Research Time Distribution (RTD) is an incentive to motivate faculty to get and keep getting “big” grants (defined as AY salary coverage of 20% or more).

The policy follows these guidelines:

If you have external sources of funding (that are not a structural part of your contract) covering at least 20% of your AY salary (or the AY salary equivalent for faculty on 12-month contracts), you will be given 20% of the salary savings in a professional spending account.

The awarded RTD funding can be rolled over indefinitely (no expiration date).

EXAMPLES

A faculty member with a $100,000 base salary who has 20% of their salary covered with external funds would receive $4000 in RTD, calculated as $100K x 20% = $20,000; $20,000 x 20% = $4000 RTD.

If 35% of the salary is covered then the RTD would be $7000, calculated as $100K x 35% = $35,000; $35,000 x 20% = $7000.