



**SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS  
FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE**

**SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

This Summary Plan Description is not the legal Plan document, but only a summary of its main provisions and not every limitation or detail of the plan is included. Every attempt has been made to provide concise and accurate information. However, if there is a discrepancy between the Summary Plan Description and the legal plan document, the legal plan document will control.

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# Introduction

Dartmouth College offers a tax-favored savings plan for all Eligible Employees who wish to supplement the benefits provided by the Dartmouth retirement plans by contributing a portion of their Dartmouth compensation (“Employee Contributions”) to the Supplemental Retirement Accounts for All Employees of Dartmouth College (“SRA”).

Whatever your plans for retirement, the SRA can be a valuable tool to help you increase your future retirement income. The SRA lets you put money aside in the form of Pre-Tax Contributions or Roth Contributions (after-tax contributions) or a combination of both. Earnings on your Pre-Tax Contributions are not taxed until distributed. Earnings on your Roth Contributions are never taxed so long as certain requirements are met, e.g., they are not distributed to you for a five year period. Whether you choose to make Pre-Tax Contributions and/or Roth Contributions (together, “Employee Contributions”), the tax deferral on earnings can allow your money to grow faster which helps you save for retirement.

If you choose to enroll in the SRA, you direct where your Employee Contributions are invested between TIAA and Fidelity (“Investment Companies”). Each offers the same investment options except that TIAA offers certain annuity-type investment options. You are always fully vested in your Employee Contributions and any earnings thereon. The resulting amount will be an additional source of retirement income for you and can be paid to you at retirement in any of a variety of methods or may be paid to your Beneficiary if you should die before retirement.

If you have any questions about the SRA, please contact the Investment Companies:

## TIAA



[www.tiaa.org](http://www.tiaa.org)



800-842-2252, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. (ET) and  
Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (ET)

## Fidelity



[www.netbenefits.com](http://www.netbenefits.com)



800-343-0860, weekdays, 8 a.m. to midnight (ET)



As noted in this Summary Plan Description, in certain instances, you must contact the Dartmouth Benefits Office.

## Dartmouth Benefits Office



[human.resources.benefits@dartmouth.edu](mailto:human.resources.benefits@dartmouth.edu)



603-646-3588, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ET)



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Suite 203, Hanover NH 03755  
Weekdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



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# Definitions

As used in this Summary Plan Description, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

**“Account”** means, collectively, the separate recordkeeping subaccounts, including the brokerage window, maintained by the Investment Companies to record your total interest in the SRA.

**“Beneficiary”** means the individual or entity designated by you to receive the entire value (or remaining value) of your Account upon your death. For information regarding the procedures to designate or change your Beneficiary, see the Death Benefits Section.

**“Compensation”** means your cash compensation paid by Dartmouth excluding severance payments and any amount paid as a one-time special bonus outside of the College’s regular payroll.

**“Eligible Employee”** means an employee of Dartmouth described in the Eligibility Requirements Section who is eligible to actively participate in the SRA.

**“Employee Contribution Dollar Limit”** means the dollar limit on Employee Contributions set by the Internal Revenue Service for each **calendar year** as described in the Employee Contributions Section.

**“Employee Contributions”** means the contributions you make to the SRA pursuant to a Salary Reduction Election as further described in the Employee Contributions Section. Employee Contributions to the SRA can be made as Pre-Tax Contributions, Roth Contributions (post-tax), or a combination of both.

**“ERISA”** means Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

**“Excluded Employee”** means an employee of Dartmouth described in the Eligibility Requirements Section who is specifically excluded from actively participating in the SRA.

**“Fidelity”** means Fidelity Workplace Services LLC, a company selected currently by the Plan Administrator to perform recordkeeping and administrative services for the SRA.

**“Investment Companies”** mean, together, TIAA and Fidelity.

**“Investment Funds”** means the various investment funds offered by the SRA which you select for the investment of your Account. For further information regarding the SRA’s Investment Funds, see the Investment Options Section.

**“Leave of Absence”** means any paid or unpaid leave from active employment duly authorized by Dartmouth under its leave of absence policy as amended from time to time.

**“Participant”** means any Eligible Employee and any former Eligible Employee on whose behalf an Account is maintained under the SRA.

**“Plan Administrator”** means the Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee.

**“Plan Contributions”** means, together, your Employee Contributions and Rollover Contributions held on your behalf under the SRA.

**“Plan Year”** means the calendar year.

**“Pre-Tax Contributions”** means Employee Contributions that are made on a pre-tax basis. This means that your taxable earnings from Dartmouth are reduced by your Pre-Tax Contributions before federal and most state taxes are withheld. Pre-Tax Contributions, however, do not reduce your Social Security and Medicare taxes.

**“Qualified Domestic Relations Order” or “QDRO”** means a decree or order issued by a court that establishes the rights of another person (referred to as an “Alternate Payee”) to all or a portion of your Account. For further information regarding QDROs, see the Distributions From Your Account Section.

**“Qualified Military Service”** means a period of absence due to qualified military service (as defined in Section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code) following which you are entitled to full reemployment rights as prescribed by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (“USERRA”) with Dartmouth. Your absence will not be treated as Qualified Military Service unless prior to the commencement of your absence, you provide such information as the Dartmouth Benefits Office may require establishing that your absence from work is for military service and the number of days of your military service. For information regarding make-up contributions following your return from Qualified Military Service, see the Additional Information Regarding Plan Contributions Section.

**“Rollover Contributions”** means amounts you roll over from another eligible retirement plan to the SRA. For further information regarding Rollover Contributions to the SRA, see the Employee

Contributions Section.

**“Roth Contributions”** means Employee Contributions that are made on an after-tax basis. This means that Roth Contributions do not lower your taxable income or the amount of your income taxes, Social Security, and Medicare taxes. However, any earnings on your Roth Contributions are distributed tax-free if they are part of a qualified distribution. For information regarding qualified distributions, see the Employee Contributions Section.

**“Salary Reduction Election”** means an election by you to reduce your Compensation by an amount elected by you which Dartmouth will contribute as Employee Contributions to the SRA. For further information regarding Salary Reduction Elections, see the Employee Contributions Section.

**“SRA”** means the Supplemental Retirement Accounts for All Employees of Dartmouth College. The SRA is a defined contribution plan that is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**“TIAA”** means the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, a company selected currently by the Plan Administrator to perform recordkeeping and administrative services for the SRA. TIAA also issues or establishes the annuity contracts or custodial accounts used for purposes of funding the SRA.

# Eligibility Requirements

If you are employed by Dartmouth in an “Eligible Employee” position, you are eligible to participate in the SRA on your date of hire or, if later, the date you become an Eligible Employee. If you have any questions whether you are an Eligible Employee, contact the Dartmouth Benefits Office.

## Eligible Employees

If you are a Dartmouth employee, you are eligible to participate in the SRA unless you are an Excluded Employee. If you cease to be an Eligible Employee, your active participation in the SRA will end on the day following your next pay date.

## Excluded Employees

You are an Excluded Employee while you are:

- **Student Worker.** A student performing services for Dartmouth and your earnings are FICA-exempt as described in Section 3121(b)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **Nonresident Alien.** A nonresident alien who receives no earned income from Dartmouth that constitutes income from sources within the United States or a nonresident alien who receives earned income from Dartmouth that constitutes income from sources within the United States but all of your earned income from Dartmouth is exempt from United States income tax under an applicable income tax treaty.
- **Post-doctorate research fellow.** A fellow who receives no W-2 wages from Dartmouth.
- **Not classified as an employee.** This includes consultants, independent contractors, or leased employees.

# Employee Contributions

## Participation

You are eligible to make Employee Contributions to the SRA upon your date of hire or rehire and for so long as you are an Eligible Employee. Enrollment in the SRA is voluntary. To make Employee Contributions, you must enroll in the SRA and make an online Salary Reduction Election. See below for essential information regarding Salary Reduction Elections.

## Employee Contributions

### *Pre-Tax Contributions*

If you make Pre-Tax Contributions to the SRA, your Compensation for each pay period is reduced by your Pre-Tax Contributions before federal and most state taxes are withheld. This lowers your current taxable income and allows you to pay less in income taxes. Pre-Tax Contributions, however, do not reduce your Compensation for purposes of computing your Social Security and Medicare taxes. Although your Pre-Tax Contributions lower your taxable Compensation for income tax purposes, pay-related Dartmouth benefits, such as retirement, life and long-term disability coverages are not affected.

### *Roth Contributions*

If you make Roth Contributions to the SRA, your Compensation for each pay period is not reduced by your Roth Contributions before federal and most state taxes are withheld. This means that Roth Contributions do not lower your taxable Compensation. However, any earnings on Roth Contributions are distributed tax-free if they are part of a **qualified distribution**. It is important to note that the income limits that may apply to your ability to make contributions to a Roth IRA do not apply to the Roth Contributions made to the SRA.

A “**qualified distribution**” is generally a distribution that is made after a 5-taxable-year period AND is made:

- On or after the date you attain age 59½,
- After your death, or
- After you become disabled; that is, you are unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which

can be expected to result in death or to be of long continued duration.

A “**5-taxable-year period**” begins on the first day of the calendar year in which you make your first Roth Contribution to the SRA and ends when five consecutive calendar years have passed. For example, assume you designate a portion of your Employee Contributions as Roth Contributions during 2018. Your 5-taxable-year period will be completed on January 1, 2023 regardless of whether you make Roth Contributions throughout the entire 5-taxable year period. In addition, you do not have to complete your 5-taxable-year period as an employee of Dartmouth. Under the above example, if you terminated employment in 2022, a distribution of your Roth Contributions will be a qualified distribution so long as the distribution is made on or after January 1, 2023. Also, if you elect a direct rollover of your Roth Contributions to another employer plan, the 5-taxable-year period will include taxable years (and portions thereof) completed under the SRA.

### *Roth In-Plan Conversions*

You may elect from time to time to convert all or a portion of your Pre-Tax Contributions and Rollover Contributions (and any earnings on those amounts) held in your Account to Roth Contributions through an in-plan Roth conversion. You may make one or more such conversion elections each calendar year.

Amounts you convert are taxed as ordinary income in the year of the conversion, are treated as Roth Contributions after the conversion, and are not subject to the contribution limits that otherwise apply to Roth Contributions (because the converted amounts were already subject to those limits as Pre-Tax Contributions). Amounts converted under this provision cannot afterward be transferred to a different Investment Company under the SRA. Contact the Investment Companies to learn more about or initiate a Roth In-Plan conversion.

# Rollover Contributions Into the SRA

You may roll over amounts from your previous employer's 403(b) plan, 401(k) plan and certain other retirement plans to the SRA. In order to do this, contact both your previous employer and your Investment Company for directions.

You may roll over all or a portion of an "eligible rollover distribution" from another retirement plan to the SRA at any time – even if you are not yet contributing to the SRA. An eligible rollover distribution is typically any cash distribution from a qualified retirement plan other than a lifetime annuity payment, a required minimum distribution, a distribution that is part of a fixed period payment of ten years or more, or a hardship withdrawal. You may elect to contribute all or any portion of an eligible rollover distribution by a "direct rollover" to the SRA or by an indirect "60-day rollover" if you deposit all or any portion of an eligible rollover distribution with the Investment Companies within 60 days of your receipt of such distribution.

In most cases, the SRA will accept the following type of rollovers:

- **Pre-Tax Contributions.** An eligible rollover distribution of pre-tax contributions and any allocable earnings from an individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRA), a tax-deferred annuity contract described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, a qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or 403(a) Internal Revenue Code, or an eligible plan described in Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code which is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state.
- **After-Tax Contributions (Non-Roth contributions).** An eligible rollover distribution of after-tax contributions and any allocable earnings from a tax-deferred annuity contract described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or a qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code so long as (1) the rollover is accomplished by a direct rollover from the distributing employer plan to the SRA and (2) the distributing employer plan provides sufficient information for the Investment Companies to separately account for the portion of your eligible rollover distribution that is attributable to after-tax contributions and that portion which is attributable to earnings. The SRA cannot accept any rollovers of non-deductible contributions from an

## Want to make a Rollover Contribution to the SRA?

Contact [TIAA](#) or [Fidelity](#) online or over the phone to start the process.



IRA.

- **Roth Contributions.** An eligible rollover distribution of Roth contributions (as defined in Section 402A) from a designated Roth account established under a tax-deferred annuity contract described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or a qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or 403(a) Internal Revenue Code subject to the following:
  - *Qualified Distributions.* A rollover of a qualified distribution if it is accomplished by a direct rollover from a distributing employer plan to the SRA. A qualified distribution is a distribution from a designated Roth account made after the Participant's attainment of age 59½ (or disability) and after the date the designated Roth account was in the distributing plan for a 5-year taxable period.
  - *Non-Qualified Distributions - Direct Rollover.* A rollover of a non-qualified distribution if it is accomplished by a direct rollover from a distributing employer plan to the SRA and the distributing employer plan provides sufficient information for the Investment Companies to identify (1) your basis in the amount rolled over and (2) the date on which your 5-taxable-year period began under the distributing employer plan. If that period is completed earlier than your 5-taxable-year period under the SRA (if any is already running), the earlier of the two periods will apply going forward.
  - *Non-Qualified Distributions - 60-Day Rollover.* A rollover of a non-qualified distribution if it is accomplished by a 60-day rollover and the amount rolled over is limited to that portion of the non-qualified distribution that is attributable to earnings. In such case, the 5-taxable-year period will not include taxable years (and portions thereof) completed under the distributing employer plan and your 5-taxable-year period with respect to your rollover will commence in the taxable year in which your rollover to the SRA occurs.
  - The SRA cannot accept any rollovers from a Roth individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Employee Contribution Dollar Limit

The Internal Revenue Service limits the Employee Contributions you can save in the SRA each calendar year. If you are over age 50, additional amounts are permitted – known as “catch-up contributions” – to allow you to save more as you near retirement.

**Under Age 50 Limit.** Your Employee Contributions cannot exceed the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit set by the IRS for each calendar year. The Employee Contribution Dollar Limit is adjusted from time to time for cost of living increases.

**Over Age 50 “Catch-up” Limit.** If you will attain age 50 or older by the end of the calendar year, the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit is increased by an extra amount referred to as a “catch-up contribution.” The catch-up limit varies based on your age and is adjusted from time to time for cost of living increases.

As of January 1, 2026, the annual limits are:

| Age before the end of the year | Annual Limit | Catch-Up   | Total      |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Under 50                       | \$24,500     | N/A        | = \$24,500 |
| 50-59                          | \$24,500     | + \$8,000  | = \$32,500 |
| 60-63                          | \$24,500     | + \$11,250 | = \$35,750 |
| 64 and older                   | \$24,500     | + \$8,000  | = \$32,500 |

## This Year’s Contribution Limit

Go to [dartgo.org/retirement](https://dartgo.org/retirement) to find this year’s Employee Contribution Dollar Limit and the catch-up amount for your age.

## Catch-up Contribution Requirement

If you make catch-up contributions and earned \$150,000 or more in FICA Wages (Box 3 on Form W-2) at Dartmouth last year, an amount equivalent to the annual catch-up contributions must be classified as Roth post-tax for your current year contributions.

For example, if you earned over \$150,000 in FICA wages in 2025 and choose to save \$32,500 in 2026, \$8,000 representing catch-up contributions must be designated as Roth post-tax contributions. This compensation threshold changes from time to time.

You do not need to change your SRA contribution elections during the year to comply with the

catch-up requirement. Dartmouth will monitor your contributions throughout the calendar year and automatically apply the Roth post-tax classification if required. At the start of the next calendar year, the Pre-tax and/or Roth post-tax designation prior to reaching the compensation threshold will be restored.

To find out the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit, the age 50+ catch-up amount for your age, or the compensation threshold for the catch-up contribution requirement currently in effect for each calendar year, go to [dartgo.org/retirement](http://dartgo.org/retirement).

### *Contributions to Another Plan During the Calendar Year*

The Employee Contribution Dollar Limit is applied on an **individual** and **aggregate** basis. That is, your Employee Contributions made to the SRA and your elective pre-tax or Roth contributions that you make to another employer's 403(b) or 401(k) plan during the same calendar year count toward the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit. See the Excess Employee Contributions below for further information.

# Making a Salary Reduction Election

If you are enrolling for the first time, or are making a change to your current election, there are four choices that you must make to complete your Salary Reduction Election:

- Your Contribution Amount
- Designate Your Contribution Type
- Select Your Investment Company
- Select Your Investment Funds

## *Your Contribution Amount*

You must complete an on-line Salary Reduction Election to increase, reduce, or stop your Employee Contributions. You may make a Salary Reduction Election at any time.

You must elect the amount you want to contribute on a pay period basis by designating a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of Compensation. The minimum amount you can contribute is \$200 a year; the maximum is up to 94 percent of your Compensation not to exceed the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit.

## *Designate Your Contribution Type*

You must designate your Employee Contributions as Pre-Tax Contributions, Roth Contributions, or a combination of both.

## *Selection of Investment Company or Companies*

Once you have completed your Contribution amount and type, you must elect the Investment Company or Companies to hold your Account. You have the option of investing with Fidelity, TIAA, or both. Using [NetBenefits](#), you must indicate whether you would like to invest with TIAA, Fidelity, or both. Also, for each Investment Company that holds your Account, you must select one or more Investment Funds. If you do not make these elections, default processes will be applied to your contributions

### **Make your SRA Election via NetBenefits**

Salary Reduction Elections are made through [NetBenefits](#) – even if you choose to invest at TIAA.

Need help?

Find the User Guide on [dartgo.org/retirement](http://dartgo.org/retirement) or call Fidelity at 800-343-0860.

## *Changing Your Salary Reduction Election*

You may change your Salary Reduction Election at any time by submitting a new on-line Salary Reduction Election through [NetBenefits](#). Non-benefits eligible employees need to contact the Benefits Office to complete a paper Salary Reduction Election.

## *Effective Date of Salary Reduction Election*

Your Salary Reduction Election or a change to your Salary Reduction Election will become effective as soon as administratively practicable following your submission through NetBenefits.

Once your Salary Reduction Election or new Salary Reduction Election is put into effect it will remain in effect from year to year until you change or cancel it or it is automatically suspended as described below.

## *Automatic Changes to Salary Reduction Election*

Your Salary Reduction Election will be automatically changed or suspended as follows:

- **Contribution Exceeds Earnings.** If you elected a flat dollar amount, and the contribution amount for a pay period is greater than your paycheck, your Employee Contribution for that pay period will be suspended and not taken from your paycheck.
- **Maximum Employee Contribution Dollar Limit.** If your Employee Contributions to the SRA reaches the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit during the calendar year, your Employee Contributions will be suspended for the remainder of the calendar year. If you do not change or terminate your Salary Reduction Election prior to the beginning of the next calendar year, your Salary Reduction Election in effect prior to reaching your Employee Contribution Dollar Limit will be automatically reinstated and applied to your first paycheck in January. If you do change or terminate your Salary Reduction Election after you reach your Employee Contribution Dollar Limit, your new contribution percentage or zero contribution percentage will be applied to your first paycheck in January. In each case, your Salary Reduction Election will stay in effect until you change it.

## Selecting Investment Funds

You can choose to invest your Employee Contributions among the various Investment Funds offered by the SRA at any time. Your allocation may be to one Investment Fund or among any of the Investment Funds offered by the SRA.

It is important that you carefully review Investment Fund information because the benefits payable from the SRA depend on the performance of the Investment Funds you choose. For a description of the Investment Fund information available to you, see the Investment Options Section below.

### Investment Fund Information

Information about the SRA's Investment Funds is available through the Investment Companies. For a summary, refer to the Investment Options Section later in this Summary Plan Description.

The Investment Companies will be able to help with your online elections.

If you choose to use the brokerage window referred to in the Investment Options Section, you may select individual funds and invest periodically or set up an automatic allocation plan.

## Default Elections

If you have made a Salary Reduction Election without selecting an Investment Company or one or more Investment Funds by the time a contribution is ready to be deposited into your Account, there are two default processes that will apply:

- Default Investment Company
- Default Investment Election

If your contributions have been deposited to the Default Investment Company or Default Investment Election, you may change your Investment Company or Investment Fund allocation at any time.

### *Default Investment Company*

If you do not select Fidelity, TIAA or both, your contributions will be defaulted to an account on your behalf at Fidelity. You can change your Investment Company election at any time through [NetBenefits](#). You also have the option of transferring your Fidelity Account balance to TIAA by calling Fidelity at 800-343-0860.

## *Default Investment Funds*

If you do not select your Investment Fund(s), your Employee Contributions will be automatically invested in the SRA's default Investment Funds. Your contributions will remain invested in the default Investment Fund until you transfer your balance to one or more different Investment Funds.

The default Investment Funds are intended to be “qualified default investment alternatives” as described in Section 404(c)(5) of ERISA. If you wish to obtain further information regarding the SRA's default Investment Funds, contact the Investment Companies.

If your contributions are defaulted into a Vanguard Target Date Retirement Fund, you may change the allocation of your Investment Funds by contacting the Investment Company. To learn more about Target Date Funds, review the [Investment Options](#) Section below.

### **Current Default Investment Funds**

The ***Vanguard Target Date Retirement Funds*** are currently the SRA's default Investment Funds that are invested using model asset allocations based on your age and years to retirement.

If your Employee Contributions are defaulted to a Target Retirement Date Fund, they will be invested in a fund that is closest to the year in which you attain age 65.

# Excess Employee Contributions

## *SRA*

If your Employee Contributions made to the SRA exceed the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit, the excess as adjusted for any allocable income or loss (beginning first with non-matched employee contributions) will be distributed to you by April 15th following the calendar year in which the excess employee contributions were made. Excess Pre-Tax Contributions are taxable in the year made and, in the case of both excess Pre-Tax Contributions and Roth Contributions, any allocable income is taxable in the year of distribution. You will receive a Form 1099-R in the following tax year reporting that excess Employee Contributions occurred in the prior year. You are responsible for any tax obligation that you may have as the result of excess Employee Contributions to the SRA.

## *Non-Dartmouth Plans*

You are responsible for notifying the Dartmouth Benefits Office if you have excess Employee Contributions as a result of pre-tax contributions and/or Roth contributions made to a plan not maintained by Dartmouth and that you would like the excess distributed from the SRA. You must report any excess Employee Contributions to the Dartmouth Benefits Office by March 1st following the year in which your Employee Contributions exceed the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit.

## *Refunds for Excess Employee Contributions*

If you determine that you have excess Employee Contributions for a calendar year:

- Notify the Dartmouth Benefits Office. Excess Employee Contributions reported by March 1st as adjusted for any allocable income or loss will be distributed to you by April 15th. You will receive a Form 1099-R in the following tax year reporting that excess contributions occurred in the prior year.
- Double Taxation. If you do not report excess Employee Contributions to the Dartmouth Benefits Office by March 1st, then your excess Employee Contributions are taxed twice.
  - Pre-Tax Contributions. Excess Employee Contributions that are Pre-Tax Contributions are taxed twice if not distributed by April 15th: Once for the tax year in which you make the excess Pre-Tax Contributions, and later when the excess Pre-Tax Contributions are withdrawn or distributed from SRA.



- **Roth Contributions.** Excess Employee Contributions that are Roth Contributions are also taxed twice if not distributed by April 15<sup>th</sup>: Once for the tax year in which you make the excess Roth Contributions (because they are made on an after-tax basis), and later when the excess Roth Contributions (and allocable income) are withdrawn or distributed from the SRA.

To the extent that you have excess Employee Contributions as a result of contributions made to a plan not maintained by Dartmouth, Dartmouth is not liable for any tax obligation that you may have as the result of excess Employee Contributions to the SRA.

## **Employee Contributions During a Leave of Absence**

Your Employee Contributions will continue or cease during a Leave of Absence (“Leave”) as follows:

- **Leave With Pay.** During a Leave with full or partial pay, your Employee Contributions will continue to be made based on your Compensation then being paid by Dartmouth so long as you remain an Eligible Employee throughout such Leave. You may change or cancel your Salary Reduction Election at any time during your Leave.
- **Leave Without Pay.** During a Leave without pay, your Employee Contributions will cease. If you return as an Eligible Employee, your Employee Contributions would automatically recommence.

# Additional Information Regarding Plan Contributions

## Vesting of Plan Contributions

You are always fully and immediately vested in your Account. This means that all Plan Contributions as adjusted for earnings, losses, etc., belong to you and cannot be forfeited for any reason. However, the Plan Administrator retains the right to remove Plan Contributions and/or earnings from your Account that were allocated in error, and you are responsible for any fees and charges that may be imposed directly on your Account or under your selected Investment Funds.

## Plan Contribution Dollar Limit

**Overall Dollar Limit on Plan Contributions.** If you participate in the 403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan for Dartmouth College Faculty and Staff, the total amount of your plan contributions under that plan and your Employee Contributions made to the SRA cannot exceed the contribution limit imposed by Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Plan Contribution Dollar Limit”) for each calendar year.

To find out the Plan Contribution Dollar Limit in effect for each calendar year, go to [dartgo.org/retirement](http://dartgo.org/retirement).

The Plan Contribution Dollar Limit is in addition to the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit. Employee Contributions made under the age 50+ catch-up rule and Rollover Contributions as each are described in the [Employee Contributions](#) Section are not counted towards the Plan Contribution Dollar Limit. The Plan Contribution Dollar Limit is higher than the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit; the lesser of a dollar limit as adjusted from time to time for cost-of-living adjustments or 100% of your “includible compensation.” Generally, includible compensation means your taxable Dartmouth wages for the year plus any Employee Contributions you make pursuant to the SRA or the 403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan For Dartmouth College as well as any employee contribution you make to the Dartmouth welfare and fringe benefit plans such as health plans, flexible spending accounts and the qualified transportation plan.

**Special Aggregation Rule for Outside Employment.** If a company controlled by you (generally, if you own more than 50% of a company) makes contributions on your behalf to a tax-qualified defined contribution plan (e.g., a profit-sharing plan, 401(k) plan, money purchase pension

plan), your Employee Contributions to the SRA (and your employee contributions and employer contributions to the 403(b) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan For Dartmouth College) and amounts contributed to your company plan must be aggregated in determining whether you have exceeded the Plan Contribution Dollar Limit for a calendar year. Under tax laws, amounts in excess of the Plan Contribution Dollar Limit are treated as “excess contributions” under the SRA and must be included in your taxable income for the year in which the excess contributions were made. Excess contributions held in your Account will not jeopardize the tax-deferred status of your remaining Account *if* the Investment Companies separately account for your excess contributions. If the Investment Companies do not separately account for excess contributions for the year in which the excess contributions were made and each year thereafter, the IRS can treat your entire Account as taxable. Also, to the extent excess contributions are invested in mutual funds, you will be subject to a 6% excise tax on those excess contributions until the excess contributions along with allocable earnings are distributed. You should consult with your tax advisor to determine whether these special aggregation rules apply to you. It is also your responsibility to notify the Dartmouth Benefits Office if you have made excess contributions for a calendar year.

## **Make-Up Employee Contributions Following Qualified Military Service**

If you return to work following Qualified Military Service, you are eligible to contribute make-up Employee Contributions. The period during which you can contribute make-up Employee Contributions is equal to three (3) times the period of your Qualified Military Service, up to a maximum of five (5) years. For example, if your Qualified Military Service period was one year, you have three years following the date of your reemployment to contribute make-up Employee Contributions. The amount of your make-up Employee Contributions is subject to the Employee Contribution Dollar Limit(s) that applied during your Qualified Military Service. You may change, terminate, or resume your make-up Employee Contribution during the make-up period.

You must timely provide the Dartmouth Benefits Office with sufficient information prior to your military leave to establish that your leave from work is on account of Qualified Military Service. For further information regarding make-up Employee Contributions following Qualified Military Service, please contact the Dartmouth Benefits Office.

# Investment Options

*NOTE: This section is not intended to provide information regarding the SRA's Investment Funds. Detailed information is provided in the [Investment Fund Disclosures](#) Section below or through your Investment Company.*

## Investment Funds

The SRA's investment lineup is organized into three tiers, each designed to serve a different type of investor. As you review your options, consider your personal goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance before making your elections since the value of these funds will rise and fall with market conditions and it's possible to lose money as well as gain it. The Plan's fiduciaries regularly monitor the Target Date Funds and Core Funds; as noted further on, they do not monitor investments selected through the brokerage window.

### *Target Date Retirement Funds*

Target-date funds offer an all-in-one portfolio that holds a diversified mix of investments that automatically adjusts over time, gradually becoming more conservative as the fund's target year approaches. The fund's target year is the year closest to the date you expect to retire (for example, a fund with "2045" in its name for a retirement around that year) and the fund handles the ongoing allocation for you. They are built for participants who want a simple, hands-off approach — you select the fund closest to your expected retirement year and the fund handles the rest.

### *Core Funds*

The core investment menu is a selected lineup of investment funds that lets you build and manage your own portfolio. The menu spans a range of asset classes — such as stock funds, bond funds, and capital-preservation options — so you can diversify across several types of investments and choose a mix that reflects your own goals, time horizon, and comfort with risk. Unlike the Target-Date Retirement Funds, the Core Funds menu is designed for participants who want to select their own combination of funds and adjust it over time.

### *Brokerage Window*

In addition to the investment funds selected for the SRA, the Plan offers a self-directed brokerage account (sometimes called a "brokerage window"). The brokerage window lets you

invest in a much wider range of mutual funds than the funds in the Target Date Retirement and Core Funds. You may open a brokerage window through the Investment Companies and direct all or a portion of your Account into funds available through the window.

The brokerage window is intended for experienced investors who are comfortable researching, selecting, and monitoring their own investments. Investing through the brokerage window is entirely your decision and your responsibility.

Please understand the following before using the brokerage window:

- Dartmouth does not monitor the funds available through the brokerage window. Unlike the Target Date Retirement Funds and Core Funds offered directly under the Plan, the mutual funds available through the brokerage window are not reviewed or monitored by Dartmouth or the Plan's fiduciaries for performance, fees, or suitability. The fact that a fund is available through the brokerage window does not mean Dartmouth has evaluated it or recommended it.
- You bear the full risk of your investment choices. The funds available through the brokerage window may carry different — and in some cases greater — risks than the Plan's Target Date Retirement and Core Funds. You could lose money, including some or all of the amounts you invest.

### *Legacy CREF Annuities*

If you invested in CREF annuities, including TIAA Real Estate, before they closed to new money in February 2026, you can keep your existing balance in those funds for as long as you would like — there is no requirement to move it. Just keep in mind that this is a one-way transaction: once you transfer money out of these funds, you will not be able to transfer back in.

## **Investment Fund Disclosures**

Before you make your initial investment elections and, at least annually thereafter, you will receive both “plan-related information” and “investment-related information.” These fund and fee disclosures are available at [dartgo.org/retirement](https://dartgo.org/retirement).

### *Plan-Related Information*

Plan-related information includes the following:

- **General Plan Information.** General plan information consists of information about the

structure and mechanics of the plan such as an explanation of how to give investment instructions under the SRA and a current list of the SRA's Investment Funds.

- **Administrative Expenses Information.** An explanation of any fees and expenses for general plan administrative services that may be charged to or deducted from your Account.
- **Individual Expenses Information.** An explanation of any fees and expenses that may be charged to or deducted from your Account based on services provided solely for your benefit, e.g., service fees, if any, for taking a participant loan (see the [Participant Loan Program](#) Section) or processing a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (see the [Distributions From Your Account](#) Section).

### *Investment-Related Information*

Investment-related information includes the following:

- **Performance Data.** Specific information about historical investment performance, 1-, 5- and 10-year returns of Investment Funds that do not have a fixed or stated rate of return, e.g., the mutual funds and for Investment Funds that have a fixed or stated rate of return, e.g., the TIAA Traditional Annuity, the annual rate of return and the term of the investment.
- **Benchmark Information.** The name and returns of an appropriate broad-based securities market index over 1-, 5-, and 10-year periods so you can benchmark the Investment Funds.
- **Fee and Expense Information.** The total annual operating expenses expressed as both a percentage of assets and as a dollar amount for each \$1,000 invested, and any shareholder-type fees or restrictions that may affect your ability to purchase or transfer from Investment Funds that do not have a fixed or stated rate of return, e.g., the mutual funds and any shareholder-type fees or restrictions on your ability to purchase or withdraw from Investment Funds that have a fixed or stated rate of return, e.g., the TIAA Traditional Annuity.
- **Internet Web Site Address.** Information on how to access additional or more current investment-related information online.

When appropriate, investment-related information will be furnished in a chart or similar format designed to facilitate a comparison of the Investment Funds offered under the SRA.

# Monitoring Your Investment Funds

It is important that you regularly review your Investment Funds to ensure that they continue to meet your personal investment objectives. You can monitor your Investment Funds by:

- **Contacting the Investment Companies.** You have 24/7 access to your Account information through the Investment Companies' websites. You may also contact them at the phone numbers in the Introduction of this SPD. Once you enroll in the SRA, the Investment Companies will provide information on how to access your Account information online. You will need to register and create a User ID as well as a password. If you have forgotten your User ID or password, you should contact TIAA or Fidelity by telephone.
- **Reviewing your Quarterly Benefit Statements.** The Investment Companies provide, either by mail or email, quarterly benefit statements that show fund balances, a summary of transactions made during the quarter period and the number and value of the shares you own in each mutual fund. General information on diversifying the investment of your Account is also included on your quarterly statement.
- **Reading Your Annual Investment Fund Disclosures.** You will receive either by mail or, at your election, electronic delivery, annual disclosures of "plan-related information" and "investment-related information" described above.
- **Review your Investment Funds.** Periodically look at all of your Investment Funds, including those in the brokerage window, to review your fund allocation and learn about performance, investment managers, and fees.
- **Arranging a "One-on-One" Appointment.** You may also review your Investment Funds by arranging a "one-on-one" on-campus or virtual appointment with a TIAA or Fidelity representative:
  - TIAA: [Schedule Online](#) or call 800-732-8353
  - Fidelity: [Schedule Online](#) or call 800-642-7131

## Transferring Amounts Among Investment Funds

You may transfer your fund balances among the various Investment Funds at no charge. Transfers among Investment Funds may be subject to restrictions. Remember – if you are using a brokerage window, you must request those transfers in the window, although there may be a

cost to do so. Transferring legacy balances in CREF annuities generally are one-way – once you transfer out you will not be able to reinvest in them. If you wish to obtain further information regarding transfer restrictions or brokerage window trades and fees, contact the Investment Companies.

## Investing Your Account After Termination of Employment

Once you terminate employment or if you cease to actively participate in the SRA, your Account will remain invested in your selected Investment Funds. Therefore, it is important that you continue to regularly monitor and review your Investment Funds. Your Account will continue to participate in the market experience of its respective Investment Funds or, in the case, of amounts invested in the TIAA Traditional Annuity will continue to be credited with the same interest as they would have been had you continued employment with Dartmouth or continued active participation in the SRA. Keep in mind that you continue to have access to Account and Investment Fund information and the flexibility to make transfers among the Investment Funds in the same manner as described above.

*Please note: The Plan is intended to be a plan described in Section 404(c) of ERISA. Under this ERISA provision, you are responsible for any investment losses or lack of investment gains that result from your investment decisions because you are permitted to choose your own Investment Funds. This means that fiduciaries of the SRA, including Dartmouth, are not liable if the value of your Account declines because of investment losses or fails to increase because of lack of gains based on your investment decisions. Accordingly, it is important that you review all available materials to ensure that your investment decisions meet your personal investment objectives. You also may want to consult an investment or financial professional to assist you in making your investment decisions.*



# Participant Loan Program

You may obtain a loan from the SRA as long as you are an active employee.

Your maximum loan amount is 50% of your pre-tax Account balance up to a maximum of \$50,000, reduced by your highest outstanding loan balance over the past 12 months. If your Account is split between the Investment Companies, for purposes of computing your maximum loan amount, your balances are aggregated.

You may have up to three outstanding loans at one time and loan fees may apply. For further details about the SRA's [Loan Policy](#), visit Dartmouth's retirement webpage at [dartgo.org/retirement](http://dartgo.org/retirement).

## Applying for a Loan

To determine the amount you can borrow, the amount of your loan repayments, or to request a loan, you must contact the Investment Companies directly.

[TIAA online](#) or calling 800-842-2252.

Fidelity by visiting [NetBenefits](#) or calling 800-343-0860.

# Distributions From Your Account

## While You Are Employed by Dartmouth

You may withdraw from your Account while you are employed by Dartmouth to the extent permitted under terms of your Investment Funds as set forth below. Participant loans are also permitted, see the [\*Participant Loan Program\*](#) Section for further information.

- **Attainment of age 59½.** You may withdraw all or a portion of your Account at any time on or after attaining age 59½.
- **Upon Hardship.** You may withdraw all or a portion of your Account upon hardship as described below.
- **Upon Qualified Military Service.** You may withdraw all or a portion of your Account if you are ordered or called to Qualified Military Service for a period in excess of 179 days or for an indefinite period; provided that such withdrawal is made during the period beginning on the date of such order or call and ending at the close of such Qualified Military Service.

Except as provided above, you may not make withdrawals from your Account while employed by Dartmouth unless you have a contractual right under a specific Investment Fund to do so. If you wish to request a withdrawal, contact the Investment Companies to obtain a withdrawal application. In-service withdrawals are subject to federal income tax when you receive them and you may be subject to a 10 percent penalty tax if you are under age 59½. See [\*Tax Information\*](#) below for further information.

### *Hardship Withdrawals*

You may request a hardship withdrawal from your Account.

#### General Requirements

Hardship withdrawals are administered by the Investment Companies in accordance with the “safe harbor” rules set forth in Treasury Regulations. The amount of your hardship withdrawal cannot exceed the exact amount needed to cover your financial need, plus any income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the hardship withdrawal. Hardship withdrawals are available after you have taken all other non-hardship distributions available from the SRA or any other plan maintained by Dartmouth. Spousal consent may be required to receive a

hardship withdrawal.

### Immediate and Heavy Financial Need

The Investment Companies will approve a hardship withdrawal only on account of an “immediate and heavy financial need” arising from:

- Unreimbursed medical expenses for you, your spouse, a dependent, or a properly designated primary beneficiary;
- Purchase of your principal residence (vacation homes are excluded), excluding mortgage payments;
- Post-secondary education (e.g., college), tuition and related educational fees and room and board expenses for the next 12 months for you, your spouse, your children, a dependent, or a properly designated primary beneficiary;
- Amounts necessary to prevent foreclosure or eviction from your principal residence (e.g., unpaid rent or mortgage payments);
- Unreimbursed burial or funeral expenses for your spouse, your children, a dependent, a properly designated primary beneficiary, or a deceased parent;
- Unreimbursed expenses for the repair of damage to your principal residence that qualifies for the casualty loss deduction under Section 165 of the Internal Revenue Code (without regard to whether the loss exceeds 10 percent of adjusted gross income); or
- Expenses and losses (including loss of income) you incur on account of a disaster declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provided that your principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster was in an area designated by FEMA for individual assistance (for hardship withdrawals requested on or after January 1, 2020); or
- Such other expenses that the IRS may later define as giving rise to an immediate and heavy financial need.

For purposes of the above, a “primary beneficiary” means your named primary beneficiary for your Account.

Contact the Investment Company to initiate your hardship withdrawal and confirm the processing time for your request. They may ask that you document or self-certify your need for

the hardship withdrawal, including representation that cash or liquid assets are not available to cover the cost of the hardship prior to processing your request. Once the transaction is completed, the Investment Company will send you tax Form 1099-R to report the withdrawal and associated taxes by January 31 of the following year.

## After You End Employment or Retire from Dartmouth

After you terminate employment, you are not required to take a distribution of your Account. You have the option of leaving it in the SRA throughout your lifetime – including receiving regular distributions from it during your retirement.

Otherwise, you can commence distributions from your Account at any time. The value of your Account will depend on the amount of Employee Contributions you made to the SRA and the investment performance under the Investment Funds you selected. Once you decide to start receiving distributions, you have the flexibility to start distributions from the various Investment Funds on different dates, and you can elect different forms of payment under the various Investment Funds as follows:

- **Different Benefit Commencement Dates.** If you have amounts invested in multiple Investment Funds, e.g., the TIAA Traditional Annuity, legacy CREF Accounts, and various mutual funds, you can elect different benefit commencement dates for each Investment Fund. For example, you can elect that amounts invested in your mutual funds be distributed immediately following termination and defer distribution of amounts invested in the TIAA Traditional Annuity and the CREF Account.
- **Different Forms of Payment.** If you have amounts invested in multiple Investment Funds, e.g., the TIAA Traditional Annuity, a CREF Account, and various mutual funds, you can also elect different forms of payment under each Investment Fund. In the case of the TIAA Traditional Annuity, the TIAA Real Estate Account, and CREF Accounts, however, you must have at least \$10,000 for each form of payment. For example, assume you have \$20,000 in the TIAA Traditional Annuity and \$10,000 each in two CREF Accounts. You can elect up to three different forms of payment with spousal consent if applicable. Keep in mind that lump sum distributions may not be permitted from the TIAA Traditional Annuity. Also, if you elect to have amounts invested in mutual funds paid in the form of a lifetime annuity, you must transfer those amounts to the TIAA Traditional Annuity, the TIAA Real Estate Account, or to a CREF Account. For further information regarding the different forms of payment, see [Normal Form of Payment](#) and [Optional Forms of Payment](#) below.

Distributions are subject to federal income tax when you receive them and you may be subject to penalty tax if you are under age 59½. See [Tax Information](#) below for further information.

## *Starting Distributions*

To start distributions from your Account, you must contact the Investment Companies.

The Investment Companies will send you (by mail or electronic delivery) a distribution packet that will include a distribution election form, detailed information about the available payment options, and tax information on distributions from the SRA.

Your distribution election form may require certification of your termination of employment by the Dartmouth Benefits Office. The Investment Companies will obtain this certification for you or you may obtain this certification either by mailing your completed distribution election form to the Dartmouth Benefits Office or by scheduling an appointment with the Benefit Office during business hours. You should submit your distribution election form to the Investment Companies at least a month before the date on which you want your distributions to begin.

## *Normal Form of Payment*

### Life Annuity Form of Payment

If you are not married on the date you commence distribution from an Investment Fund, the SRA is required to pay distributions in the form of a Single Life Annuity unless you waive the Single Life Annuity and elect an optional form of payment. Under a Single Life Annuity, monthly payments (or, in the case of small payments, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments) are made for your lifetime, and at your death, all payments stop.

If you are married on the date you commence distribution from an Investment Fund, the SRA is required to pay distributions in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity unless you and your spouse waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and your spouse consents to an optional form of payment. Under a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, monthly payments (or, in the case of small payments, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments) are made for your lifetime and, at your death if your spouse survives you, he or she will receive payments equal to 50 percent of your lifetime payment. After your surviving spouse dies, all payments stop. In addition, you may choose an annuity option that provides a larger monthly payment to your spouse, including but not limited to, a 75 percent or 100 percent survivor annuity option.

If you or your spouse elect to keep the normal form of payment, but your Investment Fund does not offer distributions in that form, you must transfer those amounts invested in such Investment Fund to the TIAA Traditional Annuity, the TIAA Real Estate Account, or to a CREF Account if you wish to commence distributions.

## Amount of Annuity Payment

If you elect to have all or a portion of your Account paid in the form of lifetime annuity payments, the amount of your annuity payments will depend on a number of factors – the amount subject to the payment option, the annuity option elected, your age, and if applicable, your spouse or other co-annuitant's age at time payments commence.

For example, the amount of your lifetime annuity payments will be greater under the Single Life Annuity Option versus a Survivor Annuity Option.

This is because your payments under a Survivor Annuity Option are reduced to take into account that payments continue to your spouse or other Beneficiary after your death.

Also keep in mind that federal tax laws may limit the length of a guaranteed period or the amount of a survivor annuity if you name a co-annuitant who is not your spouse.

### **Annuity Payment Options**

The rules used to determine lifetime benefit payments under the different payment options are complex. Contact TIAA for details.

## *Optional Forms of Payment*

When you terminate or retire from Dartmouth, you will be able to receive payment of your Account in the form of a life annuity (with or without a guaranteed payment period), a lump sum distribution, installment payments over a set period of time or any of the optional forms of payment offered by the Investment Companies. The optional forms of payment vary depending on the Investment Funds in which your Account is invested and are governed by the terms of the Investment Funds as well as federal tax laws. For example, the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Option enables you to comply automatically with the required minimum distribution rules and, as such, is a form of payment that can be elected once you attain age 73 or retire, if later. Under the RMD Option, you will receive the minimum distribution that is required by federal tax law while preserving as much of your Account as possible. If you die while receiving payments under the RMD Option, your Beneficiary will receive the remaining portion(s) of your Account. This option may not be available for amounts invested in certain Investment Funds. For further information regarding the RMD Option, contact the Investment Companies. See [Required Minimum Distributions](#) below for further information including excise tax (up to 25%, reduced to 10% if corrected within required timeframes) that may be imposed if you fail to take a required minimum distribution.

## Electing an Optional Form of Payment

The election of an optional form of payment must be made during the 180-day period before

distribution payments begin. If you are married when distributions begin and you wish to elect an optional payment form or a co-annuitant other than your spouse, your spouse must consent within the same 180-day period. The waiver also may be revoked during the same 180-day period but cannot be revoked after payments begin.

Your spouse's consent must be in writing and witnessed by a notary public and must contain his or her acknowledgment as to the effect of the consent and that it is irrevocable. Your spouse must either consent to a specific form of payment or provide a general consent that expressly permits you to choose an optional form of payment without his or her consent. Your spouse's consent is not required if you are legally separated unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (described below) requires otherwise or if you have been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and you have a court order to such effect. Spousal consent is also not required if you can establish that you have no spouse or that he or she cannot be located.

If your total account balance (at all Investment Companies holding your balance) at the time of your distribution is \$5,000 or less, spousal consent is not required.

## Direct Rollovers

If you receive a distribution that is an “eligible rollover distribution,” you may roll over all or a portion of it by a “direct rollover” to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan. An eligible rollover distribution, in general, is any cash distribution other than an annuity payment, a required minimum distribution, a payment that is part of a fixed period payment over ten or more years, or a hardship withdrawal. An eligible retirement plan depends on whether your eligible rollover distribution consists of Pre-Tax Contributions, Roth Contributions, or Rollover Contributions that include after-tax contributions other than Roth contributions (as defined in Section 402A) from the SRA's designated Roth account. An eligible retirement plan can be an individual retirement account or annuity (IRA) described in Section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, including a Roth IRA described in Section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code, a tax-deferred annuity contract described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, a qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or 403(a) Internal Revenue Code, or an eligible plan described in Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

An eligible rollover distribution may be subject to a mandatory federal income tax withholding rate of 20 percent *unless* it is rolled over directly to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan. For example, an eligible rollover distribution of Pre-Tax Contributions and any allocable earnings are subject to a mandatory federal income tax withholding rate of 20 percent unless rolled over directly to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan. If such eligible rollover distribution is paid to you, then 20 percent of the distribution must be withheld even if you intend to roll over the



money into an IRA or other eligible retirement plan by a 60-day rollover. This means that, in order to roll over the entire distribution in a 60-day rollover to an IRA or other eligible retirement plan, you must use other funds to make up for the 20 percent withheld.

The information described above is not intended to give specific tax advice to you (or your Alternate Payee or Beneficiaries). A more detailed summary, *Special IRS Tax Notice Regarding Plan Payments*, contains more information and is available from the Investment Companies.

## Required Minimum Distributions

It is important to take your required minimum distributions (RMDs) on time and in full. If you take less than the required amount in a given year, the IRS can impose an excise tax of up to 25% on the shortfall — the difference between what you were required to withdraw and what you actually withdrew – reduced to 10% if you correct the shortfall within the time permitted.

Generally, distributions from your Account, must commence no later than your “Required Beginning Date,” *i.e.*, April 1 of the calendar year following the year in which you attain the age threshold below, or, if later, April 1 following the calendar year in which you terminate employment from Dartmouth. If you are no longer working at Dartmouth, your Required Beginning Date is:

- Age 70 ½ if you were born before July 1, 1949
- Age 72 if born on/after July 1, 1949 and before January 1, 1951
- Age 73 if born on/after January 1, 1951 and before January 1, 1960
- Age 75 if born on/after January 1, 1960.

**You must request your first RMD and all later RMDs from the SRA to avoid the excise tax.**

Contact your Investment Company when you reach the one of the age thresholds below.

The amount of your required minimum distribution for a “Distribution Calendar Year,” *i.e.*, a calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required, depends on the value of your Account, the value of your account balances held under any other 403(b) plan, and whether you elect to have your required minimum distributions calculated over your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and a designated Beneficiary. Note the following:

- You may satisfy the minimum distribution requirement by taking all or a portion of your required minimum distribution amount from the SRA or any other 403(b) plan in which you have an account balance so long as the distributions from all your account balances held in 403(b) plans for a Distribution Calendar Year equals your required minimum distribution.
- A different Required Beginning Date may apply to amounts contributed to certain TIAA Investment Funds prior to January 1, 1987 if such amounts were accounted for separately by TIAA. For further information regarding the special rules that apply to amounts accumulated prior to January 1, 1987, contact TIAA.
- Roth Contributions held in your Account are not subject to RMD rules during your lifetime.

**Keep your Investment Companies informed of your current mailing address.**

Dartmouth is not responsible for any excise taxes that may be imposed if you cannot be located at the time a required minimum distribution is due.

Federal rules on how quickly a Beneficiary must take RMDs from an inherited account — including special rules for a surviving spouse, minor child, disabled or chronically ill individual, or someone close in age to you — are complex and depend on your Beneficiary's relationship to you and other facts. Your Beneficiary should consult a tax advisor promptly after your death to determine the applicable distribution period and any documentation deadlines that may apply.

In general, tax laws are complicated and they also affect you and your beneficiaries in different ways. You are encouraged to consult a professional tax advisor regarding your tax situation.

## Qualified Domestic Relations Orders

The SRA will comply with a decree or order issued by a court that establishes the rights of another person (referred to as an **“Alternate Payee”**) to all or a portion of your Account to the extent that the decree or order is a “Qualified Domestic Relations Order” or “QDRO.” A decree or order is a QDRO if it is consistent with the terms and conditions of the SRA and the terms and conditions of your Investment Funds. A QDRO may preempt the usual requirements that your spouse be considered your primary Beneficiary for all or a portion of your Account. You or your attorney can obtain a description of the procedures for QDRO determinations (“QDRO Procedures”) at no charge as set forth below. To request a determination as to whether a decree or order is a QDRO:

- **TIAA.** With respect to your Account invested with TIAA, you or your attorney can obtain a description of TIAA's QDRO Procedures as well as a model TIAA QDRO at no charge by calling 800-842-2776. You can request a QDRO determination by TIAA as follows:

**By Mail or Delivery:** TIAA QDRO Department, P.O. Box 1259, Charlotte, NC 28201

**By Facsimile:** 800-914-8922

Currently, a fee to review whether an order is a QDRO does not apply. Should a fee apply in the future, the fee schedule, as revised from time to time, will be included in TIAA's QDRO Procedures.

- **Fidelity.** With respect to your Account invested with Fidelity, you or your attorney can obtain the SRA's QDRO Procedures at no charge from the Dartmouth Benefits Office. You can request a QDRO determination by Dartmouth as follows:

**By Mail or Delivery:** Office of Human Resources, Hinman Box 6042, 7 Lebanon Street, Suite 203, Hanover, NH 03755

**By Facsimile:** 603-646-1108

It is recommended that prior to filing a decree or order with the court, you or your attorney should send a draft decree or order to TIAA or, in the case of an Account of which all or a portion is invested with Fidelity, to the Dartmouth Benefits Office for review. By doing so, required revisions can be made prior to filing and you will avoid multiple filings with the court.

An Alternate Payee may request a distribution (to the extent permitted under the QDRO) as soon as administratively practicable following the date the domestic relations order is determined to be a QDRO and prior to your termination date. The process by which the amount awarded is paid to an Alternate Payee is determined by the Investment Companies but not limited to the issuance or establishment of separate contracts on behalf of the Alternate Payee.

If you are divorced, remember to review your beneficiary designation and change it if necessary. See the [Designating Your Beneficiary](#) Section later in this SPD.

## Tax Information

Distributions from the SRA are subject to federal income tax when you receive them. Some of the rules that affect the taxation of your distributions are as follows:

- **Lump Sum Distributions.** The taxable portion of a lump sum distribution is subject to a mandatory federal income tax withholding rate of 20 percent to the extent you do not elect a direct rollover to another tax-deferred retirement vehicle such as an individual retirement account or other eligible retirement plan. If you roll over all or a part of your lump sum distribution within 60 days, that portion will not be subject to federal income tax in the year of distribution and will continue to be tax-deferred. Portions that are not timely rolled over are treated as taxable income in the year of distribution and you may be required to pay income taxes in addition to the 20 percent withheld when you file your tax return for that year. You also may be required to pay an additional 10 percent tax penalty if your distribution is an early withdrawal as described below.
- **Annuity Income Payments.** Annuity payments are not subject to the mandatory 20 percent federal income tax withholding. You may elect that withholding not apply to your payments but if you do nothing, federal income tax will be withheld. You may not roll over annuity payments, *i.e.*, amounts paid over your lifetime, to another tax-deferred retirement vehicle such as an individual retirement account or eligible retirement plan. The election to waive withholding is included with the distribution election form that must be completed when you start annuity payments.
- **Periodic Payments.** Periodic payments may or may not be subject to the mandatory 20 percent federal income tax withholding. If your periodic payments are scheduled to last for a period of less than 10 years, the payments are treated as lump sum distributions and are subject to tax withholding as described above. If your periodic payments are scheduled to last for a period of 10 years or more, the payments are treated like annuity payments and are subject to tax withholding as described above.
- **Early Distribution Penalty.** If you receive benefit payments prior to age 59½, the portion you do not roll over to another tax-deferred retirement vehicle is subject to an additional 10 percent penalty excise tax unless the distribution is made because:
  - You terminate employment from Dartmouth at age 55 or older.
  - You die or become disabled.
  - You elected to receive benefit payments as part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) for your life (or life expectancy) or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of you and your Beneficiary.
  - The distribution is received pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

The tax information described above is not intended to give specific tax advice to you (or your Alternate Payee or Beneficiaries). A more detailed summary, *Special IRS Tax Notice Regarding Plan Payments*, contains more information and is available from the Investment Companies. Tax laws are complicated and change often. They also affect different individuals in different ways. A professional tax advisor is your best source of information about the tax laws applicable to distributions from the SRA.

# Death Benefits

## Amount of Death Benefit

### Death Benefit Administration

TIAA and Fidelity administer all death benefit payments from the SRA. You can request a withdrawal or distribution from [TIAA online](#) or calling 800-842-2252 or from Fidelity by visiting [NetBenefits](#) or calling 800-343-0860.

If you die, the entire balance (or remaining balance) of your Account is payable as a death benefit. If you are not married on the date of your death, the entire balance of your Account will be paid to your designated Beneficiary(ies). If you are married on the date of your death, at least 50 percent of your Account is payable to your spouse in the form of a Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity (as described below) unless your spouse waives the Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity or waives the Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity and consents to a non-spouse beneficiary as described below.

### *Forms of Payments for Death Benefits*

- **Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity.** If you are married on the date of your death, the SRA is required to pay at least 50 percent of your death benefits in the form of a Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity to your surviving spouse. Under a Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity, monthly payments (or, in the case of small payments, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments) are made for your spouse's lifetime, and at his or her death, all payments stop. Your surviving spouse may waive the Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity and elect an optional payment form. Alternatively, you may choose the form of payment to your spouse during your lifetime if you do so in a manner acceptable to the Investment Companies.
- **Optional Forms of Payment.** A surviving spouse who waives the Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity or a non-spouse Beneficiary may elect any optional payment form. Alternatively, you may choose the form of payment to your Beneficiary during your lifetime if you do so in a manner acceptable to the Investment Companies. The optional payment forms available are similar to the optional payment options described in the [\*Distributions From Your Account\*](#) Section. For further information

regarding distributions to Beneficiaries and available forms of payment, contact the Investment Companies. If your death benefits are paid in the form of an eligible rollover distribution, a surviving spouse and non-spouse Beneficiary may elect a direct rollover as described in the *Distributions From Your Account* Section. A non-spouse Beneficiary, however, may only elect a direct rollover to an individual retirement account or an individual retirement annuity described in Section 408(a) or Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, respectively, that will be treated as an inherited IRA pursuant to the provisions of Section 402(c)(11) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- **If your Beneficiary Dies Before Receiving Full Payment.** If your Beneficiary dies after you, but before receiving the entire balance of your Account or before payments to your Beneficiary have begun, the remaining balance will be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by your Beneficiary. If your Beneficiary did not properly designate a beneficiary, the remaining balance will be paid to your Beneficiary's estate.

If you named a contingent Beneficiary – a backup Beneficiary who receives your Account if your primary Beneficiary is unable to -- this rule does not apply. In that case, the remaining balance will instead be paid to your contingent Beneficiary.

## Designating Your Beneficiary

### *Beneficiary Designation Form*

It is important for you to designate one or more Beneficiaries by completing a beneficiary designation form. Your Beneficiary is the person who will receive your death benefits, if any.

Please note the following:

- If you are not married, you can name anyone as your Beneficiary.
- You can also name one or more contingent Beneficiaries – backup Beneficiaries who receive your death benefits if your primary Beneficiary does not survive you or is otherwise unable to receive your benefits. You are encouraged to complete your beneficiary designation form online through the TIAA and Fidelity websites. Navigation

#### **Designate your Beneficiary online through your Investment Companies**

Complete your beneficiary designation form online through the [TIAA](#) and [Fidelity](#) websites. Navigation instructions are available on [dartgo.org/retirement](https://dartgo.org/retirement).

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- If you are married at the time of your death, your spouse is automatically entitled to 50 percent of your death benefits. You can name anyone as your Beneficiary with respect to the remaining 50 percent of your death benefits. If you wish to designate a Beneficiary other than your spouse to receive more than 50 percent of your death benefits, your spouse must consent to your choice of Beneficiary or Beneficiaries.

If your Account is invested with both TIAA and Fidelity, you must complete separate beneficiary designation forms for TIAA and Fidelity and may name different Beneficiaries for that portion of your Account (subject to the spousal consent requirement).

To designate a Beneficiary, you can complete your beneficiary designation form online through the Investment Companies' websites. If you are married and designate a Beneficiary other than your spouse to receive more than 50 percent of your death benefits, your beneficiary designation is not complete (or effective) until you mail a signed and notarized spousal consent form to the Investment Companies at the address below:

- **TIAA:** P.O. Box 1268, Charlotte, N.C. 28201-1268
- **Fidelity:** P.O. Box 770002, Cincinnati, OH 45277-0090

If you do not wish to complete your beneficiary designation form online, you may print a paper copy from the Investment Companies' websites or you may request a paper copy by calling the Investment Companies. You must mail a completed and signed beneficiary designation form and, if applicable, notarized spousal consent form to the Investment Companies at the addresses above.

### *Failure to Properly Designate a Beneficiary*

If you fail to designate a Beneficiary, improperly designate a Beneficiary, or if no Beneficiary survives you, your death benefits, if any, will be distributed as set forth below:

- **If you are not married** on the date of your death and a beneficiary designation form is not on file with the Investment Companies on the date of your death or your designated Beneficiary does not survive you, 100 percent of your death

A Beneficiary Designation is not effective until a complete Beneficiary Designation Form and, if required, Spousal Consent Form, is received by your Investment Company.



benefits, if any, generally will be paid to your estate.

- **If you are married** on the date of your death and a beneficiary designation form is not on file with the Investment Companies on the date of your death or your designated Beneficiary does not survive you, 100 percent of your death benefits, if any, will be paid to your spouse. If you improperly designated a non-spouse Beneficiary, for example, you filed a beneficiary designation form designating that 100 percent of your death benefits be paid to a non-spouse Beneficiary but failed to file a completed spousal consent form prior to your death, 50 percent of your death benefits will be paid to your designated non-spouse Beneficiary but the remaining 50 percent of your death benefits will be paid to your spouse.

### *Periodic Review of Your Designated Beneficiary*

You should review your beneficiary designation periodically to make sure the person you want to receive your death benefit is properly designated. For example, if your marital status changes, you should review your beneficiary designation. If you marry, your new spouse is automatically the Beneficiary with respect to 50 percent of your death benefits as a matter of law. However, your divorce will not automatically revoke a beneficiary

designation naming your former spouse as your Beneficiary. You can change your Beneficiary at any time (subject to the spousal consent requirement) by submitting a new beneficiary designation form to the Investment Companies or updating your Beneficiaries to your Accounts online.

Review your Designated Beneficiary annually, or sooner when you experience a major life event such as a marriage, divorce, or death of a spouse.

## **Designation of Non-Spouse Beneficiary**

If you are married and you wish to designate a Beneficiary other than your spouse for more than 50 percent of your death benefits, the following rules apply:

### Designation Prior to Age 35

If you designate a non-spouse Beneficiary for more than 50 percent of your death benefits before the Plan Year (calendar year) in which you turn age 35, what happens next depends on whether you are still employed by Dartmouth when you reach that Plan Year:

- **If you are still employed by Dartmouth when you reach the calendar year in which**

**you turn age 35.** In this case, your designation stops being effective for amounts above 50 percent, as of January 1 of that year. To keep a non-spouse Beneficiary receiving more than 50 percent of your death benefits, you must designate that Beneficiary again on or after January 1 of the calendar year in which you turn age 35. Until you do, only the portion not required to go to your spouse will be paid to your non-spouse Beneficiary.

- **If you terminate employment with Dartmouth before the calendar year in which you turn age 35.** If terminated at this time, your designation remains effective. You do not need to redesignate your non-spouse Beneficiary once you turn 35 — unless you later choose to change your Beneficiary.

In either case, spousal consent is required to designate a non-spouse Beneficiary for more than 50 percent of your death benefits. See Spousal Consent below.

If a former spouse previously consented to your Beneficiary designation, that consent does not carry over to a new spouse.

### Spousal Consent

Your spouse must waive the Qualified Pre-Retirement Survivor Annuity and consent to your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries. Your spouse's waiver and consent must be in writing and witnessed by a notary public and must contain his or her acknowledgment as to the effect of the waiver and consent and that it is irrevocable. Your spouse may provide a general consent that expressly permits you to designate a Beneficiary without any further consent from your spouse. If a designated Beneficiary dies, a new consent is necessary unless your spouse gave his or her express consent of your right to designate a new one without further spousal consent. Your spouse's consent is not required if you are legally separated unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order requires otherwise or if you have been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and you have a court order to such effect. See the *Distributions From Your Account* Section, for further information regarding Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. Spousal consent is also not required if you can establish that you have no spouse or that he or she cannot be located.

## Required Minimum Distributions

The payment of required minimum distributions to your Beneficiary is extremely important because federal tax laws impose an excise tax of up to 25 percent (reduced to 10 percent if the shortfall is corrected within the time permitted) on the difference between the required minimum distribution amount and the amount actually distributed if it is less than the required

minimum distribution amount.

- General Rule:
  - If you die after your Required Beginning Date, i.e., April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which you attain age 73 or, if later, April 1 following the calendar year in which you terminate employment with Dartmouth, your Beneficiary must begin receiving required minimum distributions from the SRA commencing with the calendar year following the calendar year of your death. Refer to the Required Minimum Distributions Section above to determine your exact Required Beginning Date.
  - If you die prior to your Required Beginning Date, your Beneficiary must begin receiving required minimum distributions from the SRA commencing with the calendar year following the calendar year of your death, or in some cases may be required to receive the entire Account balance within a set number of years following your death.
  - The specific payout period, and whether annual distributions or a full distribution within a set period applies, depends on your Beneficiary's relationship to you (for example, a surviving spouse, minor child, disabled or chronically ill individual, or someone close in age to you may be subject to different rules than other beneficiaries) and other factors. These federal rules are complex and have changed in recent years. Your Beneficiary should consult a tax advisor promptly after your death to determine the payout period that applies and any elections or deadlines that need to be made.
- Special Rules:
  - The specific payout period that applies to your Beneficiary depends on your Beneficiary's relationship to you and other factors, and the applicable federal rules have changed in recent years. Your Beneficiary should consult a tax advisor to determine the payout period that applies and any elections or deadlines that need to be made.
  - Your Beneficiary may satisfy the minimum distribution requirement by taking his or her required minimum distribution from the SRA or any other 403(b) plan in which you have an account balance of which your Beneficiary is also the beneficiary so long as the distributions from all account balances held in 403(b)

plans of which your Beneficiary is also the beneficiary for a Distribution Calendar Year equals his or her required minimum distribution.

- A different Required Beginning Date may apply to amounts contributed to certain TIAA Investment Funds prior to January 1, 1987 if such amounts were accounted for separately by TIAA. For further information regarding the special rules that apply to amounts accumulated prior to January 1, 1987, contact TIAA.

Your Beneficiary should contact the Investment Company to confirm the minimum distribution requirements at the time he or she notifies them of your death. If your Beneficiary fails to timely notify the Investment Companies of your death, Dartmouth is not responsible for any excise taxes that may be imposed if your Account is not distributed timely.

# Claims and Appeals Procedures

## Claims Procedures

If all or part of your claim for benefits (or a claim by your Beneficiary or Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order) is denied under the SRA, the Plan Administrator (or, if so designated by the Plan Administrator, the Investment Companies) will send you (or your Beneficiary or Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order) or an authorized representative a written or electronic explanation of denial setting forth (1) the specific reasons for the denial, (2) references to the SRA's provisions upon which the denial is based, (3) a description of any missing information or material necessary to process your claim (together with an explanation why such material or information is necessary), (4) an explanation of the appeals procedures for the SRA, and (5) a statement of your right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA if your claim is denied upon appeal.

An explanation of denial will be sent within 90 days following receipt of your benefit claim by the claim administrator unless the claim administrator determines that special circumstances require an extension of time for processing your claim. In the event an extension is necessary, you will receive written or electronic notice of the extension prior to the expiration of the initial 90-day period. The notice will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which a final decision is expected to be rendered. In no event will the period of the extension exceed 90 days from the end of the initial 90-day period.

## Appeals Procedures

If your claim for benefits is denied and you (or your Beneficiary or Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order) or an authorized representative wish to appeal the denial of your claim, you must submit a written appeal to the Plan Administrator, in care of the Dartmouth Benefits Office, within 60 days after you receive the denial notice. You must exhaust the appeal procedures under the SRA prior to seeking any other form of relief. Under the SRA's appeals procedures:

- You may include written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to your claim.
- You may review all pertinent documents and, upon request, will have reasonable access to or be provided free of charge, copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim.

The Plan Administrator or its delegate will provide a full and fair review of the appeal and will take into account all your claim related comments, documents, records, and other information submitted without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered under the initial determination.

The Plan Administrator will send you written or electronic notice of the decision rendered with respect to your appeal within 60 days following its receipt and all necessary documents and information unless the Plan Administrator determines that special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the appeal. In the event an extension is necessary, a written or electronic notice of the extension will be sent to you prior to the expiration of the initial 60-day period. The notice will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which a final decision is expected to be rendered. In no event will the period of the extension exceed 60 days from the end of the initial 60-day period.

In the case of a denial of an appeal, the written or electronic notice of such denial will set forth (1) the specific reasons for the denial, (2) references to the SRA's provisions upon which the denial is based, (3) a statement that you are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relating to your claim for benefits, and (4) a statement of your right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA.

Any decision of the Plan Administrator (or its delegate) made hereunder is final, conclusive, and binding upon you, the SRA and Dartmouth, and the Dartmouth Benefits Office will take appropriate action to carry out such decision.

## **Bar on Civil Action**

You (or your Beneficiary or Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order) may not commence a civil action pursuant to Section 502(a)(1) of ERISA with respect to a benefit under the SRA after the earlier of:

- Three (3) years after the occurrence of the facts or circumstances that give rise to, or form the basis for, such action; or
- One (1) year from the date you had actual knowledge of the facts or circumstances that give rise to, or form the basis for, such action.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of fraud or concealment, such action may commence not later than three (3) years after the date of discovery of the facts or circumstances that give rise to, or form the basis for, such action.

## Other Plan Information

### Plan Administrator

The Plan Administrator is the Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee. The Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee has the discretionary power and authority to determine all questions relating to the administration of the SRA, including, but not limited to, questions relating to eligibility to participate, reconciling any question or dispute arising under the SRA, and interpreting the plan document. Any determinations made by the Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee are final and binding.

### Funding of the SRA

The SRA is funded solely by Employee Contributions. Employee Contributions are held in one or more annuity contracts or one or more custodial accounts that are intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. The annuity contracts and custodial accounts are issued or established by the Investment Companies.

### Type of Plan

The SRA operates under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b).

### Amendment and Termination of the SRA

Dartmouth has reserved the right to terminate the SRA or to amend the SRA under circumstances that Dartmouth deems advisable (including, but not limited to, cost or plan design considerations). Current participation in the SRA does not vest any Participant with rights to any particular benefit coverage in the future. In the event of termination or amendment or elimination of benefits, the rights, and obligations of Participants prior to the date of such event will remain in effect, and changes will be prospective, except to the extent that Dartmouth or applicable law provides otherwise. Dartmouth also has reserved the right to close or cease future Plan Contributions to an Investment Fund or to add or eliminate an Investment Fund.

### Creditor Claims

By law, no one other than you and your Beneficiary have any claims to the benefits payable under the SRA. This means that you cannot assign or pledge your benefits to any creditor or

other person, and a third party's claims for SRA benefits payable to you are ineffective. There is an exception to this rule. The SRA will comply with a Qualified Domestic Relations Order that directs the SRA to pay all or a portion of your Account to a spouse, former spouse, and/or for child support. See the [Distributions From Your Account](#) Section for further information.

## **Benefits Not Guaranteed**

Benefits under the SRA are not insured by the PBGC. The PBGC is the government agency that guarantees certain types of benefits under certain types of plans.



# Your ERISA Rights

You are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that you are entitled to:

## Receive Information about the SRA and Benefits

As a Participant, you are entitled to receive the following information about the SRA and your benefits:

- Examine, without charge, at the Dartmouth Benefits Office, all documents governing the SRA, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual reports (Form 5500 Series) filed by the SRA with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- Obtain, upon written request to the Dartmouth Benefits Office, copies of documents governing the operation of the SRA, including annuity contracts or custodial account agreements, and copies of the latest annual reports (Form 5500 Series) and updated Summary Plan Description. The Dartmouth Benefits Office may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a summary of the SRA's annual report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each Participant with a copy of the Summary Annual Report. It is mailed or emailed to you each year and also available at [dartgo.org/retirement](http://dartgo.org/retirement).
- Obtain statements reflecting the value of your total Account held on your behalf under the SRA which is the current amount available to you at normal retirement age if you do not commence benefit payments sooner. These statements must be requested in writing and are not required to be given more than once every twelve (12) months. The Plan Administrator must provide the statement free of charge.

## Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for Participants of the SRA, ERISA imposes duties upon the Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee because it is responsible for the operation of the SRA. The members of the Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee, called “fiduciaries” of the SRA, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Participants of the SRA and their Beneficiaries. No one, including Dartmouth,

the Plan Administrator, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a retirement benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

## **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual reports from the Dartmouth Benefits Office and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require Dartmouth to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Dartmouth Benefits Office. If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan Administrator's (or its delegate's) decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order, you may file suit in Federal court. If it should happen that the SRA's fiduciaries misuse the SRA's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

## **Assistance with Your Questions**

For general questions about the SRA, contact the Dartmouth Benefits Office or the Investment Company. If you have any questions about your ERISA rights under the SRA, you can contact the Plan Administrator. You can also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor if you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator. If you wish to contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, contact its nearest office listed in your telephone directory, or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

## Plan References

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| <b>Name of Plan:</b>         | Supplemental Retirement Accounts for All Employees of Dartmouth College                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Plan Number:</b>          | 003<br>When requesting additional information about the SRA from the Department of Labor, refer to the above plan number.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Employer:</b>             | Dartmouth College<br>c/o Dartmouth Benefits Office<br>Hinman Box 6042<br>7 Lebanon Street, Suite 203<br>Hanover, NH 03755<br>603-646-3588<br>Email: <a href="mailto:human.resources.benefits@dartmouth.edu">human.resources.benefits@dartmouth.edu</a><br>Employer Identification Number: 02-0222111                                  |
| <b>Plan Administrator</b>    | Dartmouth College Retirement Plan Governance Committee<br>c/o Dartmouth Benefits Office<br>Hinman Box 6042<br>7 Lebanon Street, Suite 203<br>Hanover, NH 03755<br>603-646-3588<br>Email: <a href="mailto:human.resources.benefits@dartmouth.edu">human.resources.benefits@dartmouth.edu</a>                                           |
| <b>Investment Companies:</b> | TIAA<br>730 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017<br>800-842-2776<br><a href="http://www.tiaa.org">www.tiaa.org</a><br>Fidelity Investments, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 770001<br>Cincinnati, OH 45277-0003<br>800-343-0860<br><a href="http://www.fidelity.com">www.fidelity.com</a> or <a href="http://www.netbenefits.com">www.netbenefits.com</a> |

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| <b>Agent for Service of Legal Process:</b> | <p>Dartmouth College<br/> c/o Office of the General Counsel Hinman Box 6002<br/> 63 South Main St.; Suite 301 Hanover, NH 03755<br/> 603-646-2444<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:Office.of.General.Counsel@dartmouth.edu">Office.of.General.Counsel@dartmouth.edu</a><br/> Legal process may also be served on the Investment Companies.</p> |
| <b>Plan Year:</b>                          | <p>January 1 through December 31<br/> The SRA's accounting records are maintained on the basis of the Plan Year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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