## The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO POLICIES and PROCEDURES

## 9.13 UNIVERSITY SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (S.E.B. PLAN)

Classification: Personnel - Effective Date: 01JUL08 Supersedes: (New)

Robarts Clinical Trials - Eligible

Staff

## **POLICY**

- 1.00 A member of staff who qualifies for Pregnancy Leave under the provisions of the Pregnancy Leave Policy (9.12) or Parental Leave Policy (9.11), and who has worked for the University on a regular full-time basis for at least one year, could also qualify for the University Supplemental Employment Insurance Benefits (S.E.B. Plan). To be eligible for benefits under the S.E.B. Plan a qualifying staff member must also make application and qualify for Employment Insurance benefits for the period of the leave.
  - 1.01 For purposes of determining the one year qualifying rule, it will be defined as the period from the date of regular full-time employment to the expected date of delivery, or the date on which the adopted child comes into the custody of the parents for the first time.
  - 1.02 A staff member shall contact the Department of Human Resources to arrange a counselling session and assist with the completion of the appropriate documentation required to initiate the payment from the University.
  - 1.03 A staff member shall make application for the Employment Insurance benefit by contacting Service Canada for the appropriate forms.
- 2.00 A member of staff who qualifies under the conditions mentioned in 1.00 above is eligible for:
  - (a) 95% of the salary at the time of the initiation of the leave paid by the University for the initial two-week waiting period prior to the commencement of the Employment Insurance benefits; and
  - (b) the difference between Employment Insurance benefits and 95% of the salary at the time of the initiation of the leave, paid by the University for not more than fifteen weeks.

In no case will the total amount of the S.E.B. Plan, Employment Insurance gross benefits and any other earnings received by the staff member exceed 95% of the member's salary at the time of the initiation of the leave.

- In the case where both parents are employees of The University of Western Ontario, the seventeen weeks S.E.B. payments may be taken by one parent or shared between the two parents.
- 4.00 The University will continue the member of staff on full benefits through regular payroll deduction from payments from the S.E.B. Plan.
- 5.00 A staff member is expected to return to work for the University for at least 6 months following the date of return from Pregnancy and Parental Leave (if applicable). Should a member of staff not satisfy this condition, they will be indebted to the University for the sum of monies paid to them by the University during the leave.