



What does TEAMS mean to me?



Answers to your questions about TEAMS employment

Effective January 7, 2003, the University of Florida introduced a new personnel category called "TEAMS"—an acronym for Technical, Executive, Administrative, and Managerial Support.

Current USPS employees are being given the option of joining TEAMS or remaining USPS employees. Enclosed you will find an enrollment form. If you choose to

enroll in TEAMS employment, you must submit a form to UF Human Resources by the posted deadline (per pay period) for an effective date that begins following pay period. Enrollment forms received after the deadline will be processed during the subsequent pay period. Please see page 3 of this packet for a list of deadlines and effective dates to enroll.

It's your choice to make!

When an organization undergoes a significant change like this one, information spreads quickly—some of it true, and some not so accurate. The fact of the matter is: UF has given you a choice to select the employment plan with which you are most comfortable.

In order to dispel some of the rumors you might have heard, here are some straight facts about TEAMS employment.

FACT: UF transitioned to public-employer status as of January 7, 2003. The university is still considered a public employer of the state but has established its own policies and procedures separate from the old state system.

FACT: The UF Board of Trustees became the "employer" of all UF employees, including USPS and TEAMS employees.

FACT: UF will maintain coverage for all employees under the state health insurance and retirement plans, which include those administered by the Division of State Group Insurance and Division of Retirement.

FACT: TEAMS employees earn 6.769 hours of vacation leave and 4 hours of sick leave each pay period, assuming full-time status.

FACT: TEAMS employees are able to accrue a maximum of 352 hours of vacation leave. They may also cash out up to 200 hours upon termination of employment with UF.

FACT: TEAMS employees are able to cash out up to 16 hours of vacation leave each December so long as 40 hours remain on balance.

FACT: TEAMS employees are given either six-month or one-year contracts, except for non-exempt employees who have not completed their initial probationary periods at UF. Non-exempt probationary employees must complete their probationary periods before receiving an annual contract.

FACT: Exempt and non-exempt statuses will remain the same in TEAMS. That means if you currently complete a time-card, you will continue to do so in TEAMS and be eligible for overtime.

Highlights of Benefits

Here are just a few benefits you can look forward to if you join TEAMS:

- Expanded educational benefits that include the ability to take courses at approved community colleges and vo-tech institutions
- Entering your college-age child in the Higher Education Opportunity (HEO) drawing for children of Full-Time TEAMS Employees .
- Taking advantage of leave benefits like the vacation leave cash-out and personal leave days in December.

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FACT: TEAMS employees will have four personal leave days each year between December 26-31 in addition to the standard state holidays. If they cannot use them as a result of being essential personnel, they will be able to use them through the end of the fiscal year—similar to how they use vacation leave. USPS employees will be allowed to take vacation leave during these four days and will be advanced leave, if necessary.

FACT: TEAMS employees will have access to a higher education opportunity enabling 50 children of TEAMS employees each year to receive tuition to the University of Florida or a community college (depending

on the child's admittance).

FACT: TEAMS employees have increased educational benefits including the opportunity to take courses at approved state universities, community colleges, and vo-tech institutions.

FACT: New classifications may be established in TEAMS to be more responsive to needs throughout campus including, for example, computer positions that don't require degrees.

FACT: Existing USPS classifications are the same in TEAMS. So, for example, a USPS program assistant is still classified as a program assistant if he or she chooses to



switch to TEAMS.

FACT: Joining TEAMS is your choice to make. USPS employees can choose to join throughout the year, so they can do so when the time is right for them.

FACT: Most vacant positions at UF can be filled by TEAMS or USPS employees. You won't have to change to TEAMS to be eligible for a promotion unless you're accepting a job that was formerly A&P or is one of the new TEAMS classifications.

Here's what you've asked us...

Q: How do classifications under USPS translate to TEAMS?

A: For the most part, classifications in TEAMS look the same as in the past. USPS and TEAMS status go with the employee as he or she moves from position to position at UF, except in the event that an employee accepts a newly established TEAMS-classified position or if the position was formerly an A&P-classified position, in which case the employee would switch to TEAMS employment at that time. All new employees hired from outside UF since January 7, 2003 are hired as TEAMS employees.

Q: What are the new job classifications that are available under TEAMS employment?

A: Although the majority of job classifications will remain the same, a few new classifications will be added to the current ones to allow for more flexibility for both employers and applicants. It's important to note that, for the vast majority, employee job titles and classifications are not affected by switching to TEAMS employment.

Q: Do we get the state holidays as well as the four December leave days if we switch to TEAMS?

A: Yes.

Q: Does my retirement package or benefits package change?

A: No. Despite the fact that UF has local-employer status, it is still considered a public corporation and continues to work with the Florida Retirement System and Division of State Group Insurance for employees' retirement and insurance benefits. The Spouse Program also remains intact.

Q: If I am currently a time-card USPS employee, would I be a time-card TEAMS employee?

A: Yes. If you currently complete a time-card (non-exempt), you would continue to complete a time-card in TEAMS.

Q: If a position comes open, and a USPS employee and a TEAMS employee are both qualified for the job, will the TEAMS employee be favored over the person in USPS?

A: No. A TEAMS applicant should not be favored over a USPS applicant. The most qualified person should be hired regardless of pay plan.

Q: As a USPS employee who is enrolled in DROP, can I join TEAMS?

A: Yes. When you joined DROP, you signed a

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contract for payment of a maximum of 200 hours of vacation leave. You have currently "retired," but not separated, from the university. You may, therefore, accrue vacation leave to the TEAMS' maximum of 352 hours; however, you will be eligible for a cash-out of up to 200 hours of vacation leave based on your original agreement when entering DROP.

Q: Can I switch from USPS to TEAMS and then enroll in DROP?

A: Yes. Your maximum vacation leave accrual would be 352 hours, and you could be cashed out for up to 200 hours if you enroll in DROP after entering TEAMS.

Q: Do across-the board pay increases work the same for TEAMS and USPS employees?

A: Any annual pay increases are in accordance with guidelines issued by the President and Board of Trustees—unless the Florida Legislature makes these types of decisions at the state level.



TEAMS enrollment deadlines and effective dates FY 2022-23

FY 22-23 TEAMS Enrollment Dates		
Deadline to Enroll	Effective Date	
15-Jul-22	22-Jul-22	
29-Jul-22	5-Aug-22	
12-Aug-22	19-Aug-22	
26-Aug-22	2-Sep-22	
9-Sep-22	16-Sep-22	
23-Sep-22	30-Sep-22	
6-Oct-22	14-Oct-22	
21-Oct-22	28-Oct-22	December benefits: TEAMS December Vacation Leave Cashout and TEAMS Personal Leave Days.
3-Nov-22	11-Nov-22	To be eligible to submit your child's name for the Higher Education Opportunity (HEO) for the next academic year - Nov 1, 2022 .
15-Nov-22	25-Nov-22	
2-Dec-22	9-Dec-22	Eligible to retain leave up to 352 hours instead of 240 (moved to TEAMS).
14-Dec-22	23-Dec-22	
22-Dec-22	6-Jan-23	
12-Jan-23	20-Jan-23	
27-Jan-23	3-Feb-23	
10-Feb-23	17-Feb-23	
24-Feb-23	3-Mar-23	
10-Mar-23	17-Mar-23	
24-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	
7-Apr-23	14-Apr-23	
21-Apr-23	28-Apr-23	
5-May-23	12-May-23	
19-May-23	26-May-23	
2-Jun-23	9-Jun-23	
16-Jun-23	23-Jun-23	
29-Jun-23	7-Jul-23	

A quick comparison of USPS and TEAMS

USPS

LEAVE*

- 4, 5, or 6 hours of vacation leave, depending on years of service
- 4 hours of sick leave
- 240 hours maximum accrual/up to 200 cash-out of vacation leave upon termination.
- Non-exempt eligible for overtime and special comp leave
- Exempt eligible for regular and special comp leave

BENEFITS

- One 8-hour personal holiday* each fiscal year upon achieving permanent status
- FRS or PEORP
- Eligible for DROP
- Insurance benefits including Spouse Program

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Probationary period
- Permanent status
- Termination for just cause

EDUCATION

- Employee Education Program, providing up to 6 hours per semester at UF

TIME-LIMITED

- Ineligible for layoff rights, including recall
- Typically provided 45 days' notice in the event funding is being eliminated

* presumes full-time status

** if previously eligible

TEAMS

LEAVE*

- 6.769 hours of vacation leave
- 4 hours of sick leave
- 352 hours maximum accrual/up to 200 cash-out of vacation leave upon termination.
- May cash-out 16 hours of vacation leave each December
- Non-exempt eligible for overtime and special comp
- Exempt not eligible for regular or special comp leave

BENEFITS

- Four 8-hour personal leave days* each December
- FRS, PEORP, or ORP**
- Eligible for DROP
- Insurance benefits including Spouse Program

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

- 6-month, annual, or multi-year appointments
- Non-reappointment notice — 3 months
- Termination for just cause

EDUCATION

- Employee Education Program providing up to 6 hours at approved state institutions or technical schools
- UF or community college tuition opportunity for up to 50 children of full-time TEAMS employees (Higher Education Opportunity)

TIME-LIMITED

- Ineligible for layoff rights, including recall
- Conditions of appointment priority over TEAMS contract
- Typically provided 45 days' notice in the event funding is being eliminated; notice of non-reappointment TEAMS provisions also available
- All other provisions associated with TEAMS apply

