

Montana University System 403(b) Tax-Advantage Plan Notice of Eligibility

The Montana University System (MUS) offers employees the opportunity to save for retirement through the MUS 403(b) Retirement Plan (MUS 403(b)). The MUS's 403(b) is a tax-advantage retirement plan available to all employees who receive compensation through the MUS's payroll system.

The MUS 403(b) offers a variety of investment options through its recordkeeper, TIAA. If you are not currently participating in the plan, please visit TIAA.org/montana to enroll online. Completion of a Salary Reduction Agreement is also required. Please contact your campus Human Resource office for a Salary Reduction Agreement or visit the MUS 403(b) web page at choices.mus.edu to download the paperwork. No minimum is required to open an account and you may change your contribution amount at any time by completing a new Salary Reduction Agreement. The MUS encourages you to select your investment allocations to help meet your retirement readiness goals, but if you do not make a selection, your contributions will default to the appropriate Vanguard target-date fund based on your projected retirement age.

Pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for 1986, as amended (the Code), participants are allowed to contribute up to \$23,000 per plan in 2024 (\$46,000 total if you also participate in the State of Montana's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan). If you are 50 or older, you may be eligible to

make an additional "catch-up" contribution of up to \$7,500 for each plan.

For additional information regarding the MUS's 403(b), please contact your campus Human Resource office or TIAA at **800-842-2252**.

Meet with a financial consultant

MUS employees can take advantage of no-cost, one-on-one sessions with TIAA financial consultants to review your retirement readiness strategy and learn about the retirement savings opportunities through the MUS plans. To schedule an appointment on campus or at a convenient location, please contact TIAA for availability. One-on-one sessions can also be scheduled via phone at your convenience.

Schedule an appointment today

To meet with a local TIAA financial consultant, sign up online at TIAA.org/schedulenow or call **800-732-8353**, weekdays, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (MT).

Disclaimer: The MUS has no liability for employees' election to participate in the optional MUS 403(b) Plan or the selection of investments. The MUS does not warrant any special tax consequences to the employee. The MUS does not give tax, legal, or investment advice and recommends employees seek the advice from financial professionals.

