

EXCHANGE LEAVE

1. With the exception of Compassionate Leave, Court Leave, Pregnancy and Parental/Adoption Leave and Sick Leave, at least two years of full-time continuous service shall elapse between any two successive Leave periods, and a Member shall not be on Leave for more than twenty-four months in any seven-year period. These restrictions may be modified in individual cases by the Provost, on recommendation from the Dean, at the request of the Member. Approval of any such request shall not be arbitrarily withheld.
2. An Exchange Leave occurs when a regular Full-Time Member participates in an exchange program with another university with whom the Employer has an exchange agreement. In such instances, the Member is replaced by a faculty member from the other university. While on an Exchange Leave a Member's distribution of Academic Responsibilities remains the same as if the Member were not on Leave unless arrangements have been made under the Article *Alternative Workload*.
3. All Full-Time Members are eligible to apply for an Exchange Leave. Such a Leave may be granted where the Employer determines that the Leave will be of sufficient benefit to the University, and that the Leave will not interfere with the ability of the Member's Department(s), School(s) or Faculty(y)ies to meet its (their) operational requirements.
4. Participants in the exchange program need not be from the same discipline.
5. The salaries and benefits of the participants will be the responsibility of their respective home universities.
6. An Exchange Leave shall not exceed one full year.
7. Responsibility for removal expenses lies with the Member. A Member whose application for Exchange Leave has been approved may request to have a portion of his/her salary while on Exchange Leave paid as a Removal Expense. Insofar as the request is believed by the Employer to be in compliance with the Income Tax Act and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) policy, the Employer shall agree to such a request; however, the Member accepts responsibility for any subsequent adverse judgment by CRA.
8. Sabbatical Leave credit shall be earned during this Leave, subject to the provisions of the Article *Sabbatical Leave*.
9. Any application for Exchange Leave shall be made by the Member to the Dean of the Member's home Faculty. The application shall describe in detail the duration, nature and expected benefits of the exchange, including provisions for evaluation during and after the exchange, and shall include the *curriculum vitae* of the other participating faculty member. A Member shall apply in writing at least six months before the proposed Leave is to take effect.
10. Where a Member's Appointment is in a Department or School, the Dean shall consult with the Department Chair or School Director. The Employer shall then approve or deny the application. Such approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld and any decision not to approve the application shall be accompanied by written reasons.

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11. Members on Exchange Leave are not eligible for consideration for Promotion and/or Tenure while on Leave. In the case of a Member on a Probationary Appointment the period of the Exchange Leave is included in the term of the Appointment. The record of activity in Teaching, Research, and Service during the Exchange Leave shall be included if/when a participant is subsequently considered for Promotion and/or Tenure.
12. If a Member becomes ill or injured such that the Exchange Leave cannot be completed, the Exchange Leave for that Member may be cancelled at the Member's request and the provisions of Clause 6 and subsequent clauses of the Article *Income Security* shall apply.
- 12.1 If the Member becomes ill or injured during the first six months of a twelve-month Leave, then the Member shall have the option of completing the Leave at a later date to be agreed upon by the Member and the Dean.