**Family Accommodation Policies and Programs for Academic Appointees**

The University of California San Diego has some of the most progressive family-friendly policies and program in the UC campus system and beyond. Campus leadership is committed to helping academic appointees balance the needs of career and family.

Toward this end, programs and policies have been established to create supportive, equitable, and productive working environments for our academic appointees.

Family accommodation policies for academic appointees at UC San Diego meet or exceed Family and Medical Leave Act and California Family Rights Act requirements. These policies include protected leaves, adjusted schedules, and modifications of duties for new parents and appointees with elder and family care responsibilities.

**Family-friendly programs and services available on this campus** include a partner opportunities program providing employment assistance for partners and spouses of ladder rank and SOE series appointees, lactation accommodations, campus child care, external referrals, summer camps, year-round recreational programs, safety training, dependent care travel grants for Senate Faculty, no cost family counseling, and recreational classes and facilities for appointees and children of all ages. In addition, UC San Diego provides a comprehensive benefits program for eligible appointees.

Scan this QR code to visit the UC San Diego academic family accommodation policies and programs webpage for links to programs referenced and more.
FAMILY ACCOMMODATION POLICIES

The following is a brief description of UC San Diego’s family accommodation policies. For advice regarding individual eligibility, please contact your department or unit. For appointees with bargaining units and university negotiated contracts, such contracts supersede campus policies.

Childbearing Leave

Childbearing leave is provided to all academic appointees, regardless of length of service, for the period before, during, and after childbirth that the academic appointee is temporarily disabled due to pregnancy, childbirth, and recovery.

The normal childbearing leave period is six weeks, although up to four months will be provided if necessary for medical reasons. An academic appointee on childbearing leave who does not accrue sick time will receive her approved base salary for up to six weeks during the time she is on leave. An academic appointee on childbearing leave will be relieved of all duties for the duration of the leave and should have no teaching duties in the quarter during which her childbearing leave is taken.

Childbearing leave need not be taken in one continuous period of time, but may be taken on an as-needed basis, and may be preceded and/or followed by a period of Active Service—Modified Duties.

Pregnancy Accommodations

In addition to childbearing leave, the University will provide reasonable accommodations to a pregnant academic appointee upon request and if medically necessary. The accommodations will vary, depending on the appointee’s needs and the nature of her work.

Pregnancy accommodations are not considered a leave and are not counted as childbearing leave, pregnancy disability leave, family and medical leave, or Active Service—Modified Duties, unless the accommodations take the form of intermittent leave or a reduced work schedule.

Academic appointees should direct their requests for pregnancy accommodations to their department chairs.
**Active Service—Modified Duties**

Active Service—Modified Duties (ASMD) is a period of reduced responsibilities to allow an academic appointee to prepare and/or care for his or her own newborn child or that of a spouse or domestic partner, or to care for a child placed for adoption or foster care in the appointee’s home. ASMD may also be requested to provide care for a seriously ill family member or to mitigate significant eldercare responsibilities.

A period of ASMD is not a leave of absence, and academic appointees are required to be in residence at UCSD during this time.

Modification of duties normally consists of either partial or full relief from scheduled teaching responsibilities. For Health Sciences appointees, clinical duties may be reduced.

No additional teaching duties will be assigned in the previous or subsequent quarters.

During a period of ASMD, an academic appointee is on active status and will receive at least his or her approved base salary. Eligibility for a period of ASMD extends from three months before to twelve months following the birth or placement of a child and within twelve months of the qualifying event detailed in other cases.

**Parental Bonding Leave**

In addition, Parental Bonding leave can be requested for up to twelve weeks for all eligible parents within a year of the new child entering a home. Academic appointees who do not accrue sick leave can receive up to six weeks with pay. Parental bonding leave without pay that runs concurrently with a state or federal family and medical leave will allow continuous employer-paid premiums for health coverage (medical, dental, and vision) as if on pay status for the period of FMLA or CFRA leave. Appointees should consult with their departmental academic personnel contact or the UC San Diego Academic Family Programs Liaison for information about eligibility.

**How they work together:**

The total combined period of ASMD, childbearing leave, and parental bonding leave will not exceed the equivalent of two quarters for each qualifying event. See charts on pages 6 and 7 for examples of how these benefits coordinate.
Family Leave without Pay

Eligible academic appointees may take up to one year of full or part-time family leave without pay for the purpose of caring for his or her own child or the child of the appointee’s spouse or domestic partner, a seriously ill family member, or an elder member of the family in need of substantial assistance.

Eligible family members include an appointee’s child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild. In-laws, step relatives, other persons residing in the appointee’s household, and equivalent relatives of the domestic partner are also covered. Family leave is without pay. However, academic appointees who accrue sick and/or vacation leave may substitute accrued sick or vacation leave.

An appointee on Family Leave without Pay that does not run concurrently with FMLA or CFRA will be responsible for the continuation of benefits during any unpaid portion of the leave.

Extension of the Probationary Period

An appointee in an assistant level title and subject to the eight-year limit may not be continued in that series after the eighth year unless promoted to the associate or full level. The period of time prior to consideration of a candidate for promotion is referred to as the probationary period. While extensions can be requested for many qualifying reasons, an academic appointee requesting childbearing leave, parental bonding leave, family leave without pay for a quarter or more, a flexible workload agreement, or Active Service—Modified Duties will automatically receive a one-year extension, unless the appointee chooses to opt out. No more than two years of extension may be granted per appointee. An extension cannot be granted if the qualifying event is reported after the beginning of an appointee’s sixth year or after an academic review has resulted in a terminal reappointment. An extension of the probationary period may be requested even if the appointee does not take a formal leave or have a modification of duties.

Deferral of Merit Review as a family accommodation at any rank

The University of California, San Diego has a rigorous academic review system. However, when personal circumstances arise that necessitate an extended review period as a family accommodation, an academic appointee at any rank may request a one-year deferral of his or her academic review.
A maximum of one merit review deferral may be requested per qualifying event. A deferral may be granted upon request even if the academic appointee does not take a formal leave.

**Qualifying Events are defined as below:**

- Appointee is caring for an existing child, or a child who becomes part of the appointee’s family
- Appointee has significant eldercare responsibilities
- Appointee is caring for a seriously ill family member (as defined by UC San Diego policy)
- Appointee’s ability to pursue his or her duties is significantly disrupted by the appointee’s own serious health condition or disability
- Appointee’s ability to pursue his or her duties is significantly disrupted by the death of a close family member
- Appointee’s ability to pursue his or her duties is disrupted due to a significant circumstance or event beyond the appointee’s control.

For assistant-level faculty, deferral of a merit review may only be requested in conjunction with an extension of the probationary period. A deferral cannot be granted after initiation of a merit review.

**Flexible Workload (Faculty)**

During the period of flexible workload, a faculty member's appointment is temporarily reduced to 50 percent time. An appointee granted a flexible workload program must be relieved of structured teaching and most service responsibilities.

Faculty appointees may request flexible workload programs to accommodate family responsibilities as follows:

- To prepare and/or care for newborn child or a child newly placed in an appointee’s home
- To care for a seriously ill family member as defined in policy, or
- To provide substantial care for an elder family member

For assistant level appointees, a flexible workload program may be requested after one academic review has been completed and may not be requested if there has been a terminal reappointment decision.

An appointee who has participated in the program will be reviewed on the basis of his or her scholarly productivity and service (as outlined in the negotiated workload agreement) during the time of participation.

Accrued sabbatical credits or extramural grant funding, if grant funding permits, may be used to supplement the faculty member's salary. See full Family Accommodations policy for more details.
The charts here provide a few examples of combinations of family-friendly leave options and Active Service-Modified Duties (ASMD) available to eligible academic appointees. The total combined period of ASMD, childbearing leave, and parental bonding leave will not exceed the equivalent of two quarters for each qualifying event.

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UC San Diego recognizes that work-life balance and family-friendly programs are essential to retaining world-class academic appointees. Whether through partner opportunities programs, campus community centers, lactation accommodations, childcare and referral programs, dependent care travel grants, on campus recreation opportunities for all ages, or activities for senior citizens and eldercare resources, UC San Diego is a campus that fosters a vibrant, family-friendly environment.

Partner Opportunities Program

Since the University of California, San Diego, recognizes that decisions about seeking, accepting, and maintaining employment often involve considerations concerning two careers, the Partner Opportunities Program (POP) provides assistance and support in the employment search for spouses or partners of general campus ladder-rank faculty candidates and appointees and of those in senior management positions who hold academic appointments. POP offers assistance and guidance to those conducting their own job searches by assessing their needs, arranging job contacts and informational interviews, and serving as a central resource for information regarding employment opportunities.

In order to participate, clients must be referred to POP by the department in which their spouse or partner is a candidate or appointee. POP is only available to the general campus at this time.

Campus Lactation Accommodations

Recognizing the benefits of breastfeeding, UC San Diego not only provides nursing mothers with private spaces close to their work areas where they can express milk, but also several facilities on campus equipped with breastmilk pumps that can be reserved in advance.

Childcare, Camps, Enrichment

On-Campus or Affiliated Childcare Options:

Full-time child care is available on campus at the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) for children three months to six years old, with age-appropriate development programs. In addition, part-time child care is available on campus at the Mesa Child Development Center (MCDC), which offers morning or afternoon sessions for preschool-age children of UCSD.
employees and students. There may be waiting lists for all age groups. Parents who meet income guidelines may be eligible for subsidized care and an after-hours program is available. Visit the facility for a tour.

The ECEC also offers child care referrals to local infant/toddler home-care programs, child care centers, and preschool programs.

UC San Diego Student Babysitters

UC San Diego students provide child care through the UC San Diego Babysitting Resource Program. Parents can post a job and wait for a babysitter to contact them or they can view babysitter profiles and contact sitters directly.

Off-Campus Options

Bright Horizons Care Advantage is a web-based resource contracted by the University of California to help employees find and select pre-screened care for children, adults — even pets. Whether you need everyday care or back-up care, Bright Horizons Care Advantage provides a comprehensive childcare and eldercare solution to complement UC's work/life benefits and employee assistance program resources.

Sittercity is the Bright Horizons Care Advantage resource for childcare. UC San Diego employees' Sittercity benefit provides online access to local caregivers with profiles that include background checks, references, parent reviews, pictures, and more.

The University of California offers this work/life balance resource to help current UC faculty and staff members find caregivers, especially on short notice, so that they can get to the office or classroom with minimal disruption.

On Campus and Nearby Children’s Camps

UC San Diego also hosts a wide array of summer and year-round camps and enrichment programs for children and teens. Camps range from theatre training to tech programming and more. Many course and camp offerings support multiple age ranges.

Recreational Classes

UC San Diego’s Recreation programs host hundreds of classes and activities enjoyed by the campus community. From personal training to archery to aerial yoga, UC San Diego Recreation designs exciting programming for parents and kids, ensuring that our faculty, staff, and affiliates don’t lack for fitness and wellness activities. Check out our schedules and facilities.
Personal safety workshops and more at CARE at the Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)

CARE at SARC is the primary service provider for general campus faculty, staff, and students impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. In addition to direct advocacy, CARE at SARC provides personal safety training workshops to the campus and promotes more intensive self-defense courses offered by the campus Police Department. CARE services include confidential counseling by an LCSW and advocacy and referral services from professional staff certified as victim advocates.

CARE at SARC is available 24/7. CARE staff can also advise academic appointees on how to support students and staff with whom they work.

Dependent Care Travel Grant Program for Senate Faculty

The Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs are committed to promoting academic excellence by supporting the family needs of UC San Diego Academic Senate faculty.

The Executive Vice Chancellor, therefore, through the Dependent Care Travel Grant (DCTG) program, provides generous funds to help offset costs for eligible faculty who incur dependent care expenses related to traveling to perform research or to attend regional, national, or international conferences or professional meetings.

DCTG funds may be used to offset eligible dependent care expenses at an alternate location, such as a hotel or conference site, or for dependent care at home while the faculty member is traveling for research.

Eligible faculty members may receive one Dependent Care Travel Grant per year.

Dependents may be children or adults.

Eldercare Resources and Activities

With millions of adults caring for elderly parents or other dependent adults, eldercare is a significant issue for many in the workplace, and UC San Diego offers opportunities and support for appointees caring for elderly family members.

- Bright Horizons Care Advantage Years Ahead program helps employees find and select pre-screened care for elderly dependents.
- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers classes and recreational activities for seniors.
- The UC San Diego Retirement Association sponsors events and volunteering opportunities for retirees and affiliates.

Further, to complement UC’s work/life benefits the UC San Diego sponsored Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) provides no-cost referrals to resources for the elderly,
such as specialized medical care, transportation, and caretakers. FSAP also offers an eldercare support group for individuals responsible for the care and oversight of elderly persons.

**Faculty and Staff Assistance Program**

In addition to providing eldercare support groups and referrals, FSAP serves general campus academic appointees and staff experiencing work-related, personal, or family difficulties. Through this program, appointees can receive counseling and other services at no cost. The content of any FSAP session is completely confidential.

Brief, solution-oriented therapy and case management are offered for such issues as alcohol- and drug-related concerns, depression and other emotional problems, family concerns, financial difficulties, gambling, legal problems, marital and other relationship difficulties, and violence. FSAP also offers workshops, lecture series, and support groups.

**The Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Campus Community Centers**

UC San Diego Campus Community Centers include: the Black Resource Center, the Cross-Cultural Center, the Intertribal Resource Center, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center, the Raza Resource Centro, and the Women’s Center. These centers are vital places of engagement and belonging that facilitate interactive learning, promote self-awareness, foster leadership, and encourage dialogues. Many host events with family-friendly activities, workshops, and social opportunities.

**UC San Diego Benefits**

In addition to family-friendly policies and specialized services, UC San Diego also provides a comprehensive benefits program for eligible appointees, with reasonable costs for dependents, spouses, and partners. For eligible appointees, these benefits include medical, dental, vision, life, legal, long-term care insurance, and more.

UC San Diego also provides options for paying for dependent care on a pre-tax basis, pre-tax health care reimbursements, tax-deferred college savings programs, and retirement savings options.

Academic appointees are reminded to enroll new dependents within specified time limits and periodically review their benefits coverage.
Information Resources:

Benefits Office (858) 534-2816
Black Resource Center (858) 534-0471
Cross-Cultural Center (858) 534-9689
CARE at the Sexual Assault Resource Center (858) 534-5793
Dependent Care Travel Grant Program for Senate Faculty (858) 534-0500
Early Childhood Education Center (858) 246-0900
Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) (858) 534-5523
Intertribal Resource Center (858) 246-2440
Lactation Accommodations (858) 534-9659
LGBT Resource Center (858) 822-3493
Mesa Child Development Center (858) 246-0930
Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (858) 822-3542
Partner Opportunities Program (858) 822-5862
Raza Resource Centro (858) 822-0072
UC San Diego Academic Senate (858) 534-3640
UC San Diego Recreation (858) 534-4037
Women’s Center (858) 822-0074
Work/Life Programs (858) 534-9659

For additional information and links to policies and programs, please visit the UC San Diego academic family accommodation policies and programs website https://academicaffairs.ucsd.edu/aps/family/index.html via the site address or QR Code above, or contact:

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