

Key Elements of the Board of Regents Guidelines on Sabbaticals

It is the policy of the Board of Regents to grant leave of up to one year to any member of UW System's instructional faculty who meet eligibility requirements under s. 36.11(17), Wis. Stats., and are selected to receive sabbatical under procedures established by the System President and the faculty member's institution.

As required under s. 36.11(17), Wis. Stats., sabbatical leave shall be limited to the following purposes: (1) enhancing teaching, course and curriculum development; or (2) conducting research or any other scholarly activities related to instructional programs within the field of expertise of the faculty member taking such leave.

Consistent with s. 36.11 (17) (f), Wis. Stats., faculty members taking a sabbatical leave shall agree to return to the institution from which the leave was granted for at least one year after the termination of the sabbatical. Faculty members who fail to return to the institution shall return any compensation received from the UW System or the UW institution during the sabbatical.

Oversight, Roles, and Responsibilities

The Board delegates authority to UW chancellors to approve sabbaticals, consistent with the procedures established by the System President and each institution. Each UW Chancellor shall establish specific application requirements and selection procedures, along with any other institutional policies and procedures as needed to administer the faculty sabbatical leave program in accordance with applicable statutes, this policy, and UW System policy.

The UW System President shall establish system-wide policies and procedures to establish eligibility guidelines for sabbatical and administer UW System's sabbatical leave program consistent with the provisions of s. 36.11(17), Wis. Stats., and with any other applicable laws and policies. The UW System Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs shall be responsible for developing system-wide policies and procedures, which shall be subject to the approval by the System President. The UW System Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs shall also provide system-wide administrative oversight of the UW System's sabbatical leave program.