Retirement
# Retirement Options

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FRS Pension Plan

• Defined benefit plan - monthly pension retirement payment
• Employee Pre-Tax Contributions:
  ✓ Mandatory – 3%
• 8 years of service to vest (does not need to be continuous)
• Retirement eligibility:
  ✓ 65 or 33 years of service (at any age)
  ✓ Vested
• Early retirement: 5% penalty per year under age 65
• Part-time A&P and USPS receive full service credit
FRS Pension Plan - Special Risk Class

Only applies to certain law enforcement employees

Normal retirement *for Special Risk Class*:

- Age 60 and vested, or
- 30 years of Special Risk service (at any age)

If you retire early:

- 5% penalty per year under age 60 (unless you have 30 years)

Part-time A&P and USPS employees receive full retirement service credit for month worked under the FRS pension plan.
FRS Pension Plan - DROP
Deferred Retirement Option Program

• Begin accumulating retirement benefits without terminating employment - up to 60 months
• Starts once requirements for normal retirement are met
• Eligibility to join expires one year after retirement requirements are met

✓ Exception: Employees who have 33 years of service prior to age 57 can defer participation
FRS Pension Plan

Annual retirement benefit is based on:

• Average Final Compensation (AFC)
  ✓ Eight highest fiscal years’ earnings during FRS career
• Years of “creditable” service (A&P & USPS)
• Percentage value per year:
  ✓ 1.6% if in Regular Class
  ✓ 3.0% if in Special Risk Class

Benefit formula: AFC x Service x Percentage value per year
FRS Pension Plan

• Monthly retirement benefit
• Disability retirement
• Survivor benefits
• Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS)
  ✓ $5 per year of service
  ✓ Maximum of $150 to monthly benefit
• Annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  ✓ Based on current law

Deadline to enroll: end of the 5th calendar month following date of hire
FRS Investment Plan

- Defined contribution plan – similar to a 401(k)
- Employee Pre-Tax Contributions:
  - Mandatory – 3%
- University contribution: 3.3% (combined total of 6.3%)
- 1 year of service to vest
- Normal retirement age is 59 ½
- For more information:
  - MyFRS Financial Guidance Line: 1-866-446-9377
  - http://www.myfrs.com
Florida State University
Online New Employee Orientation
Office of Human Resources

FRS Investment Plan

• Not eligible for DROP
• No cost-of-living increase
• Eligible for the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS)
  ✓ $5 per year of service
  ✓ Maximum of $150
• Normal retirement age is 59½

Deadline to enroll: end of the 5th calendar month following date of hire
FRS – 2nd Election

All FRS plan members have one opportunity to switch from:

- FRS Pension Plan → FRS Investment Plan
- FRS Investment Plan → FRS Pension Plan

ORP members are not eligible to use the 2nd Election

A finalized 2nd Election cannot be undone

Note: Switching to the FRS Pension Plan may require additional out-of-pocket expenses
Optional Retirement Program (ORP)  
(A&P employees)

- Defined contribution plan – similar to a 401(k)
- Employee Pre-Tax Contributions:
  - Mandatory – 3%
  - Voluntary – can contribute an additional 5.14%
- University contribution:
  - 5.14% of gross salary
- **No** vesting period

Deadline to enroll: 90 days from date of hire – strictly enforced
Optional Retirement Program (ORP) 
(A&P employees)

• Start or stop voluntary contributions at any time

• IRS calendar year maximums:
  ✓ $18,000, if under age 50
  ✓ $24,000, if age 50+

• See investment company representatives for tax law/limit information
Optional Retirement Program (ORP)

Five investment companies to choose from:

- AXA – (850) 893-9535
- MetLife – (800) 763-2838
- TIAA – (877) 267-4510
- VALIC – (850) 297-0780
- Voya – (850) 894-9611
## Enrollment

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ORP enrollment is not complete until contracts are signed with the ORP provider.

90-day deadline to enroll in ORP & 5-month deadline to enroll in FRS Pension or FRS Investment.
Reemployment Restrictions

• You are considered a retiree of the State of Florida if you receive, withdraw, roll over or transfer any employer-funded Pension, Investment or ORP benefit, regardless of age

• If a retiree is being rehired:
  ✓ Minimum of 6 full calendar month waiting period
  ✓ Financially liable for repayment, if in violation
  ✓ 1 full year after “retirement” – no further restrictions

Rehired retirees are not eligible for renewed membership in any State of Florida retirement plan
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Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b)

- Reduce taxable income
- Minimum $10 bi-weekly
- Subject to yearly contribution limits:
  - $18,000, if under age 50
  - $24,000, if age 50+
- Voluntary ORP contributions count toward limit
- Contributions can be changed at any time
Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b)

Choose from nine participating investment companies:

- TIAA – http://www.tiaa.org/fsu
- VALIC – http://www.valic.com

Additional contact information:
http://hr.fsu.edu/?page=benefits/retirement/retirement_tax_shelter_annuity_companies
Deferred Compensation - 457

- Administered by the State of Florida
- For a list of companies, or to enroll, contact:
  Bureau of Deferred Compensation
  (850) 413-3162 or http://www.myfloridadeferredcomp.com
- Subject to yearly contribution limits:
  - $18,000, if under age 50
  - $24,000, if age 50+
  - Separate limit from 403(b)
- See company representatives for tax law/limit information
Post Tax – Roth 403(b)

- Choose from four participating investment companies:
  - Voya – http://www.gaboragency.com
  - TIAA – http://www.tiaa.org/fsu
  - VALIC – http://www.valic.com
- Additional contact information:
  http://hr.fsu.edu/?page=benefits/retirement/retirement_roth_403b_companies
- Voluntary employee contributions made on an after-tax basis
- Roth 403(b) contributions are subject to the same yearly contribution limits as Traditional (pre-tax) 403(b) accounts
Thank you

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