recommendations and those of the Peer Evaluation Committee to the dean with justification and appropriate documentation. The chairperson will also forward with these recommendations the statement of the department for each pool, as specified in PART TWO, Section V. above, although the statements shall not be binding on the dean in his/her deliberations.
7. Upon receipt of the nominees from each of the department chairpersons within the unit, the dean shall formulate a list of nominees from among those proposed by the departments and including such department chairpersons and other faculty members not proposed by the departments who, in the judgment of the dean, are qualified, according to the criteria specified in PART TWO, Section I above, for a

merit salary increase. The dean's list shall include the dean's recommendation as to the size of the merit salary increase for each individual on the list. For each faculty member the dean recommends, he/she shall indicate which one or more of the criteria set forth in PART TWO, Section I. above is the basis for his/her recommendation.

Should the dean wish to include on his/her list an individual who the chairperson has not recommended for a merit salary increase or should the dean wish to increase or decrease the size of a merit salary increase recommended by the chairperson (or if there is no chairperson, by the Peer Evaluation Committee or its chairperson) and where such increase or decrease exceeds one percent (1%) of that individual's salary, the dean shall first discuss the matter with the chairperson. The dean will forward his/her recommendations to the appropriate chancellor with justification and appropriate documentation. The dean will, at the same time, forward to the chancellor the recommendations of the Peer Evaluation Committees and department chairs.

8. The chancellor shall review the recommendations from the several deans, directors, chairpersons, and departmental committees and, from among the eligible faculty members and to the extent of funds allocated to his/her campus, shall make a final determination as to which faculty members on the campus shall receive merit salary increases and as to the size of each increase. The chancellor shall indicate which one or more of the criteria is the basis for his/her decision to grant the increase.
9. The President will receive from each of the campus Chancellors the list of the chancellor's actions and a list of remaining faculty members recommended by the dean, the department chair, and/or the departmental Peer Evaluation Committee for a merit salary increase, plus a list of those eligible for a merit salary increase but not recommended at any level. The President may select from these lists a number of additional individuals to receive merit salary increases, who, in the President's judgment, best meet the criteria specified in PART TWO, Section I. above. Such additional Presidential increases shall be limited to the President's 5% pool as set forth in PART TWO, Section III. above.
10. In order to assist the deans and chancellors in recommending or awarding, as the case may be, merit salary increases to department chairs, or to faculty members whose assignments or activities occur outside the confines of the standard departmental or decanal unit or who, in the judgment of the dean or chancellors, otherwise warrant merit salary increases, deans and chancellors may set aside a portion of FCP funds available for merit salary increases with which to make recommendations (or, in the case of the chancellors, decisions) to award merit salary increases so long as the percentage of program funds set aside does not exceed the following:
 - a. in the case of deans: 10% of the unit allocation.
 - b. in case of chancellors: 5% of the campus allocation prescribed by

Section III.

VII. Implementation

The University will notify individual faculty members who have been recommended for consideration for a merit salary increase of the action taken in regard to that recommendation.

Subsequent to the conclusion of the award process, the evaluation packets will be returned to the office of the dean. The dean will notify the department chairpersons of the results of the FCP process for their department, that the material is available for review by them, and the dean will indicate his/her availability to discuss the FCP process with the department chairperson. The chairperson shall inform the Peer Evaluation Committee of the substance of such a discussion. Individual members of the faculty may review their own packets in accordance with the usual procedures for review of personnel files and may discuss their packets and review their professional progress with their chairperson and/or dean.

VIII. Grievability

The academic judgment that forms the basis of the granting or failure to grant a merit salary increase, including the size of the merit salary increase, is not grievable.

IX. Information

1. The University will inform the AAUP-AFT as to the amount of funds allocated to the four areas of the University pursuant to PART TWO Section III. above.
2. At the conclusion of the process, the University will inform the AAUP-AFT as to each faculty member nominated at any level of the process, the merit salary increase, if any, recommended at each level, and the salary increase, if any, awarded, along with identification of recommended faculty members and awardees, as the case may be, from amounts set aside as described in Section VI. 10. The University will also provide the AAUP-AFT the following information: the faculty member's department, campus, academic rank, and salary before and after the merit salary increase, if any; the level of initial recommendation for a merit salary increase; the reason for the recommendation, specified in PART TWO Section I above; and whether the faculty member was a member of the department Peer Evaluation Committee and/or a department chairperson.