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PARTIES

The parties to this agreement are the Vice Chancellor of Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland (the "Employer"), and the Employee.

PART ONE

This Agreement applies to the following positions: Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Professor, Tutor, Senior Tutor, Research Fellow, Senior Research Fellow, Professional Teaching Fellow, and Postdoctoral Fellow.

The terms and conditions (including pay rates) set out in this document differ from those in the collective agreement. You acknowledge that if, at any time in the future, you choose to be covered by the applicable collective agreement, your terms and conditions will be those set out in the collective agreement. This means you will be paid in accordance with the pay rates set out in the collective agreement and be eligible for service-related entitlements which may differ from the pay rate and service related entitlements provided to you under your individual agreement.

1. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1** During the term of this agreement the Employer shall act as a good employer in all dealings with the Employee.
- 1.2** The Employee shall during their employment:
- (a) Diligently and faithfully serve the Employer and endeavour to promote and protect the interests of the University, and to act in a collegial manner.
 - (b) Carry out and comply with all the Employer's reasonable and lawful directions.
 - (c) Diligently perform the duties as agreed between the Employer and the Employee, and fulfil obligations to students.
 - (d) Comply with all the University's statutes, guidelines and policies, which may be amended by the Employer from time to time.
- 1.3** The Employer recognises that employees covered by this agreement are entitled to participate in the academic governance of the University, acknowledging that the University is governed by its Council.

2. HOURS OF WORK

- 2.1** The hours of work shall be such as are reasonably required to fulfil the duties of an academic staff member of the University. In determining the exact hours of work, consideration will be given to the needs of the Employee and current practice.

3. REMUNERATION

- 3.1** The Employer shall pay to the Employee a salary in fortnightly payments by direct credit transfer.
- 3.2** Subsequent adjustments to salary are subject to the remuneration schedule, promotion criteria and disciplinary guidelines.

4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Orientation Programme

The Employer will provide orientation events at Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland. In addition, faculties, schools, and departments will provide further induction.

4.2 Staff Development Programmes

The Employer undertakes to provide staff development programmes in which the Employee may participate.

4.3 Academic Development and Performance Review

The Employer shall review performance, at least on an annual basis, as outlined in the [Academic Development and Performance Review Policy](#). Academic heads will meet with new permanent employees within 6 months of appointment as per the [Continuation Policy](#).

4.4 Tuition Fees

Where the Employee holds a University funded appointment as a full-time permanent or temporary full-time staff member appointed for a minimum period of 12 months and is enrolled for a degree or diploma course within the University relevant to the staff member's work, they may claim payment for tuition fees for up to two courses per annum or the equivalent of 30 points in total in accordance with the financial provisions determined by the Employer. Alternatively for a full-time academic staff member enrolled for a PhD, the University will pay the PhD Tuition Fee for a maximum of six years. Tuition Fees for enrolment in EdD, DocFA, DMus, DMA will be considered by the Employer as for PhD enrolments.

- (a) Where the Employee holds a part-time appointment for a minimum period of 12 months the Employee may claim payment of tuition fees in the same proportion that the appointment bears to full-time, e.g. a half-time appointee may claim half of the full-time fees remission.
- (b) Payment of tuition fees for an employee holding an appointment funded by an outside organisation e.g. H.R.C, will be subject to the financial provisions of the grant supporting the appointment.

5. DISCIPLINARY PRINCIPLES

5.1 Disciplinary processes will be undertaken in accordance with the [Academic Staff Disciplinary Procedures](#) and the principles of procedural fairness and good faith.

Where appropriate, any concerns about staff conduct and performance will be dealt with informally.

5.2 Procedural Fairness

The Employer must have good grounds to discipline and/or dismiss and any disciplinary process needs to be procedurally fair. Procedural fairness requires that the Employee will:

- (a) Be fully and fairly informed of the allegation of allegations against them;
- (b) Have an informed, full and fair opportunity to respond to the alleged breaches of conduct/poor performance, including by being:
 - i. Provided with all information generated by the investigation;
 - ii. Notified of potential disciplinary outcomes at the outset; and
 - iii. Given the opportunity to comment on any proposed penalties and raise any matters relevant to mitigation, prior to a final decision being made.
- (c) Have their responses considered with an open mind;
- (d) Be provided with an opportunity, within a specified time frame to correct the conduct/performance, with the assistance and support of the Employer (excepting the case of serious misconduct or after a final written warning);
- (e) Have the right to representation at all stages of the process.

5.3 The Employer also agrees that:

- (a) Any delegate or investigator appointed to conduct an investigation will investigate fully, fairly and impartially;
- (b) Any warnings will be issued with the approval of a Human Resources Manager or Advisor;
- (c) In circumstances where disciplinary action is taken, the decision and the reasons for it, will be provided in writing to the Employee; and
- (d) Employees are advised of their right to challenge any disciplinary decision as per Schedule 5.

5.4 Good Faith

Both the Employer and employee will act in good faith during any disciplinary process. Both parties agree to conduct themselves in a manner that is active, constructive, responsive and communicative to ensure that a productive employment relationship is maintained through the process.

5.5 Definitions

5.5.1 Misconduct means:

- (a) The failure of an employee in their employment to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct of concern for the public interest or the wellbeing of the students or other employees of the University; or
- (b) The failure of an employee to comply with policies, procedures or directions of the University, academic head or other persons in authority at the University; or
- (c) The failure to maintain adequate standards of performance.

5.5.2 Serious Misconduct means:

- (a) Misconduct which is so serious that it may warrant summary dismissal and may include but is not limited to, sexual harassment, assault, theft, fraud, misappropriation, deliberate or repeated disregard of health and safety standards, willful disobedience, deliberate or repeated misconduct, failure to disclose a conflict of interest, breach of the University's policy against harassment, behaviour which leads to significant loss of trust and confidence, and deliberate or repeated breaches of University policies.

5.6 Suspension

5.6.1 Where there is an alleged case of serious misconduct the Employee may be suspended on base salary from their duties while an investigation is carried out. In addition, there may be other exceptional circumstances in which an employee may be suspended with pay.

5.6.2 Suspensions without pay will only occur in very rare and exceptional circumstances, such as a police investigation of serious criminality, and cognisant of the presumption of innocence. However, no suspension shall be initiated or continued unless it is fair and reasonable for such a step to be taken or continued.

5.6.3 Where there is a proposal to suspend an employee, that employee shall, wherever practicable, have the right to have access to all of the relevant information and an opportunity to be heard before the suspension occurs.

6. RESEARCH AND STUDY LEAVE

6.1 The provision of research and study leave shall be in accordance with the [Research and Study Leave Policy](#), which may be amended from time to time by the Employer.

7. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

- 7.1** The University encourages activities consistent with its objectives. It understands and accepts that there are many kinds of outside activities (including personal consultancies and entrepreneurial activities) undertaken by members of the academic staff which rely on the special knowledge and expertise of the staff member and which enhance the academic status of the individual concerned and the reputation of the University. The University's Council accepts the value for the University and its staff to be obtained from staff undertaking outside activities, including public service and professional work which is at a high level.
- 7.2** The Employee may undertake a limited amount of professional activity and public service for person(s) and entity(ies) other than the Employer (referred to as "outside activities"), provided the Employee complies at all times with the [Outside Activities Undertaken by Academic Staff Policy](#).
- 7.3** No outside activity may be undertaken which is in competition with any of the Employer's activities.

8. COPYRIGHTS, PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

- 8.1** When an employee during the course of their University employment duties makes a discovery, brings about an innovation or writes computer programmes which may have possibilities for commercial exploitation, the University requires the staff member to disclose such a discovery to the University by informing Auckland UniServices Limited. An agreement between the Employee and UniServices must then be entered into. Such an agreement will describe the obligations of the parties and the division of any income and expenditure.
- 8.2** Copyright of journal articles and books, works of art and music are not included in the above requirements and the copyright will remain with the author(s).

9. PAYMENT FROM OTHER PERSON(S)

- 9.1** The Employee shall not demand, claim or accept any fee, gratuity, commission, remuneration or benefit from any person or persons other than the Employer in payment for any matter or thing concerned with the Employee's duties, except with the prior written consent of the Employer.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTARY & ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- 10.1** An employee in commenting on matters of public interest outside their particular areas of expertise or responsibility must do so in a private capacity unless they have first obtained the specific approval of the Employer through the appropriate academic head. See the [Media, Public Communication and Statements Policy](#).
- 10.2** The disciplinary procedures shall not be applied to any academic employee as a consequence of exercising their rights and obligations in relation to academic freedom and the critic and conscience of society consistent with section 267 of the [Education and Training Act 2020](#).

11. EMPLOYEE NOT TO BIND EMPLOYER

- 11.1** Except for the delegated duties specified in Schedule 1, the Employee shall not at any time enter into any contract with any person, company or corporation that shall purport to bind the Employer in any manner whatsoever without written authority from the Employer. The Employer shall not be bound by any contract entered into without its written consent or delegation.

12. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

- 12.1** The Employer shall continue to employ the Employee and the Employee continue to serve the Employer under the conditions of employment as prescribed in this Agreement and Schedule 1 until the employment is terminated, comes to an end, or the Employee retires or resigns.
- 12.2** The employment may be terminated without prior notice if the Employee is found to:
- (a) be guilty of serious misconduct; or
 - (b) be convicted of any criminal offence other than an offence which in the reasonable opinion of the Employer does not affect fulfilment of duties with respect to the Employer.
- 12.3** The Employee may be dismissed with one month's notice following continued unsatisfactory performance after a final warning for unsatisfactory performance or if the Employee breaches any of the terms of this agreement in any material respect or continuously neglects their duties.
- 12.4** Any action taken under clauses 12.2 or 12.3 will comply with the provisions of the [Academic Staff Disciplinary Procedures](#).
- 12.5** The Employee may terminate this agreement upon six months' notice in writing, or upon some other mutually acceptable period of notice.
- 12.6** The procedures for continuation are covered by the [Continuation Policy](#) and Continuation Procedures.
- 12.7** Regardless of whether the termination is on notice or without notice, the Employee's final pay is payable in the next available pay cycle, unless the Employee requests of the Employer in writing to receive the final pay on the last day of the Employee's work.
- 12.8** If the Employee's employment is terminated, or the Employee retires or resigns, they shall have the option to work out their notice period where that is practicable. The Employer shall make a payment in lieu of notice to the Employee, where the Employer determines it is not practicable for the Employee to work out their notice period.
- 12.9 Medical Incapacity**
- 12.9.1** In the event of prolonged illness, suspected incapacity or concerns about the Employees' attendance at work (including as a result of intermittent absences), the Employer may request that an employee undergo an examination by a registered medical practitioner for an assessment of an employee's fitness for work and/or return to work.
- 12.9.2** The parties agree that the primary purpose of any medical examination is to support the Employee's wellbeing, recovery and return to work. The selection of the relevant practitioner (although nominated by the University) is to be by mutual agreement. The cost of the medical examinations will be met by the Employer. A copy of any relevant report provided by the agreed medical practitioner will be available to both parties.
- 12.9.3** For employees who are unfit to work but progressing toward recovery and a return to work, ongoing sick leave may be granted either with or without pay, (if an employee has exhausted their sick leave entitlements).
- 12.9.4** Where an employee remains unfit to work after a reasonable timeframe, or prognosis for recovery is poor, provided that reasonable time has been given for recovery and the Employer has taken practicable steps to support the Employee to return to work, termination of employment may be considered.
- 12.9.5** In cases where termination of employment is necessary, a notice period of 3 months will apply. This period of notice may, either in whole or in part, be paid out in lieu.

13. RETIREMENT

- 13.1** The Employee shall give to the University a minimum of 6 months' notice of retirement in

writing.

- 13.2** The University and employee agree that retirement means permanently withdrawing from the paid regular workforce. The Employee shall provide the University with details of any planned future employment.
- 13.3** Employees may elect to retire on or after their 60th birthday. The Employer may at its discretion approve retirement of a staff member who is aged between 55 and 59 years.
- 13.4** The Employer may approve retirement on medical grounds subject to the provision of independent medical reports from two registered medical practitioners, one nominated by the Employee and one by the Employer. The cost of obtaining the medical reports will be met by the Employer.
- 13.5** An employee who intends to retire under the terms of this clause may apply for a phased retirement agreement under the terms of University policy. Consideration of any application will be subject to the needs and interests of the University. Any agreement may cover: dates of retirement and any retirement payment; specified and agreed part time and/or fixed term employment; duties; etc.

13.6 RETIREMENT PAYMENT

Employees who commence employment on or after 1 February 2023 will not be eligible for the retirement payment condition (the Condition).

This condition is grandparented for staff who were employees on or before 31 January 2023 as follows: Employees of the University whose employment has been terminated (by way of resignation, redundancy or the end of a fixed-term contract) between 1 February 2017 to 31 January 2023 will be entitled to the Condition if they re-join the University on or after 1 February 2023 provided that they meet the following criteria (the Criteria):

- *The Employee has not previously received the Condition on termination;*
- *They inform the University that they were previously employed by the University and meet the Criteria.*
- *For those employees who are eligible to access the grandparented Benefit, continuous service for the calculation of the Condition will start from the date at which they recommenced employment at the University.*

13.6.1 Employees who retire under clause 13 shall be entitled to receive the following payment:

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| (a) After 10 years continuous service | 50 working days |
| (b) For each additional complete year up to 25 years | 5 working days |
| (c) For each additional complete year over 25 years' service | 2 working days |
| (d) The maximum payment shall not exceed 131 working days. | |

13.6.2 Payment shall be made in one gross sum on the date of retirement. Payment will be pro-rated for part time employees to reflect their hours of work.

13.6.3 For the purposes of the retirement payment, service shall be continuous service at Waipapa Taumata Rau | The University of Auckland. In determining the period of service, the Employer may deduct periods of leave without pay exceeding three months in total. On the death of an employee, the Employer may approve the payment of a cash grant in lieu to the surviving partner or if there is no surviving partner, to dependent children.

13.6.4 Service for the purpose of retirement leave entitlement and calculation means unbroken employment with the University, either full-time or part-time together with any other service which may be recognised for the purpose of a retirement payment.

14. ABANDONMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

- 14.1** When an employee is absent from work for a continuous period of three working days without notification to the Employer, the Employee may be deemed to have abandoned employment

- 14.2** Where an employee was unable through no fault of that employee to notify the Employer, employment shall not be deemed to have been abandoned.
- 14.3** Before concluding that the Employee has abandoned their employment, the University must take reasonable steps to contact the Employee.

15. DEDUCTIONS

- 15.1** The parties agree that the Employer is entitled to make a deduction from the salary (including final pay and holiday pay in the case of a termination) of an employee for a debt lawfully owed to the University.
- 15.2** Deductions may be made, for example, for time lost through sickness or accident not covered by sick leave, unauthorised absence, non-return or damage of University property, default by the Employee, holidays taken in advance, overpayment of salary, outstanding debts or money owed to the University by the Employee.
- 15.3** Where deductions are made for overpayment of salary, this will be consistent with the Wages Protection Act 1983 and any amendments.
- 15.4** Employees will be consulted before any deductions are made from pay.
- 15.5** The Employer agrees that in an ongoing employment relationship where regular deductions from an employees' salary are necessary to discharge the debt, the amount deducted will be fair and reasonable, considering the interests of both parties, including whether the proposed amount is affordable for the Employee.

16. REFUND OF APPOINTMENT EXPENSES

- 16.1** Where the Employee has received reimbursement of expenses or funding for expenses in order to take up their appointment (including relocation expenses, fares, travel, removal expenses, accommodation, etc.) and the Employee resigns before completing three years' service, a pro-rata refund of such expenses shall be made by the Employer. The Employer may deduct all or part of such amount from the Employee's pay.
- 16.2** The University may, at its option, partly or fully waive any refund of employment expenses obligations where a resignation is in the academic interests of the University, or where there are extraordinary health circumstances.

17. SUPERANNUATION

- 17.1** For details about University of Auckland superannuation benefits and how to apply, please visit the Superannuation Page on the staff intranet.
- 17.2** The University is an exempt employer and, although the Employee can chose to join Kiwisaver, the Employee will not be automatically enrolled in Kiwisaver. If the Employee is already a member of Kiwisaver, when they are appointed to the University, they will need to inform the payroll office, so that the requisite deductions can be made. Employees may belong to the Unisaver, in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme, or where the Employee is a contributor to the Government Superannuation Fund, the University will continue to make contributions to the Fund. Members are bound by the provisions of the Fund.

18. FLEXIBLE WORK

- 18.1** The University is committed to supporting flexible work arrangements, in accordance with the [Flexible Work Policy and Procedures](#).

19. FIELD WORK

- 19.1** The Employer shall provide an employee who undertakes fieldwork with relevant equipment and special clothing which shall remain the property of the Employer, provided that the Employer may agree to an allowance, in lieu of the provision of such equipment and clothing,

of up to \$22.40 per day, depending on the equipment supplied by the Employee. During a field trip or expedition, the Employer shall provide the Employee with suitable food and transport or reimburse the Employee for such costs on an actual and reasonable basis. An employee on a field trip shall be provided with accommodation of a standard appropriate to the circumstances. Where fieldwork is undertaken as part of a research programme, that programme shall meet these costs.

20. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

20.1 The parties believe that the health, safety and wellbeing of all members of the University community is among their highest priorities. The University is committed to the highest standards of health, safety and wellbeing through continual improvement and the control of risk whilst ensuring the continued delivery of world-class education and research. Both the Employer and the Employee shall comply with their obligations under the Health and Safety at work Act 2015 and associated legislation. This includes the Employer and the Employee taking all reasonably practicable steps to ensure a safe and healthy work place in accordance with the University's [Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#).

The University is committed to being safe, inclusive and equitable. Diversity and collegiality are central to the University's values. In accordance with these values, the University is committed to providing an environment in which all members of the University community are valued and treated with respect, and where bullying, harassment and discrimination are unacceptable. For further information refer to the [Addressing Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination Policy and Procedures](#).

For information on governing academic workload in a fair, consistent and transparent way, refer to the [Academic Workload Principles and Policy and associated Guidelines](#).

SCHEDULE 1: DUTIES

21. SCHEDULE OF DUTIES

- 21.1** All academic staff report to the Vice-Chancellor through the Provost, Dean of faculty and Head of School, Department or Centre, as the case may be.
- 21.2** Academic staff in the grades of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor are employed to:
- (a) engage in research and publication within the field of their appointment;
 - (b) conduct research-informed teaching in accordance with their share of the department, school or centre's teaching programme;
 - (c) engage in service to the department, faculty, University, discipline and/or community which is related to the Employee's employment.
- 21.3** Academic staff in the grade of **Professional Teaching Fellow** carry out all teaching activities in collaboration with a research active academic colleague who actively participates in the University processes of curriculum and assessment design and course review. Staff at the level of PTF4 may act as course directors. The duties of Professional Teaching Fellows do not include research.
- 21.4** The key duties of Professional Teaching Fellows are outlined as follows:
- (a) conduct research-informed teaching in accordance with their share of the Department, School or Centre's teaching programme;
 - (b) engage in service to the department, faculty, University, discipline and/or community which is related to the Employee's employment.
- 21.5** Academic staff in the grade of **Senior Tutor** are employed to:
- (a) conduct research-informed teaching in accordance with their share of the department, school or centre's teaching programme;
 - (b) engage in service to the department, faculty, University, discipline and/or community which is related to the Employee's employment;
 - (c) where a research component has been agreed, engage in research and publication within the field of their appointment.
- 21.6** Academic staff in the grade of **Tutor** are employed to:
- (a) participate in teaching activities such as tutorials, provide assistance with the organisation and delivery of large classes, undertake laboratory, studio or field work supervision and instruction, be available for student consultation, mark course assignments, etc. They may give the occasional lecture but are not expected to have full course control or to give the majority of lectures in a given course
 - (b) contribute and support certain University-wide administrative functions such as student orientations.
- 21.7** Teaching includes:
- (a) contribution to creating and maintaining an outstanding teaching and learning environment
 - (b) course development
 - (c) conduct of tutorials
 - (d) development of course materials
 - (e) preparation and delivery of lectures and seminars
 - (f) preparation and delivery of practical classes, demonstrations and workshops
 - (g) preparation and delivery of assessment activities

- (h) marking according to the assessment processes determined by the academic colleague responsible for the course
- (i) application of professional skills and innovation to teaching
- (j) responding to student feedback
- (k) academic and pastoral contact with individual students
- (l) contribution to student equity activities and initiatives

21.8 Service includes:

- (a) leadership
- (b) administrative tasks associated with teaching
- (c) meetings and committee work
- (d) contributions to Equal Employment Opportunities
- (e) contributions to the University's obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi
- (f) contributions to the discipline or the community

21.9 A Professor who holds a Chair within a school/department may be asked from time to time to undertake the duties of acting academic head. All Professors are eligible to serve (and may be required to serve) a term as academic head to which they are appointed notwithstanding that they may have already served one or more such terms.

21.10 **Research Fellows** and **Senior Research Fellows** are employed to plan, supervise and conduct research. In terms of Schedule Two, they shall be treated as Lecturers and Senior Lecturers respectively although the Employer may promote Senior Research Fellows to the pay grade of Associate Professor. Staff in the grades of Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow may be required to undertake teaching and supervision of graduate students within their own research specialty.

21.11 **Postdoctoral Fellow** is a development role for candidates who have recently completed their doctorate. Postdoctoral fellows are employed primarily to conduct supervised research as part of a larger research programme, while also developing their own capability as independent researchers. They may be appointed on one grant or a series of concurrent or consecutive grants, or funded by faculties/LRSIs as appropriate. Refer to the Postdoctoral Fellow Appointment Guidelines.

22. PRINCIPLES OF WORKLOAD

Note: These are to be applied in accordance with the principles outlined in the University's current mission and goals.

22.1 The University will work to ensure both the quality of teaching and the freedom of academics to work with their academic head in allocating time to:

- (a) teaching
- (b) research
- (c) service and leadership
- (d) annual leave
- (e) research grant needs
- (f) planned research and study leave.

The academic head and departmental staff as a whole will determine norms of workload taking into account patterns of workload of the past few years. Deans will review and approve these norms in consultation with academic heads and ensure they are adhered to.

22.2 Individual academic staff contribute in differing proportions in terms of teaching, research and service.

The proportions will be reviewed annually, as part of the Academic Development and Performance Review and will take into account achievements and plans in teaching/research/contributions to the discipline/University/community, research grant needs for managing changes in teaching loads, and the staff member's career development.

The outcome of this consultation and negotiation process is that there is mutual agreement between each academic head and staff member, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld by either party.

The University will pay attention to setting a fair and equitable workload amongst academic staff over the full calendar year.

- 22.3** Where a staff member is engaged in teaching, the academic head will ensure that the staff member has sufficient time available throughout the year to engage in research and scholarship as required by their agreements.

In the absence of departmental norms and when setting annual teaching workloads, the academic heads will take into account recent departmental teaching workloads over semester 1 and semester 2.

In the event that staff member(s) are concerned about the allocation of workload by the academic head, the staff member(s) may discuss these concerns with the Dean with the objective of ensuring fairness and equity of workload.

- 22.4** Where the University has a need to set teaching hours in evenings, weekends, or summer, the University will work with staff to understand their preferences, and will take into account the personal and family needs of staff when reviewing the options available. Such teaching arrangements will be with the agreement of the staff member, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.

- 22.5** Where a staff member teaches off their normal campus, the University will take account of the consequential workloads required of the Employee which shall be considered as part of the teaching and administrative workload.

The University will take into account the personal and family needs of the Employee and any transport issues. All reasonable costs will be reimbursed.

Such teaching arrangements will be with the agreement of the staff member, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.

- 22.6** Where it is agreed between the staff member and academic head that the total workload is extraordinary in nature, a Variable Supplementary Payment (VSP) will be offered. The VSP will be set in relation to base salary and should take into account the magnitude of the total workload.

SCHEDULE 2: REMUNERATION

23. SALARY SCALE FOR ACADEMIC IEA STAFF

		Current	3% General Revision	2% General Revision
Grade	Step	From 1/2/2024	From 1/2/2025	From 1/2/2026
Professor	From	\$181,129	\$186,563	\$190,294
Associate Professor	From	\$157,822	\$162,557	\$165,808
Senior Lecturer/Senior Research Fellow above the bar	SL/SRF 8	\$151,251	\$155,788	\$158,904
	SL/SRF 7	\$147,140	\$151,555	\$154,586
	SL/SRF 6	\$143,039	\$147,330	\$150,277
Senior Lecturer/Senior Research Fellow	SL/SRF 5	\$138,721	\$142,883	\$145,741
	SL/SRF 4	\$133,077	\$137,069	\$139,810
	SL/SRF 3	\$128,968	\$132,838	\$135,495
	SL/SRF 2	\$124,863	\$128,608	\$131,180
	SL/SRF 1	\$120,752	\$124,375	\$126,863
Lecturer/Research Fellow	L/RF 7	\$113,463	\$116,867	\$119,204
	L/RF 6	\$110,379	\$113,691	\$115,965
	L/RF 5	\$107,301	\$110,520	\$112,730
	L/RF 4	\$104,222	\$107,348	\$109,495
	L/RF 3	\$101,141	\$104,175	\$106,259
	L/RF 2	\$98,062	\$101,003	\$103,023
	L/RF 1	\$94,981	\$97,831	\$99,788
Professional Teaching Fellow	PTF 4 - From	\$132,495	\$136,469	\$139,198
	PTF 3	\$121,897	\$125,554	\$128,065
	PTF 2	\$111,297	\$114,636	\$116,929
	PTF 1	\$100,696	\$103,716	\$105,790
Senior Tutor above the bar	ST10	\$128,968	\$132,838	\$135,495
	ST9	\$124,864	\$128,610	\$131,182
	ST8	\$120,752	\$124,375	\$126,863
Senior Tutor	ST7	\$113,463	\$116,867	\$119,204
	ST6	\$110,379	\$113,691	\$115,965
	ST5	\$107,301	\$110,520	\$112,730
	ST4	\$104,222	\$107,348	\$109,495
	ST3	\$101,141	\$104,175	\$106,259
	ST2	\$98,062	\$101,003	\$103,023
	ST1	\$94,981	\$97,831	\$99,788
Tutor	T4	\$87,773	\$90,406	\$92,214
	T3	\$84,748	\$87,290	\$89,036
	T2	\$81,721	\$84,173	\$85,856
	T1	\$78,695	\$81,056	\$82,677
Postdoctoral Fellow	PD3	\$92,407	\$95,179	\$97,083
	PD2	\$90,090	\$92,793	\$94,649
	PD1	\$87,772	\$90,405	\$92,213

24. PROGRESSION WITHIN GRADES

Note: For the purposes of the following clauses, “12 months on the previous step” shall mean continuous service and any break in service between periods of employment that is not greater than four months will be recognised as continuous service. However, where previous service is recognised in the appointment process and results in appointment at a higher step, advancement to the next step in the grade shall occur after 12 months from the latest appointment date.

- 24.1 **Tutors**
Advancement to the next step in the grade shall occur after 12 months on the previous step.
- 24.2 **Lecturers, Research Fellows and Senior Tutors (to ST7)**
Advancement to the next step in the grade shall occur after 12 months on the previous step.
- 24.3 **Senior Tutors (ST7 to ST8)**
Advancement across the bar at step ST7 shall be the decision of the Employer.
- 24.4 **Senior Tutors (ST8 to ST10)**
Advancement to the next step in the grade shall occur after 12 months on the previous step, subject to satisfactory performance in accordance with the Schedule of Duties (Schedule 1) approved by the academic head. Where approval is withheld the staff member must be provided with details of the unsatisfactory performance and remedial action agreed.
- 24.5 **Professional Teaching Fellows**
Advancement across the steps shall be the decision of the Employer in accordance with the Promotion Procedures.
- 24.6 **Senior Lecturers**
Except for crossing the bar at step 5, advancement to the next step in the grade shall occur after 12 months on the previous step, subject to approval by the academic head confirming satisfactory performance in accordance with the Schedule of Duties ([Schedule 1](#)) and the standards contained in the 'Academic Standards' HR Policy.
- 24.7 Where approval is withheld the staff member must be provided with details of the unsatisfactory performance and remedial action agreed. Advancement across the bar at step 5 shall be the decision of the Employer.
- 24.8 **Senior Research Fellows**
Except for crossing the bar at step 5, advancement to the next step in the grade shall occur after 12 months on the previous step. Advancement across the bar at step 5 shall be the decision of the Employer.
- 24.9 **Professional Teaching Fellow 4, Associate Professors and Professors**
Salary progression will be according to the Professor, Associate Professor and Professional Teaching Fellow 4 Salary Progression Policy and Procedures and will be based on: evidence of achievement against the standards required for the grade; the advice of the academic head and Dean; and on such other advice and evidence as appropriate. If requested, the staff member will be provided with feedback on the decision.
- 24.10 **Postdoctoral Fellows**
Appointed for the first time are appointed as PD1 on the Postdoctoral salary scale or higher with relevant knowledge/experience as determined by the Academic Head.

25. VARIABLE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

- 25.1 The Employer may award a payment in addition to salary on the grounds of recruitment or retention problems; or to recognise special administrative responsibilities, such as academic head responsibilities taking into account that all Professors are eligible to serve (and may be required to serve) as academic head.
- 25.2 The supplement may be payable indefinitely or for a specified period, or for the period during which the Employee continues to assume the special responsibilities.
- 25.3 The continuing payment of the supplement is subject to performance.

26. PROMOTION CRITERIA

- 26.1 Applications for promotion will be assessed using the appropriate Academic Standards.
- 26.2 For further information, please view the appropriate Policies and Procedures.

27. TRANSFER TO LECTURER GRADE FROM SENIOR TUTOR GRADE

- 27.1 A Senior Tutor may apply for appointment to the Lecturer or Senior Lecturer grade, on the equivalent salary step. Applications will be considered by the Faculty Staffing Committee using the standards and criteria that prevail for appointment to the grade sought, and after taking into account the needs of the University.

SCHEDULE 3: LEAVE

28. LEAVE

28.1 INTRODUCTION

28.1.1 Apart from annual leave, academic staff are expected to carry out teaching, research and administrative duties and to be reasonable accessible in normal working hours to colleagues and students. Staff absent from their normal place of work are expected to provide the academic head with contact details.

28.2 ANNUAL LEAVE

28.2.1 Academic staff are entitled to, and expected to take, five (5) weeks annual leave per year of continuous service, free of University duties. Annual leave should be taken by agreement with the academic head taking into consideration the staff member's personal and family needs and should normally be arranged out of teaching time. Staff are expected to make annual leave arrangements with their academic head as far as possible in advance of the proposed period of absence. When an academic head wishes to take annual leave, the Dean of the Faculty should be notified of the dates and who will be looking after the affairs of the school/department during the academic head's absence.

28.2.2 The Employer may require the Employee to take annual leave on Easter Tuesday, the last weekday before Christmas and the three working days between Christmas and New Year.

28.2.3 The University offers staff the option of either buying or cashing up one (1) week of annual leave. For details of this scheme and eligibility requirements please visit the Leave Plus page on the staff intranet.

28.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

28.3.1 Grounds for which leave of absence may be considered are:

- (a) attendance at a conference.
- (b) research activities.
- (c) undertaking an approved professional activity.
- (d) compassionate grounds.

28.3.2 Any leave of absence requires the approval from the academic head. Where there is a need to extend a leave of absence, the academic head must be advised as soon as practicable.

28.3.3 For absences exceeding two weeks, approval must be given by the Dean, or their delegated representative, on the recommendation of the academic head.

28.3.4 Leave of absence of more than three weeks at any one time during teaching time is unlikely to be approved unless an especially strong case is made. Staff wishing to apply for periods of more than four weeks will be expected to utilise their research and study leave entitlement by taking condensed leave or else to take leave without pay.

28.4 LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

28.4.1 All requests for leave without pay must be approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the academic head. Where the leave is for an extended period, the Dean will need to be satisfied that teaching and/or research in the department will not be adversely affected.

28.4.2 The maximum period for which leave without pay will be approved is two years, except that in exceptional cases, where there are strong academic reasons and support from the academic head, consideration may be given to extending this to three years.

28.4.3 Note: A copy of all leave without pay approvals must be forwarded to HR for payroll action.

28.5 SICK LEAVE

28.5.1 Statutory minimum sick leave entitlements are set out in the [Holidays Act 2003](#).

28.5.2 For sick leave additional to statutory entitlements, each case will be considered as it arises and a recommendation made as to the amount of sick leave to be approved and whether it should be with or without salary. Staff may be required to provide a medical certificate and further information may be requested.

28.5.3 In all cases, members of staff are responsible for informing their academic head when they are off sick and entering their leave into the system.

28.6 PARENTAL LEAVE

28.6.1 The University recognises and affirms the importance of whānau by providing an inclusive parental leave policy to support parents, in line with the [Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987](#).

28.6.2 University Paid Parental Leave is administered in accordance with the University's [Parental Leave Policy and Procedures](#).

28.6.3 Staff members may apply for up to nine weeks of University Paid Parental leave if they meet the criteria in the [Parental Leave Policy and Procedures](#).

28.6.4 University Paid Parental Leave can be taken in blocks of one week or more to allow more flexibility for eligible parents.

28.7 BEREAVEMENT/TANGIHANGA LEAVE

28.7.1 An employee shall be granted bereavement leave on full pay to discharge obligations and/or to pay respects to a deceased person with whom they have had a close association. Such obligations may exist because of blood or family ties or because of particular cultural requirements such as attendance at all or part of a Tangihanga (or its equivalent).

28.7.2 Bereavement leave provided for under 28.7.1 may be taken in the event of a miscarriage or stillbirth.

28.7.3 In granting time off, and for how long, the Employer must administer these provisions in a culturally sensitive manner taking into account:

- (a) the closeness of the association between the Employee and the deceased, which association need not be a blood relationship;
- (b) whether the Employee has to take significant responsibility for any or all of the arrangements to do with the ceremonies resulting from the death;
- (c) the amount of time needed to discharge properly any responsibilities or obligations;
- (d) reasonable travelling time should be allowed, but for cases involving overseas travel that may not be the full period of travel;
- (e) a decision must be made as quickly as possible so that the Employee is given the maximum time possible to make any necessary arrangements. In most cases the necessary approval will be given immediately, but may be given retrospectively where necessary.

28.7.4 If paid bereavement leave is not appropriate, then annual leave or leave without pay should be granted, but as a last resort.

28.7.5 If a bereavement occurs while an employee is absent on annual leave, sick leave on pay, or other discretionary leave on pay, such leave may be interrupted and bereavement leave granted in terms of the preceding clauses. This provision will not apply if the Employee is on leave without pay.

28.8 FAMILY VIOLENCE LEAVE

28.8.1 The University supports staff who are affected by family violence. Family Violence is defined in the Family Violence Act 2018.

28.8.2 From their commencement of employment, all employees are eligible for ten days of family violence leave. Staff may take family violence leave for:

- (a) attending medical appointments and counselling;
- (b) attending legal proceedings;
- (c) seeking safe housing;
- (d) visiting legal advisors or support agencies, for re-housing or re-organising childcare, or for other relevant appointments; or
- (e) other matters as a result of family violence.

28.8.3 A member affected by family violence may choose to disclose to their manager/team leader, HR staff or other parties. The Employer will maintain strict confidentiality over any relevant information.

28.8.4 Affected staff are encouraged to consult the [Family and Relationship Violence and Abuse Policy](#) and if needed to access a tailored safety plan. For more information see [Campus Personal Safety Planning](#).

28.9 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

28.9.1 The following days shall be observed as public holidays:

New Year's Day
The Day after New Year's Day
Waitangi Day
Anzac Day
Good Friday
Easter Monday
Sovereign's Birthday
Matariki
Labour Day
Auckland Anniversary Day (or relevant regional holiday, as per the [Holidays Act 2003](#))
Christmas Day Boxing Day

28.9.2 Where permanent or fixed term employees are required (by the Academic Head or line manager) to work on a day on which a public holiday is legally observed, they shall be paid time and half for all hours actually worked. If the public holiday worked is an ordinary day of work for the Employee, they shall be allowed a paid day off in lieu.

SCHEDULE 4: REDUNDANCY PROVISIONS

29. REVIEWS & RESTRUCTURES

- 29.1 Refer also to the [Review and Restructure Policy and Procedures](#).
- 29.2 Where the Employer carries out a review or restructure of any of the positions covered by this agreement, and such a review or restructure has the potential to affect the job security of any employee covered by this agreement, the Employer will enter into a process of consultation with the union(s) and the affected employee(s).
- 29.3 Such consultation shall commence as early in the process as possible, and at least one month prior to any final decisions being made provided that in specific instances this period may be reduced by mutual agreement with the union(s) and employees(s) concerned. The purpose of such consultation is to allow the parties sufficient opportunity to investigate options in good faith which would prevent any loss of employment.
- 29.4 The University's approach to surplus situations shall be to explore the possibility of using redeployment, retraining and/or early retirement. Where reasonable efforts to place surplus staff through these options prove unsuccessful redundancy provisions may be invoked.
- 29.5 Employees shall receive not less than six months' notice of the termination of their employment by reason of redundancy, or such shorter or longer period as may be agreed between the Employee and the University. They shall have the option to work out their notice where that is practicable.
- 29.6 Employees who have been given notice of redundancy will within the period of notice be given reasonable time, on full pay to seek new employment. These arrangements may include, for example, help in the preparation of a CV, job training, counselling, financial management, or attendance at job interviews. The Employer will meet reasonable costs.

30. EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION PROVISIONS

- 30.1 This clause applies to restructuring (as defined in Section 690I of the Employment Relations Act 2000) and therefore will apply where the Employer intends to enter into a contract or arrangement under which its business (or part of it) is to be undertaken by another person or business, or where the Employer's business (or part of it) is to be sold or transferred to another person or business.
- 30.2 In the event a restructuring will affect employees, the Employer shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, (taking into account the commercial and confidentiality requirements of the business), commence negotiations with the other party involved in the restructuring (the "Other Party") concerning the impact of the restructuring on every employee.
- 30.3 In those negotiations, the Employer will, subject to any statutory, commercial confidence or privacy issues, provide the Other Party with all information about the Employees who will be affected by the restructuring, including details of their current terms and conditions of employment.
- 30.4 The Employer will encourage the Other Party to offer all affected employees, employment on no less favourable terms and conditions of employment than they currently enjoy with the University. However, whether the Other Party offers an employee(s) ongoing employment and on what terms and conditions, will ultimately be the decision of that Other Party.

30.5 Where the Other Party decides to offer affected employees employment, the following options may be offered:

30.5.1 The Other Party offers the Employee employment on terms and conditions which are the same as or no less favourable than their existing terms and conditions including recognition of the Employee's previous service. The Employee may accept this offer to transfer to the Other Party or they may decline the offer. Whether the Employee accepts or declines the offer, they will not be entitled to any redundancy compensation from the University.

30.5.2 The Other Party offers the Employee employment, but the offer is on terms and conditions that are less favourable:

(a) If the Employee accepts the offer, the Employee will not be entitled to any redundancy compensation from the University. However, the Employee has the right, with support from their union, to negotiate with the University over the terms and conditions which might apply to the termination of their employment with the University and acceptance of the offer from the Other Party.

(b) If the staff member declines the offer and no suitable alternative position exists, they will be entitled to redundancy compensation as set out below.

30.5.3 If the Employee is not offered employment by the Other Party, then the University will consult with the Employee regarding whether there are any suitable alternative positions available. If none can be identified or offered to the Employee, then they will be entitled to two months' notice and redundancy compensation as set out in this agreement.

31. REDUNDANCY

31.1 Upon leaving the University because of redundancy the Employee shall be offered a severance payment as follows based on continuous service with the University:

31.1.1 Six weeks ordinary pay for the first year (or less) of service to the University.

31.1.2 Two weeks ordinary pay for the second and subsequent years or part thereof.

31.1.3 The maximum severance payment under this sub-clause shall be 40 weeks ordinary pay.

31.1.4 Not less than 6 weeks' pay in lieu of notice, where the Employee and University mutually agree to an earlier termination date than that provided above at point

31.1.5 The University shall make a payment in lieu of all outstanding leave.

31.2 The University may pay reasonable expenses associated with national or international travel associated with seeking new employment, or associated with relocating the Employee, providing that such costs shall be deducted from the above severance payment.

31.3 Severance payment for a fixed term position that ceases to exist will be calculated on the basis of salary and service of the Employee and will not be greater than the salary that would be due over the unexpired portion of the term.

SCHEDULE 5: RESOLUTION OF EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS

32. RESOLUTION OF RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS

- 32.1 The Employment Relations Act 2000 requires that all collective and individual agreements contain a plain- language explanation of the services and processes available to resolve any employment relationship problems. The University has agreed on the following procedure.
- 32.2 Employment relationship problems include:
- (a) a personal grievance (a claim of unjustifiable dismissal, unjustifiable disadvantage, discrimination, sexual or racial harassment, or duress in relation to membership or non-membership of a union or employee organisation).
 - (b) a dispute (about the interpretation, application or operation of an employment agreement).
 - (c) any other problem relating to or arising out of the Employee's employment relationship with the University except matters relating to the fixing of new terms and conditions of employment.
- 32.3 If the Employee believes there is a problem with their employment relationship with the University, the Employee should tell the Employee's manager, either personally or through another representative, as soon as possible:
- (a) that there is a problem; and
 - (b) the nature of the problem; and
 - (c) what action the Employee wishes to be taken in relation to the problem.
- 32.4 If for any reason the Employee feels unable to raise the matter with their manager, other suggested contacts are: Dean or Director, Human Resources Manager, Human Resources Advisor, Associate Director Staff Equity or Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Experience Lead.
- 32.5 In the case of a personal grievance (other than for sexual harassment), the Employee must raise the matter with the Employer within 90 days of the grievance occurring or coming to the Employee's notice, whichever is the later. In the case of a personal grievance for sexual harassment as defined in s108 of the Employment Relations Act 2000, the Employee must raise the matter within 12 months of the grievance occurring or coming to their notice. the Employee A written submission is preferable but not necessary.
- 32.6 The Employee has the right to seek the support and assistance of their representative, or information from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Mediation Service at any time.
- 32.7 The University will try to resolve the matter through discussion with the Employee and/or the Employee's representative.
- 32.8 If the problem cannot be resolved through discussion, then either the Employee or the University can request assistance from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Mediation Services.
- 32.9 If the problem is not resolved by mediation, the Employee may apply to the Employment Relations Authority for investigation and determination.
- 32.10 In certain circumstances the decision of the Employment Relations Authority may be appealed by the Employee or the University to the Employment Court.

PART TWO

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AND TEACHING ASSISTANT

1. INTRODUCTION & DEFINITONS

1.1 This part (being Part Two of the Academic Staff Individual Employment Agreement) applies only to Graduate Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants. Nothing in Part One applies to employees employed under this Part Two unless stated otherwise.

The Employer shall be guided by the Graduate Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants Recruitment, Selection and Appointment Policy and Procedures.

1.2 Graduate Teaching Assistants are part time salaried teachers who provide teaching support for either a full calendar year or part of the year. Appointees are expected to be graduates and will normally be enrolled for a postgraduate qualification, except as approved by the Dean.

1.3 Teaching Assistants are waged positions for students or others who provide teaching support.

2. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 During the term of this agreement the Employer shall continue to act as a good employer in all dealings with the Employee.

2.2 Positions will normally be advertised through an expression of interest. The Employee shall during the continuance of the employment:

- (a) Diligently and faithfully serve the Employer and endeavour to promote and protect the interests of the University, and to act in a collegial manner.
- (b) Carry out and comply with all the Employer's reasonable and lawful directions.
- (c) Diligently perform the duties as agreed between the Employer and the Employee.

2.3 Without the written permission of the academic head, Graduate Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants may not accept fees for giving private coaching to students in any school/department in which they have teaching or marking responsibilities.

3. TERM OF APPOINTMENT

3.1 The fixed term of the appointment is stipulated in the letter of offer.

4. TERMINATION

4.1 The Employer shall continue to employ the Employee and the Employee shall continue to serve the Employer under the conditions of employment, as prescribed in this Agreement until it is terminated, comes to an end, or the Employee resigns. The Employee shall give one month's notice in writing of their resignation. Should the Employee complete their course of study, or withdraw prior to the end of the fixed-term agreement, employment will terminate at the end of the current semester.

4.2 The employment may be terminated immediately by the Employer without prior notice if the Employee shall at any time:

- (a) be guilty of serious misconduct; or
- (b) be convicted of any criminal offence other than an offence which in the reasonable opinion of the Employer does not affect fulfilment of duties with respect to the Employer.

4.3 The Employee may be dismissed with one month's notice if the Employee following continued unsatisfactory performance after a final warning for unsatisfactory performance or if the Employee shall breach any of the terms of this agreement in any material respect or continuously neglect their duties.

4.4 If the Employee's employment is terminated, or the Employee retires or resigns, they shall have the option to work out their notice period where that is practicable. The Employer shall make a payment in lieu of notice to the Employee, where the Employer determines it is not practicable for the Employee to work out their notice period.

5. COPYRIGHTS, PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

5.1 When staff during the course of their University employment duties make a discovery, bring about an innovation or write computer programmes which may have possibilities for commercial exploitation, the University requires the staff member to disclose such a discovery to the University by informing Auckland UniServices Limited. An agreement between the Employee and UniServices would then be entered into. Such an agreement will describe the obligations of the parties and the division of any income and expenditure.

5.2 Copyright of journal articles and books, works of art and music are not included in the above requirements and the copyright will remain with the author(s).

6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

6.1 In recognition of the rights of the public and of the Employee's right to academic freedom, employees may enter into public debate and dialogue over matters relevant to their professional expertise and experience.

6.2 The Employee in commenting on matters of public interest outside their particular areas of expertise or responsibility must do so in a private capacity unless they have first obtained the specific approval of the Employer through the appropriate Academic Head or section.

6.3 Employee personal information will be treated in accordance with the University's privacy policies and procedures and the Privacy Act 2020 (including the Information Privacy Principles set out in the Act). Both parties will comply with the University's privacy policies and procedures and the Act as these are amended from time to time.

7. DISPUTES AND GRIEVANCES

7.1 The [Academic Staff Disciplinary Procedures](#) shall apply.

7.2 The Employment Relationship Problem procedures in Part One [Schedule 5](#) shall apply. However, if any disagreement arises over the interpretation or implementation of an employment agreement, attempts to resolve such disagreements should be made first between the Employee and the Employee's immediate work supervisor and, if that does not provide a resolution, then the Employee should approach the academic head. If the problem is still not resolved, recourse can be made to Human Resources.

8. REMUNERATION AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

8.1 Graduate Teaching Assistant

Graduate Teaching Assistants are expected to hold a degree and must currently be enrolled for a postgraduate qualification except as approved by the Dean.

Graduate Teaching Assistants are not expected to have course control or to give the majority of lectures in a given course, and they will work under close supervision. They may be required to provide tutoring, laboratory supervision, individual lessons, field work supervision, marking, and/or delivery of a limited number of lectures and/or seminars.

Graduate Teaching Assistants are responsible to the Vice Chancellor through their academic head and the Dean of their faculty for such teaching and related duties, including examining, as may be required by their academic head, taking into account the category of their appointment.

The position is fractional, normally up to 0.5 FTE for the period of enrolment of a graduate degree, except as approved by the Dean but in accordance to regulations and policies. Students will be governed by clause 40.4.

8.2 Approval of Appointment

Each appointment must be made by the Vice Chancellor, a faculty Dean, or delegated academic head or other person with written delegated authority of the Dean.

8.3 Tuition Fees

Where the Employee holds a part-time appointment for a minimum period of 12 months the Employee may claim payment of tuition fees in the same proportion that the appointment bears to full-time, e.g. a half-time appointee may claim half of the full-time fees reimbursement.

8.4 Student Status

The appointment of Graduate Teaching Assistants must comply with the appropriate University academic regulations and policies and should not unreasonably interfere with the Employee's study.

8.5 Salaries

Step	Current	From 1/02/25	From 1/02/26
GTA 4	\$80,062	\$82,464	\$84,113
GTA 3	\$77,037	\$79,348	\$80,935
GTA 2	\$74,024	\$76,245	\$77,770
GTA 1	\$71,656	\$73,806	\$75,282

8.5.1 GTA1 shall be the minimum full time equivalent annual rate used for the first year of Graduate Teaching Assistantship. The staff member shall at the time of their next GTA appointment, and subject to satisfactory performance, be eligible to advance to the next step where they have worked for any two separate semesters or terms, including Summer School in the previous 5 years. These semesters need not be consecutive. The level of appointment shall be commensurate with previous experience. Appointment to the scale will recognise relevant previous experience as a GTA or equivalent.

8.5.2 To avoid doubt, where two courses are taught in the same semester, this will not mean the GTA is eligible for progression.

8.5.3 Graduate Teaching Assistants may belong to the NZUSS superannuation scheme, in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme.

8.5.4 For the purpose of calculating an hourly rate, the annual rate shall be divided by 1936.

8.6 Hours and Duties

Graduate Teaching Assistant positions are part time fixed term salaried positions for post graduate students. Exceptions to these rules require the approval of the Dean or the Dean's delegated representative.

8.7 Assigned Duties

All assigned duties are to be included in the statement of responsibility, including course administration time, consultation (office hours), course preparation and all other necessary and customary duties of teaching in a University environment. Depending on the discipline, student contact hours would normally consume one quarter to one half of total duties. Graduate Teaching Assistants are expected to attend appropriate training workshops/seminars organized by the University. Attendance at such sessions should be included in total hours of work.

Both Graduate Teaching Assistant and academic head should monitor total hours worked, and if the initial estimate is incorrect, steps should be taken to adjust the workload to a more appropriate level. If the original estimate is agreed to be incorrect, then additional hours may be claimed by timesheet for payment. If the hours are less than originally contracted, a new contract must be negotiated and pay will be adjusted accordingly.

8.8 Holidays

The provisions of Part One in relation to Public Holidays shall apply to employees covered by Part Two of this agreement.

As the work of graduate teaching assistants and teaching assistants is intermittent and irregular, they shall be paid 10% of their gross earnings as holiday pay (in lieu of annual leave). For GTAs, the contracted hours are the hours to be worked.

8.9 Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistants are students who are employed in routine correcting, marking and demonstrations. The work is carried out under the close supervision of academic staff responsible for the course involved.

Rates of Pay:

	Current From 1/02/24	3.5% From 1/02/25	2.25% From 1/02/26
Teaching Assistant*	\$29.23	\$30.26	\$30.94

*The rate applies to both undergraduates and graduates

9. PARENTAL LEAVE

- 9.1 The provisions of Part One in relation to Parental Leave shall apply to employees covered by Part Two of this agreement.

10. REDUNDANCY PROVISIONS

- 10.1 The provisions of [Schedule 4](#) of Part One of this agreement relating to redundancy provisions shall apply to employees covered under Part Two of this agreement.