Listed below are telephone numbers and website and correspondence addresses for some of the resources UC employees routinely use.

UC EMPLOYEE WEBSITE
ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC HUMAN RESOURCES
UC Retirement Administration Service Center: 800-888-8267
Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

Written correspondence should be sent to:
UC Human Resources
P.O. Box 24570
Oakland, CA 94623-1570

LOCAL BENEFITS OFFICES
Your local Benefits Office is a resource for answers to questions about your benefits and for benefits publications and forms. The following is a contact list for local campus and lab Benefits Offices.

UC Berkeley: 510-664-9000, option 3
UC Davis: 530-752-1774
UC Davis Medical Center: 916-734-8099
UC Irvine: 949-824-5210
UC Irvine Medical Center: 714-456-5736
UCLA: 310-794-0830
UCLA Medical Center: 310-794-0500
UC Merced: 209-228-2363
UC Riverside: 951-827-4766
UC San Diego: 858-534-2816
UC San Diego Medical Center: 619-543-7585
UCSF: 415-476-1400
UCSF Medical Center: 415-353-4545
UC Santa Barbara: 805-893-2489
UC Santa Cruz: 831-459-2013
ASUCLA: 310-825-7055
Hastings College of the Law: 415-565-4703
UC Office of the President: 855-982-7284
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab: 510-486-6403

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM
myUCretirement.com
866-682-7787

INVESTMENT OVERSIGHT
UC Office of Chief Investment Officer
Chief Investment Officer’s website: ucop.edu/investment-office

Written correspondence should be sent to:
Office of the Chief Investment Officer of The Regents
1111 Broadway, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94607-4026

IF YOU MOVE
If you are an active UC employee, you can change your address at At Your Service Online, and Fidelity will be notified automatically. If you are no longer working for UC, please notify Fidelity Retirement Services directly by calling 866-682-7787 or by logging into netbenefits.com, your Fidelity website.
The University of California offers eligible employees of the University and its affiliate, Hastings College of the Law, a tax-qualified retirement plan to provide primary and supplemental retirement benefits. The Plan is a defined contribution plan under §401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC). The provisions of the Plan are subject to collective bargaining for represented employees. Future benefits from the Defined Contribution Plan (DC Plan) are based on contributions made to the DC Plan plus earnings. DC Plan participants are fully vested in all of their own contributions and some employer contributions made to the Plan. Vesting requirements apply to certain other of the employer contributions made to the Plan.

The designated Plan Administrator of the DC Plan is the Vice President, Human Resources (VP-HR). Currently, Fidelity Retirement Services performs recordkeeping duties. The relevant contact information is on the inside front cover. The Plan Administrator administers the DC Plan for the sole benefit of Plan participants and their beneficiaries. Individual investment strategies should reflect the participant’s personal savings goals and tolerance for financial risk. UC, the Regents, the Office of the Chief Investment Officer, UC Human Resources and Fidelity Retirement Services are not liable for any loss that may result from participants’ investment decisions. This summary plan description reflects the Plan document as it will be amended to incorporate changes effective July 1, 2016.
DC Plan Pretax Account: Participation and Eligibility

The DC Plan has separate accounts for pretax and after-tax contributions. The Pretax Account holds employer contributions and mandatory employee contributions from eligible members of the following groups:

- Safe Harbor participants
- Summer employees (on summer salary)
- Participants in Savings Choice
- Participants who contribute to the supplemental DC Plan account under Pension Choice

In accordance with IRC §414(h), mandatory contributions to the Pretax Account are deducted from gross salary, and income taxes are calculated on remaining pay, thus reducing the participant’s taxable income. Taxes on contributions and any earnings are deferred (that is, postponed) until the participant withdraws the money.

The After-Tax Account contains voluntary employee contributions that are deducted from a participant’s net income. Participants may want to consult a tax advisor or financial planner before enrolling as IRC maximum contribution limits apply.

The information in this section pertains primarily to the DC Plan Pretax Account. References are made to the DC Plan After-Tax Account when the same information applies.

The provisions of the Plan are subject to collective bargaining for represented employees.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC APPOINTEES
Compensation that many academic appointees receive for summer session or equivalent term teaching or research is not considered covered compensation for determining primary retirement benefits. Therefore, the Plan contains a provision to provide employer and employee contributions to the Pretax Account based on eligible summer or equivalent term salary.

Eligible academic appointees are those who:

- Have academic year appointments
- Are active members of UCRP or Savings Choice and
- Earn eligible summer or equivalent term salary, defined as additional compensation that is not covered compensation for calculating retirement benefits and that is paid in accordance with Academic Personnel Policy 661

Eligible summer salary includes compensation for:

- Summer teaching
- Summer research or
- Summer administrative service (generally payments to department chairs, vice chairs, etc., for administrative duties paid as “1/9ths”)

Salary paid for teaching University Extension courses is not eligible.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SAVINGS CHOICE
You are eligible for a choice of primary retirement benefits (including Savings Choice) if you:

- Are hired on or after July 1, 2016 into an eligible faculty or career staff appointment (at least 50 percent time on a fixed or variable basis for one year or longer)
- Are rehired on or after July 1, 2016 into an eligible faculty or career staff appointment after a break in UC service (between one and two months) or
- Were a Safe Harbor employee hired by UC before July 1, 2016 and become eligible for benefits on or after that date, either by completing an hours requirement or by obtaining an eligible faculty or career staff appointment

Employees who are hired on or after July 1, 2016 in Safe Harbor positions may become eligible for a choice of primary retirement benefits after working 750 hours or 1,000 hours in a rolling, continuous 12-month period, depending upon job classification. (Employees in a Non-Senate Instructional Unit qualify for a choice of primary retirement benefits after working 750 hours in an eligible position.) Eligibility is effective no later than the first of the month following the month in which 1,000 hours (or 750 hours) is reached.
Contributions

Exceptions:
A University employee is not eligible for UC primary retirement benefits if he or she:

• Is at the University primarily to obtain education or training
• Receives pay under a special compensation plan but receives no covered compensation (see “Covered Compensation for Savings Choice and Pension Choice” on page 8)
• Is in a per diem, floater or casual restricted appointment
• Is appointed as a Regents' Professor or Regents' Lecturer
• Is an employee hired as a visiting appointee
• Became a member of UCRP before July 1, 1994

ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DC PLAN ACCOUNT UNDER PENSION CHOICE
Participants eligible for a supplemental DC Plan Pretax Account under Pension Choice include:

• Designated faculty, defined as those in the following positions:
  – Ladder-rank faculty and equivalent titles (Professorial and Equivalent titles, which include Agronomists, Astronomers, Clinical Professor of Dentistry (over 50%) and Supervisor of Physical Education)
  – Professor in Residence series
  – Professor of Clinical (X) series
  – Acting full, associate and assistant professors
  – Lecturers/Senior Lecturers (full-time) with Security of Employment or Potential Security of Employment (excluding UC Hastings Lecturers/Senior Lecturers)
  – Adjunct Professor series
  – Health Science Clinical Professor series
• Eligible staff and other academic appointees with covered compensation above the 2013 California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) maximum ($117,020 in 2016; see page 8).

Mandatory employee contributions to the DC Plan Pretax Account may come only from income paid through the UC payroll system (or the payroll systems of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory or Hastings College of the Law). Employees may also roll over money from other employer-sponsored plans, including the taxable portion of a distribution from the University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP; see “Rollovers: Into the Plan” on page 13).

Mandatory employee contributions to the Pretax Account appear on employees’ W-2 forms in the box marked “Other”; they are not reported as taxable income.

Mandatory employee contributions to the DC Plan Pretax Account are deducted from gross salary (after any other pretax deductions for medical plan premiums, dependent care flexible spending account or health flexible spending account), and income taxes are calculated on remaining pay. Although mandatory pretax contributions reduce taxable income, they do not reduce any other salary-related University benefits such as vacation or sick leave, life or disability insurance benefits, or benefits payable from UCRP.

Mandatory employee contributions may be affected by UC guidelines about covered compensation (also referred to as “eligible pay;” see page 8) and by IRC limitations on contributions (see page 9).

DC Plan participation may affect the income tax deductibility of any contributions you make to a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA). IRA contributions may still qualify for a full or partial tax deduction, depending on your adjusted gross income and tax filing status. Participants concerned about the impact of DC Plan contributions on deductible IRA contributions should consult a tax advisor.

SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS
Safe Harbor participants (part-time employees and non-exempt students who are not eligible for membership in UCRP) make mandatory contributions of 7.5 percent to the DC Plan Pretax Account.

These contributions will end for Safe Harbor participants who become eligible for the University's primary retirement benefit options. Instead, contributions will begin to the applicable primary retirement benefit plan(s). UC student employees who become exempt will no longer contribute to the Pretax Account, unless they become eligible for Savings Choice, or the DC supplemental benefit under the Pension Choice option.

Money accumulated in the Pretax Account remains in the Plan until the participant leaves employment and takes a distribution (see “Distributions: Former Employees,” on page 10).
Contributions

ACADEMIC APPOINTEE SUMMER SALARY CONTRIBUTIONS
The total contribution rate under this provision is 7 percent of eligible summer salary, which includes a mandatory employee pretax contribution of 3.5 percent and an employer contribution of 3.5 percent (eligible summer salary is limited to 1/4 the IRC pay limit). The employer contribution is funded by the same source that provides the academic appointee’s summer salary.

SAVINGS CHOICE CONTRIBUTIONS
Participants in Savings Choice contribute 7 percent of covered compensation, before taxes, up to the annual IRC maximum. UC contributes 8 percent of covered compensation, up to the IRC maximum. In addition, UC contributes 6 percent toward UCRP’s unfunded liability.

SUPPLEMENTAL DC PLAN ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER PENSION CHOICE
For those eligible for the supplemental DC Plan account under Pension Choice, the mandatory employee pretax contribution is 7 percent on covered compensation over the PEPRA maximum ($117,020 in 2016), up to the IRC maximum ($265,000 in 2016).

UC’s contributions to this account vary depending on job type. For designated faculty (as defined on page 7), UC contributes 5 percent on all covered compensation up the IRC maximum. For other academic appointees and eligible staff with pay above the PEPRA maximum, UC contributes 3 percent on pay above the PEPRA maximum, up to the IRC maximum.

COVERED COMPENSATION (ELIGIBLE PAY) FOR SAVINGS CHOICE AND PENSION CHOICE
Contributions to the Savings Choice account or the supplemental DC Plan account under Pension Choice are based on covered compensation (or eligible pay). This is the gross monthly pay that an active employee receives for a regular and normal appointment, including pay while on sabbatical or other approved leave of absence with pay. Covered compensation does not include:

- Pay for overtime unless in the form of compensatory time off
- Pay for correspondence courses, summer session, intersession and for interquarter or vacation periods or University extension courses, unless such employment constitutes part of an annual or indefinite appointment
- Pay for a position that is not normally full time except if paid on a salary or hourly rate basis
- Pay that exceeds the full-time rate for the regular, normal position to which the member is appointed
- Pay that exceeds the base salary (X+X’) as negotiated under the Health Sciences Compensation Plan
- Pay that exceeds the established base pay rates, including non-elective deferred compensation, honoraria and consulting fees
- Payments received as uniform allowance, unless included as part of compensation for a regular and normal appointment
- Pay that exceeds the IRC §401(a)(17) dollar limit; beginning Jan. 1, 2016, the earnings limit is $265,000 ($395,000 for certain grandfathered employees)
- Payments received as a faculty recruitment allowance or housing allowance
- Pay from sources other than the University of California

PEPRA MAXIMUM
The maximum covered compensation (or eligible pay) that counts toward pension benefits is consistent with the maximum on pensionable earnings under PEPRA. This maximum also applies to many other California public pension plans and is reviewed annually and may be adjusted. For 2016, the maximum is $117,020. The PEPRA maximum applies to most people who are hired into an eligible faculty or career staff appointment on or after July 1, 2016 and who participate in Pension Choice. The PEPRA maximum does not apply to those members participating in Savings Choice.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE
Mandatory employee contributions to the Pretax Account stop during a leave without pay and resume automatically upon return to pay status in an eligible position.

For sabbatical leaves or administrative leaves with pay during which employees earn less than 100 percent of regular compensation, contributions continue based on compensation (including paid vacation or sick leave) earned during the leave.

Special rules may allow participants on military leave to “make up” Pretax Account contributions that would have been credited to their account during the military leave. Local Benefits Offices can provide more information.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT
If a participant leaves UC employment, contributions to the Plan stop automatically. The options available for a participant’s accumulations are described in “Distributions: Former Employees” (see page 10).
Vesting

REAPPOINTMENT

If a participant leaves employment or retires and is later rehired into an eligible position, contributions to the Plan may resume again, depending on the participant’s employment status. The participant once again becomes subject to the rules governing active Plan participation.

Safe Harbor participants who leave employment and who are later rehired into another position eligible for Safe Harbor participation will be re-enrolled automatically.

LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 401(a)(17) of the IRC sets a dollar limit for annual earnings on which contributions to the DC Plan may be made. The earnings limit in 2016 is $265,000 for those who became participants on July 1, 1994, or later ($395,000 for those who became participants before July 1, 1994).

To comply with the IRC §415(c) contribution limit and to protect the Plan’s qualified status with the IRS, the Plan Administrator annually monitors contributions made for participants. If, due to reasonable error, the 415(c) limit is exceeded for the year, a participant’s after-tax contributions, adjusted for income or losses, will be refunded to the extent necessary to come within the limit. Although the earnings are subject to ordinary income taxes for the year in which the excess amount is refunded, they are not subject to the penalty taxes on early distributions.

The earnings on excess contributions are not eligible for rollover.

INVESTMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants choose the investment options in which they want to invest their contributions. The investment options are explained on page 13. If participants do not make a choice, their contributions are automatically invested in the UC Pathway Fund with a target date closest to the year the participant turns age 65.

Participants may exchange (transfer) accumulations in the Plan among the investment options at any time. Direct exchanges between certain investment options may be prohibited. See the Fidelity Retirement Services website (netbenefits.com) for more information.

To vest means to acquire certain rights in the benefits you accrue. Once vested, you generally have a non-forfeitable right to receive your Plan account balance subject to the plan’s distribution rules.

Your own employee contributions (including your rollover contributions) and UC contributions on summer or equivalent term salary, and related investment earnings on those amounts, are immediately vested.

The employer portion of your supplemental savings account under the Pension Choice option will become vested when you have earned five years of UCRP service credit, or, if earlier, on the date of your death, provided you are actively employed. The account is maintained in the DC Plan.

The employer portion of your Savings Choice account will vest one year after your eligibility date if you are actively employed on that date or, if earlier, on the date of your death provided you are actively employed.

Non-vested employer monies in a Savings Choice or supplemental savings account will be forfeited to the plan upon the earlier of a distribution of your vested monies or after you have a 12-month period of severance.

1 For information about UCRP vesting and Refund of Accumulations, see pages 7 and 11 of the UC Retirement Plan Summary Plan Description in A Complete Guide to Your UC Retirement Benefits (available on UCnet).
Distributions

Distribution timing rules vary depending on the participant’s employment status.

**CURRENT UC EMPLOYEES**

The Plan does not permit DC Plan Pretax Account distributions to current employees. Pretax Account distributions are permitted only if you leave employment.

Current employees may, however, take a distribution of money that they rolled over into the DC Plan from another employer-sponsored plan, including earnings on the amount rolled over (see “Rollovers: Into the Plan” on page 13).

**FORMER EMPLOYEES**

Participants who leave University employment have the following payment options for vested assets in the DC Plan:

- Leave the assets in the Plan if the vested Plan balance, including any After-Tax Account balance, totals at least $2,000. Although participants may no longer contribute, they may transfer money among the investment fund options, subject to the transfer/exchange rules and roll over money into the Plan.

- Take a full or partial distribution (payable to the participant or can be directly rolled over to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA or employer-sponsored plan).

- Arrange for systematic withdrawals. This option enables the participant to receive regular, periodic distributions without having to make a specific request for each one.

A former employee may take a distribution of the vested portion of his or her Pretax Account balance at any time.

The following rules apply to distributions of small accounts after the participant has terminated UC employment:

- If the vested value of the participant’s accumulations is less than $2,000, but more than $1,000, and the participant fails to provide distribution directions, the participant’s vested accumulations will be rolled over to an IRA custodian designated by the Plan Administrator in an account maintained for the participant.

- If the vested value of the participant’s accumulations is $1,000 or less, and the participant fails to provide distribution directions, the participant’s vested accumulations will be paid directly to the participant at his or her address of record.

All distributions are subject to Fidelity Retirement Services and payroll deadlines. No distributions can be made until all payroll activity is complete, which can take from 30 to 60 days.

**BENEFICIARIES**

Participants should designate a beneficiary to receive their assets in the DC Plan in the event of death. A participant may not name one beneficiary to receive assets in the Pretax Account and another beneficiary to receive any assets in the After-Tax Account. Participants may, however, name more than one beneficiary and specify the percentage of the total Plan balance that each beneficiary is to receive. A beneficiary may be a person, trust or organization.

Subject to restrictions on small accounts, a beneficiary may elect to take his or her benefit as a lump sum or in periodic payments over a term that meets the Internal Revenue Code requirements on minimum distributions. If a beneficiary fails to make an election, the benefit will be distributed to the beneficiary in a lump sum by the last day of the calendar year that contains the fifth anniversary of the participant’s death.

Spousal beneficiaries also have the option to roll over the taxable portion of money from the participant’s account into a traditional IRA, a Roth IRA or to an employer plan that will accept a rollover, either directly or within 60 days of receipt of the distribution. Non-spouse beneficiaries may elect a direct rollover to an inherited traditional or Roth IRA.

If no beneficiary has been named, or if the beneficiary dies before the participant, the DC Plan rules require that any amount remaining be distributed to the participant’s survivors in the following order of succession:

- Surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner or, if none,
- Surviving children, biological or adopted, on an equal-share basis (children of a deceased child share their parent’s benefit) or, if none,
- Surviving parents on an equal-share basis or, if none,
- Brothers and sisters on an equal-share basis or, if none,
- The participant’s estate

A will or trust does not supersede a designation of beneficiary, nor does either supersede the Plan’s “default” beneficiary rules (described above) that apply in the absence of a valid beneficiary designation.

It is the participant’s responsibility to keep information on beneficiaries, including addresses, up to date. The address of record is binding for all purposes of the DC Plan.
You can name or change your beneficiary information by contacting Fidelity Retirement Services (866-682-7787 or netbenefits.com).

COMMUNITY PROPERTY
Married participants and registered domestic partners who designate someone other than their spouse or partner as a beneficiary may need to consider the spouse’s or partner’s community property rights. For residents of a community property state such as California, a designation of beneficiary may be subject to challenge if the spouse or partner would consequently receive less than the share of the benefit attributable to community property.

Procedures established for UCRP are used to determine whether a domestic partner is included in the order of succession above. Generally, the procedures require that an individual must be designated as a participant’s domestic partner by one of three possible methods:

- Registration of the domestic partnership with California’s Secretary of State
- Registration of a same-sex union, other than marriage, validly formed in another jurisdiction, that is substantially equivalent to a California domestic partnership or
- Filing of a UC Declaration of Domestic Partnership form (UBEN 250) with the UCRP administration

If a member dies before filing a UC Declaration of Domestic Partnership, only documentation from the first two methods may be used to establish a domestic partnership.

TAXES ON DISTRIBUTIONS
A distribution from the DC Plan Pretax Account is generally taxed as ordinary income in the year it is issued. Note, however, that there are specific federal tax withholding rules that apply to all distributions from retirement savings and investment plans. For more information about the tax treatment of Plan distributions, read the special tax notice provided by Fidelity Retirement Services before requesting a distribution. The tax rules are quite complex; for this reason, participants considering a distribution from the Plan are strongly encouraged to consult a tax advisor.

Participants who choose to take a distribution are responsible for satisfying the distribution rules and for any tax consequences.

Distributions to participants are reported annually on IRS Form 1099-R, which is sent in January following the calendar year in which the distribution was issued.

EARLY DISTRIBUTION PENALTIES
In addition to being taxed as ordinary income, the taxable portion of distributions taken before age 59½ (early distributions) may be subject to nondeductible federal and state penalty taxes—currently a 10 percent federal tax and a 2.5 percent California state tax, unless:

- The distribution is made to a participant who leaves UC employment during or after the year the participant reaches age 55
- The participant is permanently disabled under IRS rules, or dies
- The participant receives a series of substantially equal distributions over his/her life/life expectancy (or his/her beneficiary’s lives/life expectancies)
- The distribution does not exceed deductible medical expenses for the taxable year
- The distribution is paid to an alternate payee under a QDRO
- The distribution is made on account of certain tax levies or
- The distribution is made on account of other exceptions defined by the IRS

Early distribution penalties are not assessed when a distribution is paid. Participants who are subject to the penalties are responsible for reporting them to the IRS when they file their income tax returns.

MINIMUM REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS
Participants must begin receiving minimum distributions from the Plan by April 1 of the calendar year following the later of:

- The year in which they reach age 70½ or
- The year in which they leave University employment

Participants who do not receive minimum distributions by the required dates, or who receive less than the minimum amount the law requires, must pay a nondeductible 50 percent excise tax on the difference between the amount that should have been received and the amount received.

Minimum required distributions are not eligible for rollover. Minimum required distributions are calculated in accordance with U.S. Treasury regulations.
DC Plan After-Tax Account Contributions

The information that follows pertains specifically to the DC Plan After-Tax Account.

All employees of UC and Hastings College of the Law—except students who normally work fewer than 20 hours per week—are eligible to make voluntary contributions to the After-Tax Account.

Contributions to the After-Tax Account may be made only through payroll deduction and may only come from income paid through the UC payroll system (or the payroll systems of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory or Hastings College of the Law). Contributions are not permitted from any other source.

Contributions to the After-Tax Account are deducted from your pay after income taxes have been deducted. Taxes on the investment earnings only are deferred until you withdraw the money.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Contributions to the After-Tax Account stop during a leave without pay and resume automatically at the same rate upon return to pay status, unless the participant cancels them.

For sabbatical leaves or administrative leaves with pay during which employees earn less than 100 percent of regular compensation, contributions continue in the same amount as elected before the leave. Because contributions remain the same while compensation decreases, it is important for participants to review their contribution amount before going on a paid leave.

Special rules may allow participants on military leave to “make up” After-Tax Account contributions that would have been credited to their account during the military leave. Local Benefits Offices can provide more information.

During paid vacation or sick leave, contributions continue in the same amount.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The options that are available to After-Tax Account participants who leave UC employment are described in “Distributions” on page 13.

REAPPOINTMENT.

If you leave UC employment and are later rehired into an eligible position, you may begin contributing to the After-Tax Account again.

CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS

The maximum amount participants may contribute annually to the After-Tax Account is determined by the IRC §415(c) limit. Generally, this amount is the lesser of:

• 100 percent of the participant’s adjusted gross UC salary or
• $53,000 (in 2016)

This limit applies to all annual additions as defined in IRC §415(c).

Participants may contribute to the After-Tax Account over 12 months or consolidate contributions in as few pay periods as desired. If you decide to consolidate contributions, however, you are responsible for canceling them once you reach your maximum annual contribution limit (see “Limitations on Contributions” on page 35). Neither the University nor UC Human Resources is responsible for individual tax consequences if a participant’s after-tax payroll deductions exceed the 415(c) limit.

LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS

The limitations on contributions are described on page 9.
Distributions

Participants may take a full or partial distribution of their money in the After-Tax Account at any time.

Retiree and former employee participants have additional options for their money in the DC Plan (see “Distributions: Former Employees” on page 10).

TAXES ON DISTRIBUTIONS

The taxable portion of a distribution from the After-Tax Account is taxed as ordinary income in the year the distribution is issued. Participants may not take a distribution of contributions alone (the amount on which they have already paid taxes). Each distribution must include earnings in the same proportion that the earnings bear to contributions in the account. Therefore, unless the earnings are rolled over (or reflect a net loss), all distributions are partially taxable.

As previously discussed, specific federal tax-withholding rules apply to all distributions from retirement savings plans. For more information about the tax treatment of After-Tax Account distributions, read the special tax notice provided by Fidelity Retirement Services before requesting a distribution. Participants considering a distribution from the After-Tax Account are also strongly encouraged to consult a tax advisor.

EARLY DISTRIBUTION PENALTIES

The early distribution penalties are described on page 11.

MINIMUM REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS

The minimum distribution rules are described on page 11.

Additional DC Plan Information

INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Plan participants can choose from a broad range of professionally managed investment options that are monitored by the Office of the Chief Investment Officer of the Regents (CIO) based on criteria established by the Regents. The UC fund menu includes the UC Pathway Funds, each of which adjusts its asset mix as the fund approaches its target date, plus additional investments funds that represent a comprehensive range of asset classes. Most funds offered on the UC fund menu are designed to have lower expenses than many similar publicly traded mutual funds. A complete description of each of these options is available at myucretirement.com/UCRetirementBenefits/UCFundMenu.

Participants may also invest in mutual funds that are not included in the UC fund menu by opening a brokerage window account. Participants must agree to the terms and conditions that govern the account, including an acknowledgement of the risks involved and the special fees that may apply.

Information about investment objectives, risks, changes and expenses of all options is available, free of charge, from Fidelity Retirement Services (netbenefits.com or 866-682-7787).

ROLLOVERS: INTO THE PLAN

Participants may move eligible retirement funds from a previous employer plan or an IRA to the DC Plan via a rollover. The DC Plan accepts ro rollers of pretax distributions from:

- Other employer-sponsored plans, including 401(a), 401(k), 403(b) and governmental 457(b) plans
- Lump sum cashouts and CAP distributions from the UC Retirement Plan
- Traditional IRAs

The DC Plan also accepts direct rollovers of after-tax amounts from 401(a), 401(k) and 403(b) plans.

To roll over money directly from another employer-sponsored plan to UC’s DC Plan, the participant must arrange to have the former plan’s trustee or plan administrator write a check for the distribution, payable to “Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc. (FIIOC).” As long as the check is payable directly to FIIOC (not to the participant), no taxes will be withheld from the distribution, and the money will retain its tax-deferred status.
If a participant takes a distribution from a former employer’s plan, including UCRP, and the check is payable to the participant, he/she can also roll over the taxable portion of the money into the DC Plan, as long as the rollover is made within 60 days after receiving the distribution. To roll over 100 percent of the taxable portion of the distribution, the participant must replace from personal savings or other sources an amount equal to the taxes that were withheld when the distribution was issued.

ROLLOVERS: FROM THE PLAN
Virtually all DC Plan pretax distributions are eligible for direct rollover (payable to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA or another employer plan). As long as the check for the distribution is payable directly to the employer plan or IRA custodian, no taxes will be withheld and the money will retain its tax-deferred status. If made payable to the participant, distributions are subject to mandatory 20 percent federal tax withholding. Distributions made to non-spouse beneficiaries are eligible for direct rollovers to an inherited IRA.

Participants may also roll over an eligible DC Plan distribution that has been paid to them, as long as the rollover to the IRA or new plan occurs within 60 days of receipt of the distribution. A participant who wants to roll over 100 percent of the distribution must replace from personal savings or other sources an amount equal to the taxes that were withheld when the distribution was issued. Any amount not rolled over will be taxed as ordinary income for the year in which the distribution was issued. It may also be subject to the early distribution penalties.

DC Plan distributions that are not eligible for direct rollover include:

- Minimum required distributions
- Refunds of excess contributions (plus investment earnings) to the After-Tax Account and
- Systematic withdrawals

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY
To help participants better understand the Plan’s benefits and effectively manage their accounts, Fidelity Retirement Services provides personalized account information via two electronic sources.

- Participants who have Internet access can find current, comprehensive information about their accounts and make certain online Plan transactions by visiting the Fidelity Retirement Services website (netbenefits.com).
- Participants can retrieve personal financial information about their accounts and make transactions on the Fidelity Retirement Services toll-free telephone line (866-682-7787).

Annual reports containing audited financial statements are available on the UC Office of the President website (ucal.us/UCRSannualreport) or from the UC Retirement Administration Service Center (see inside front cover).

Summary plan descriptions are available on UCnet, the Fidelity Retirement Services website or from your local Benefit Offices or the UC Retirement Administration Service Center.

Participants may view the University of California Defined Contribution Plan document online (ucal.us/UCRSdocuments).

Participants should read the complete descriptions of the investment funds and accompanying Plan materials before making any investment decisions.

All notices or communications to a participant or beneficiary will be effective when sent by first-class mail or conveyed electronically to the participant’s address of record. The University and the Regents are entitled to rely exclusively upon any notices, communications or instructions issued in writing or electronically conveyed by UC Human Resources that are believed to be genuine and to have been properly executed.

CLAIMS PROCEDURES
If Fidelity Retirement Services is unable to verify a claimant’s right to a benefit within a short period of time, the claimant will be notified that he or she needs to forward a written request to the attention of the UC Contract Administrator, UC Human Resources, P.O. Box 24570, Oakland, CA 94623-1570, who will review the claim on behalf of the Plan Administrator. The request should include all relevant information. Within 90 days of receipt of the request, the contract administrator will approve or disapprove the claim. If the claim is denied, the contract administrator will notify the claimant in writing, setting forth the specific reasons for the denial and providing specific references to the plan provisions on which the denial is based. The contract
Additional DC Plan Information

The administrator also will describe any additional material or information needed to perfect the claim and provide an explanation of the DC Plan’s review procedures.

If the claimant’s request is denied by the contract administrator, the claimant may submit a written request for an independent review by the Plan Administrator within 60 days of receiving the denial. The request for an independent review should be forwarded to the Plan Administrator, P.O. Box 24570, Oakland, CA 94623-1570. The request should be accompanied by all supporting documentation. The Plan Administrator will make a full review of the request within 90 days unless the circumstances require a longer period. If the Plan Administrator upholds the contract administrator’s denial, the Plan Administrator will notify the claimant. The decision of the Plan Administrator will be final and conclusive on all persons.

If, after exhausting administrative appeal procedures, the claimant still believes that a benefit has been improperly paid or denied, the claimant has the right to initiate legal proceedings.

For service of process, send to The Regents of the University of California, Trustee of the Defined Contribution Plan, c/o Office of the General Counsel, 1111 Franklin Street, 8th Floor, Oakland, CA 94706.

PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND FEES

The Vice President of Human Resources is the Plan Administrator with responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the Plan.

Plan participants may invest in a broad range of investment options which have different objectives, risk and return characteristics, and investment management and administrative fees. Fund Fact Sheets which provide information on the investment and administrative fees for each fund option can be found at: myucretirement.com and netbenefits.com.

UC-MANAGED FUNDS

UC manages certain fund options, including the UC Pathway funds. These funds charge a fee (i.e., investor expenses) to cover investment management, investor education and administration (including accounting, audit, legal, custodial and recordkeeping services). There are no front-end or deferred sales loads or other marketing expenses charged by UC-managed funds. These expenses are not billed directly to participants, but are netted against the investment experience of the UC-managed funds.

Funds Not Managed by UC

The plan also offers other funds (not managed by UC) in which you can invest your account. These funds charge an investment management fee (i.e., expense ratio) which is netted from the investment experience of the funds. Some of these funds rebate a portion of their investment management fee as a plan service credit to help offset the administrative costs of the plan. Effective July 1, 2016, if your account is invested in a fund that provides a plan service credit, the amount of this credit will be rebated to your individual account at the end of each calendar quarter, lowering your effective annual expense ratio.

OTHER FEES

Fidelity charges a $35.00 fee for the initiation of a plan loan and $15.00 per year ($3.75 charged quarterly) for the ongoing administration of an outstanding loan. The fees paid by participants for the origination of a plan loan or for the ongoing administration of an outstanding loan will be deposited to a Plan Expense Account and used by UC to offset the recordkeeping fees charged by Fidelity Retirement Services.

PLAN CHANGES

The Plan is subject to change and to independent audit to comply with applicable federal and state statutes, IRC regulations and industry standards. Participants are notified in writing whenever substantive changes to the Plan occur. Although the Plan is expected to continue indefinitely, the Regents reserve the right to amend, improve or terminate the Plan at any time.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

Generally, DC Plan benefits payable to participants, beneficiaries or survivors cannot be attached by creditors, nor can anyone receiving benefits assign payments to others. Plan benefits are intended solely for the benefit of participants and their beneficiaries and survivors.

There are some legal exceptions. For example, the IRS may attach retirement benefits to collect unpaid taxes, or a court may order certain benefits to be paid for child or spousal support.

QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS (QDROS)

A court may award Plan assets to the participant’s spouse or former spouse or the participant’s dependent. This usually will occur in connection with a divorce or legal separation. In such cases, the domestic relations order must be approved, or qualified, as being in compliance with state law and with the Plan.
Additional DC Plan Information

Both spouses and the court have the right to request information about the benefits earned by the participant during the marital period and how those benefits are derived, as well as information about the options available to non-participants. To obtain a copy of the QDRO procedures, contact Fidelity Retirement Services (netbenefits.com or 866-682-7787).

California law has established procedures for dividing property in connection with the termination of a state-registered domestic partnership. For more information, call Fidelity Retirement Services.

INELIGIBLE ACCOUNTS RETAINED BY UC

The DC Plan does not permit a participant whose vested accumulations have a value of less than $2,000 to remain in the DC Plan after leaving UC employment. In order to facilitate the conversion to the new record keeper in July 2005, the UC Residual Accounts group retained administration of ineligible accounts of participants who terminated UC employment before July 1, 2005, with small balances as follows:

If a participant had accumulations of less than $50 on June 30, 2005, and failed to provide timely distribution directions or confirm his or her location, the participant’s accumulations were forfeited as of June 30, 2005. The forfeited amounts will be used to defray reasonable Plan expenses and to restore a participant’s previously forfeited accumulations, plus interest, if the participant subsequently files a valid claim and provides distribution directions.

If a participant had accumulations of $50 or more but less than $2,000 on June 30, 2005, and the participant failed to provide timely distribution directions, the investment options in the participant’s account were liquidated as of June 30, 2005, and an account was established on the participant’s behalf. The aggregated assets of all such accounts were then invested in the UC Savings Fund in order to preserve principal, and a proportionate share was allocated to each account. The UC Residual Accounts group will maintain such accounts until such time as the participant’s location can be confirmed and distribution made. Each account is credited with monthly interest at a fixed rate.

If you think you may be entitled to funds in an ineligible account, contact the UC Retirement Administration Service Center at 800-888-8267.

Employee Information Statement

Participants in defined contribution plans are responsible for determining which, if any, investment vehicles best serve their retirement objectives. The DC Plan assets are invested in accordance with the participant’s instructions; if no instructions are given, assets are invested in the UC Pathway Fund closest to the year the participant turns age 65. The participant should periodically review whether his/her objectives are being met, and if the objectives have changed, the participant should make the appropriate changes. Careful planning with a tax advisor or financial planner may help to achieve better supplemental retirement savings.

Neither the Regents, the Chief Investment Officer, the Plan Administrator nor any officer or affiliated officer of the University makes any recommendation to participants for building supplemental retirement savings, and the various options available for the investment of contributions should not be construed in any respect as a judgment regarding the prudence or advisability of such investments or as tax advice. Neither the Regents, the Chief Investment Officer, the Plan Administrator nor Fidelity Retirement Services bear any fiduciary liability for any losses resulting from a participant’s investment instructions. The Plan Administrator reserves the right to refuse to implement any investment instruction from a participant that violates Plan rules or IRC provisions.

All elections concerning contributions to the DC Plan are subject to payroll transaction and fund valuation deadlines.

Neither the University, the Chief Investment Officer, the Plan Administrator nor any officer or affiliated officer shall be responsible in any way for the purpose, propriety or tax treatment of any contribution or distribution (or any other action or nonaction) taken pursuant to the direction of a Plan participant, beneficiary, executor or administrator, or a court of competent jurisdiction. Although the Regents, the Chief Investment Officer, the Plan Administrator, and officers and affiliated officers shall have no responsibility to give effect to a decision from anyone other than the Plan participant, beneficiary, executor or administrator, they reserve the right to take appropriate action, including termination and/or disbursement of a participant’s account, to protect the Plan from losing its tax-advantaged status for any event that violates Plan rules or applicable IRC provisions.
By authority of the Regents, University of California Human Resources, located in Oakland, administers all benefit plans in accordance with applicable plan documents and regulations, custodial agreements, University of California Group Insurance Regulations for Faculty and Staff, group insurance contracts, and state and federal laws. No person is authorized to provide benefits information not contained in these source documents, and information not contained in these source documents cannot be relied upon as having been authorized by the Regents. Source documents are available for inspection upon request (1-800-888-8267). What is written here does not constitute a guarantee of plan coverage or benefits—particular rules and eligibility requirements must be met before benefits can be received. The University of California intends to continue the benefits described here indefinitely; however, the benefits of all employees, retirees, and plan beneficiaries are subject to change or termination at the time of contract renewal or at any other time by the University or other governing authorities. The University also reserves the right to determine new premiums, employer contributions and monthly costs at any time. Health and welfare benefits are not accrued or vested benefit entitlements. UC’s contribution toward the monthly cost of the coverage is determined by UC and may change or stop altogether, and may be affected by the state of California’s annual budget appropriation. If you belong to an exclusively represented bargaining unit, some of your benefits may differ from the ones described here. For more information, employees should contact their Human Resources Office and retirees should call the Retirement Administration Service Center (1-800-888-8267).

In conformance with applicable law and University policy, the University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Please send inquiries regarding the University’s affirmative action and equal opportunity policies for staff to Systemwide AA/EEO Policy Coordinator, University of California, Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, 5th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607, and for faculty to the Office of Academic Personnel, University of California Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94607.