



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS FOR REGULAR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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OVERVIEW

Brown offers benefit programs for you and/or your eligible dependents, some of which are paid by the University while others require copayments. Below is a brief description of each of the benefits. If you have any questions, please visit the Benefits Office web page at http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Human_Resources/benefits/index.html or call 401-863-2141 (*unless noted otherwise*).

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for benefits may vary depending upon factors such as date of hire, work schedule and status. Generally:

- Full-time regular staff receive full University benefits.
- Eligible staff must have a *paid* minimum 4-1/2 month employment term in order to receive health and/or dental benefits.
- Part-time regular staff receive pro-rated benefits in many Brown benefit plans.
- Employees hired on the limited duration payroll are ineligible for most benefits.

SIGNING UP FOR BENEFITS

All new staff should attend an orientation meeting to learn about and enroll in benefits. Please contact the Benefits Office for the orientation schedule. You must make your benefit elections **before the end of 31 calendar days** from your date of hire or your date of eligibility for benefits. After that time, you must wait until the next annual Open Enrollment period unless you have a qualifying event.

HEALTH INSURANCE

You may choose from three health plans: Comprehensive coverage through the Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI **HealthMate Coast-To-Coast 100/80** and the UnitedHealthcare of NE, Inc. **Choice Plus**, or catastrophic coverage through the Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI **HealthMate Coast-To-Coast 80/60**. All plans have an in-network and an out-of-network option. To determine your health insurance contribution, please visit: http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Human_Resources/downloads/ben_hlthcalcnxt2008.htm.

Health coverage begins the first of the month if you are hired on the first day or first working day of the month. Otherwise, coverage begins the first day of the month following date of hire. Staff members who are covered by another health plan may be eligible to elect a yearly taxable cash payment (i.e., the "Buyout") in lieu of University coverage.

DENTAL INSURANCE

Brown offers two coverage options through Delta Dental of RI: **Comprehensive** and **Plus**. Both options provide a \$1,500 maximum calendar year benefit (per covered member) with no deductible for preventive care. Restorative care is partially covered under both options after an annual deductible. The **Plus** option requires a 2-year enrollment commitment and includes coverage for composite (i.e., white) fillings on all teeth, orthodontia and implants. Coverage for eligible staff starts on the first of the month after completing three full months of employment.

GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Brown provides eligible staff with **Basic Life Insurance** equal to one times salary up to \$50,000 at no cost. You may purchase additional **Voluntary Life Insurance** for yourself (from one to six times annual salary up to a maximum 950,000), your spouse/partner (\$10,000 to \$50,000) or your dependent child(ren) (\$4,000 per child) at group rates. Additionally, the **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** benefit provides additional coverage to you in the event you are injured in an accident that results in dismemberment or death.

OTHER INSURANCE

- **Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance** is paid by the University and starts after completing one year of employment. Your waiting period may be waived if coverage was provided by your former employer. This benefit provides income if you incur a loss of earnings for six months or longer due to disability.
- You will be covered by a fixed amount of **Travel Accident Insurance** paid by the University if you travel off-campus on authorized University business and you are eligible to receive reimbursement for travel costs from Brown. For questions, please contact the Department of Insurance and Risk at 401-863-1681.
- During a disability lasting less than six months, you may be eligible for income through **Rhode Island Temporary Disability Insurance (RITDI)**, a state program funded by a mandatory deduction from your pay.
- The Department of Insurance and Risk (401-863-1681) administers the **Workers' Compensation** program for employees who are injured on the job.

PAID TIME OFF

The University observes **11 holidays** annually. Exempt employees and non-exempt employees with over 2 years of service accrue the equivalent of **12 sick days** and **22 vacation days** (*10 days during the first two years of employment for non-exempt employees*) per year. Paid time off is pro-rated for eligible part-time employees.

RETIREMENT

Eligible staff members, hired on or after March 1, 2001, will receive a Brown contribution of 6% of salary after six full months of employment to one or both of the investment options offered by the University: **Fidelity Investments** and **TIAA-CREF**. If you make a 1% or 2% voluntary contribution, you will receive a matching 1% or 2% University contribution. Staff can contribute a portion of eligible pay on a voluntary basis (up to a limit established by the IRS) as early as the first of the month following date of hire. Eligible staff become vested in the Brown contributions over a period of five years.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSAs)

Eligible staff can make pre-tax contributions to the following Flexible Spending Accounts:

- **Medical Reimbursement Plan (MRP):** For eligible medical and dental expenses not covered by insurance, such as co-pays and deductibles (*including those for prescription drugs*), over-the-counter medications, orthodonture, as well as eyeglasses, contacts and hearing aids.
- **Dependent Care Assistance Plan (DCAP):** For eligible dependent care expenses (*generally for children under the age of 13*), such as child-care expenses that enable you or your spouse to work.

You can pay for eligible expenses using a debit card that you will receive when you enroll, or by submitting claim forms and receipts to Altus Benefit Administrators, P.O. Box 1643, Providence, RI 02901-1643. All claims must be submitted no later than April 15th for eligible expenses that were incurred in the previous calendar year. For more information, please visit www.altusbenefitadmin.com or call 800-371-7542. **Please note that you must re-elect to participate in a Flexible Spending Account each year.**

TUITION AID PROGRAM

The Tuition Aid Program may assist eligible employees in paying for undergraduate tuition costs for their eligible dependent children at Brown or at other institutions. To be eligible, an employee must work at least 67% time on Brown's regular payroll and must be continuously employed for a period equivalent to four years of full-time employment. When approved, Brown will pay up to \$10,000 per eligible dependent child per academic year, for a total up to four normal academic years.

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION PROGRAM

After completing six months of employment, eligible staff members in good standing may receive tuition reimbursement for courses at Brown or other accredited institutions. Generally, under the Employee Education Program, a staff member can take up to 3 courses at Brown or get be reimbursed for up to \$2,500 for courses at other institutions. Please refer to Human Resources Policy 30.006 for more details on the number and type of courses that may be allowed under this benefit.

OTHER BENEFITS

Eligible staff can also utilize the following customized benefit programs:

- **Wellness:** Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI (BCBSRI) and UnitedHealthcare (UHC) offer all staff, regardless of their health coverage status, the opportunity to participate in several wellness programs. These programs are designed to provide resources, motivation and support for participants to lead healthier lives.
- **Mortgage Assistance:** Countrywide Home Loans and JP Morgan Chase & Co. offer eligible staff pre-approvals, discounted interest rates and lower closing costs. For more details, call Jim Loughrey (CHL) at 800-611-6524, ext. 1318 or Daniel Heffernan (Chase) at 800-471-1717.
- **Auto and Homeowners Insurance:** The Liberty Mutual Group provides group discounts to eligible staff for auto and homeowners insurance. Please call 800-284-1078 (RI residents), 800-442-8150 (MA residents), or 800-225-8281 (residents of all other states).
- **Long-Term Care (LTC) Insurance:** RetirementGuard will assist eligible staff to secure long-term insurance coverage through an individual policy or Brown's group plan. For more details, please contact RetirementGuard directly at 888-793-6111.

DAY CARE

The University maintains an affiliation with the **Taft Avenue Infant/Toddler Day Care Center** (401-274-2013) and the **Brown/Fox Point Early Childhood Education Center, Inc.** (401-521-5460). Please contact the centers directly for more details.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Assistance with moving expenses for eligible new staff members moving to the Providence area.
- The Faculty and Staff Assistance Program for eligible employees and their family members. Services include help with child care, elder care, and adoption, as well as counseling for legal and financial assistance. To utilize this benefit, please contact MyLibertyAssist directly at 877-695-2789.
- Employee Loan Program through which staff may borrow up to 20% of their annual pay. Please contact the University's loan office at 401-863-3296.
- The Brown ID card to access some of the University facilities, e.g., the Athletics Center and the University Libraries.
- Retired staff ages 65 and above have access to two group health coverage options: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island's (BCBSRI) BlueCHIP for Medicare Group Preferred, and the National Employee Benefit Companies (NEBCO) Medicare supplement plan. Both plans include prescription drug coverage and are *fully retiree-paid*.

This summary provides a general overview of benefits available for eligible staff at Brown University. The information contained herein does not constitute a legal contract. Benefit programs may change from time to time or be terminated and, in the event of a conflict between this summary and a plan document, the plan document shall govern.