Voluntary 403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity (TDA) Program

What is a Voluntary 403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity Program?

It is a program made available by Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to employees of certain types of nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and hospitals. The TDA Program allows you to contribute part of your income on a tax-deferred basis, through payroll deduction, to authorized plans. TDAs are also known as tax-advantage annuities or TSAs. Your pre-tax contributions and investment earnings are not taxed until they are distributed to you at some future date. Your TDA contributions are intended for retirement or long-term capital accumulation.

New - You may also make after-tax Roth 403(b) contributions. Your earnings on after-tax Roth 403(b) contributions are not taxable when they are withdrawn from the plan if the withdrawal is a "qualified distribution."

Eligibility

All SDSU Research Foundation employees are eligible to participate upon date of hire, without serving a waiting period.

Contribution Limits

The Internal Revenue Code establishes limits on the amount of an employee's total elective salary reduction contribution to all 403(b) annuities and 403(b)(7) mutual fund custodial accounts. For 2016, the limit is generally the lesser of 100% of compensation or $18,000. And for participants age 50 or over, an additional $6,000 can be deferred. Other limits also apply and need to be considered.

Benefits and Tax Treatment

On pre-tax contributions, for federal and California state income tax purposes, contributions and earnings accruing in your account are not taxed until you or your beneficiary receives the money. If you meet certain requirements, Roth 403(b) contributions plus earnings could be withdrawn tax-free during your retirement. If you have the account for at least 5 years and have turned age 59 1/2, all Roth 403(b) contributions and earnings could be withdrawn tax free. Your contributions will be subject to Social Security taxes, therefore, participation in the TDA program will not lower your Social Security benefits. Nor will it affect SDSU Research Foundation's contributions to the retirement plan with TIAA-CREF.

If you have any additional questions regarding SDSU Research Foundation's Tax Deferred Annuity (TDA) Program, or need assistance in establishing your tax-deferred retirement savings account, contact SDSU Research Foundation Human Resources Office via email at HR@foundation.sdsu.edu or call 619-594-4139.

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**TDA Procedure**

**To Start Contributions:**
1. Review the options available with each tax-deferred or mutual fund company (refer to the list of "Available Companies" in the next column). Make sure you are aware of any particular fees, penalties, loan provisions, or investment options that may be available and important to you.

2. If you select TIAA-CREF as your investment, please visit the SDSURF TIAA-CREF Microsite at www.tiaa-cref.org/sdsuf and click the "Enroll Now" button. To enroll online scroll down to the "Enroll Online" section and review the information regarding investment choices. Once you have all required information, click on "San Diego State University Foundation Tax Deferred Annuity Program" and follow the prompts to enroll. Note: If you don’t wish to enroll online, scroll down to the "Enroll by Mail" section. Click on "San Diego State University Research Foundation TDA Plan". Print, complete and submit the form to: SDSU Research Foundation, Human Resources Department at 5250 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1945 or Mail Code 1945.

3. If you select Fidelity as your investment, you will need to set up your account by logging onto: http://plan.fidelity.com/enrolltoday. Note: our Plan ID is "86043."

4. If you enroll with another one of SDSU Research Foundation's approved vendors, please request, complete, and return the original enrollment forms to the company you have selected. This will open and establish an account in your name in which SDSU Research Foundation will remit your contributions after each pay period. Please submit a copy of this enrollment form to SDSU Research Foundation's Human Resources Office. After you have completed the enrollment process with your chosen vendor, please refer to #4 below for your next step.

5. Finally, obtain a "Salary Reduction Agreement Form," which can be found online at www.foundation.sdsu.edu under Human Resources, Forms. Copies of this form are also available from SDSU Research Foundation's Human Resources Office. You will need to submit your completed salary reduction agreement form to SDSU Research Foundation's Human Resources Office for review before the form is processed.

**To Cancel/Change Contributions:**

You may cancel or change contributions, in writing, at any time with respect to salary not yet earned. To cancel or change your current contribution, complete a new "Salary Reduction Agreement Form." You can find the form online at www.foundation.sdsu.edu under Human Resources, Forms. You will need to submit your salary reduction agreement to SDSU Research Foundation’s Human Resources at Mail Code 1945.

**Available Companies**

When you select a TDA company, please be aware that your contract is an individual one between you and the company you select. Because employees have different situations and investment needs, SDSU Research Foundation does not endorse any one of these companies over another. Additionally, each company and the IRS may impose restrictions on the early withdrawal of funds contributed to retirement funds. You will want to consider these restrictions in making your investment decisions.

- **Fidelity Investments** 800-835-5097 [https://401k.fidelity.com/public/content/401k/Home/Landing](https://401k.fidelity.com/public/content/401k/Home/Landing)
- **Franklin Templeton** 800-527-2020 [www.franklintempleton.com](www.franklintempleton.com)
- **Metropolitan Life** 800-METLIFE [www.metlife.com](www.metlife.com)
- **TIAA-CREF** 800-842-2776 [www.tiaa-cref.org](www.tiaa-cref.org)

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