Arizona University System
Optional Retirement Plan
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Arizona University System Optional Retirement Plan

This guide outlines information about the Arizona University System Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) and its approved investment companies as well as information about the Arizona State Retirement System plan. Decisions about your retirement alternatives are important as your future financial security will, to a great degree, depend upon your actions. To help you make an educated decision, this guide includes some basic financial tools and guidelines.

Your Human Resources Office is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the ORP, with the exception of investment-related questions, which may be addressed to the approved investment companies and their representatives. Contact information is listed below.

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Eligible Arizona University System employees are required to participate in a retirement plan. Some employees, based on the job performed, will have a choice of mandatory plans. These employees (faculty, administrators, and service and academic professionals) are eligible to participate in either the Arizona University System Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) or the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). All other University System employees must participate in the ASRS plan.

You have 30 calendar days from your notice of eligibility to make your retirement plan election. If you do not make an election during this 30-day election period, you will be automatically enrolled in the ASRS plan. Your election or your default election is irrevocable and cannot be changed during your continuous employment with the Arizona University System.

ORP deductions will begin on the pay period following the completion of your election process. If you select ASRS or are defaulted into the ASRS plan, your participation will begin on the 27th week of your employment. Exception: ASRS participation begins on the hire/eligibility date for ASRS members with an active account.

Retirement Plan Participation Requirements

If you are employed in an eligible position for at least 20 hours per week and 20 weeks per plan year or more, you are required to contribute to a retirement plan. (Exceptions include postdoctoral scholars, non-pharmacy clinical assistants, graduate assistants, student workers, certain ASRS retirees, and non-resident aliens holding an F-1, J-1, M-1, or Q-1 visa.) Eligible employees have the option to choose either the Arizona State Retirement System or the Optional Retirement Plan.
## Comparison of the ORP and ASRS Plans

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<td><strong>Contribution Amount</strong></td>
<td>You and the University each contribute 7% of gross earnings on a pretax basis, up to the maximum amount the IRS allows the plan to consider.</td>
<td>You and the University each contribute a percentage of earnings on a pretax basis as set by Arizona State Statute. This percentage can vary from year to year. Check with the ASRS website at <a href="http://www.azasrs.gov">http://www.azasrs.gov</a> for the current year's contribution percentages.</td>
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<td><strong>Control of the Investments</strong></td>
<td>You select the investment company and determine the investment allocations.</td>
<td>ASRS controls and monitors investments.</td>
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| **Retirement Benefits** | The retirement benefit is based on the performance of investments you select. The ultimate account balance is a result of the amount of contributions invested to your account and the performance of your chosen investments. | Your retirement benefit is determined by the following formula:  
**Total Credited Service** (The period of your employment during which you are a member making contributions to the ASRS plus any service purchased)  
Multiplied by  
**Graded Multiplier** (A percentage set by statute that is based on total years of service at retirement)  
Multiplied by  
**Average Monthly Compensation** (Determined by one of two calculation methods: the 36-month or 60-month calculation) |
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<td><strong>Vesting</strong>&lt;br&gt;You are immediately vested in your contributions. Five years of ORP participation are required to be fully vested in the University’s contributions. You may be immediately vested in the University’s contributions if you have an active contract (monies invested) in a qualified defined benefit or defined contribution retirement program with a college, university, higher education organization, or research organization located anywhere in the United States or in any country or territory other than the United States or with the Arizona State University Foundation, the Northern Arizona University Foundation, or the University of Arizona Foundation.&lt;br&gt;If you are employed in an ORP-eligible position for the first time after your initial employment date, without a break in continuous retirement eligible employment, and you previously participated in the ASRS, your credited years of service under the ASRS will be applied toward your vesting period in the ORP.&lt;br&gt;If prior to becoming vested in the ORP, you separate employment with all University employers, you will forfeit all non-vested University contributions up to the date of separation. If you are later rehired in an ORP-eligible position, and you select the ORP as your retirement plan, the years of credited service may be retained and applied toward your ORP vesting provided you have not commenced receiving benefits or withdrawn any portion of your contributions from your ORP account.</td>
<td>Vesting applies if you terminate ASRS membership. If you choose to withdraw your account balance, you are always 100% vested in your own contributions. The following applies to the University contributions:&lt;br&gt;For ASRS membership prior to July 1, 2011: A vesting schedule applies to your University contributions when your account balance is withdrawn upon termination of employment. Please visit the ASRS website at <a href="http://www.azasrs.gov">http://www.azasrs.gov</a> for this vesting schedule.&lt;br&gt;For ASRS membership on or after July 1, 2011: University contributions are forfeited when the account balance is withdrawn upon termination of employment. This does not apply if you are terminated due to a reduction in force or position elimination, in which case the ASRS vesting schedule will apply.</td>
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<td><strong>Health Benefits upon Retirement</strong>&lt;br&gt;Health and dental benefit plans are available through the Arizona Department of Administration or the ASRS upon retirement. There is no health insurance premium subsidy upon retirement.</td>
<td>Health and dental benefit plans are available through the Arizona Department of Administration or the ASRS upon retirement. A retiree health insurance premium subsidy is available if you have at least five years of credited service in the ASRS plan. The amount of the premium subsidy is based on your years of service. See the ASRS website for subsidy amounts.</td>
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<td><strong>Loans</strong>&lt;br&gt;No loans are available.</td>
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<td><strong>Long-Term Disability</strong>&lt;br&gt;Long-term disability (LTD) is insurance coverage that will pay you a monthly benefit when you are disabled and unable to work for an extended period of time, generally six months. LTD coverage will pay up to 66 2/3% of your first $15,000 of monthly pre-disability earnings, reduced by deductible income, during your disability. The cost of LTD coverage is paid by the University. This coverage is required as part of ORP participation.</td>
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<td><strong>Purchase of Service Credits</strong></td>
<td>Service credit purchases are not available. You may be eligible to buy service credit for certain types of forfeited or non-eligible years of service. You may also transfer credit from certain State of Arizona and Charter City Retirement Plans. Contact ASRS for additional information.</td>
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<td><strong>Retirement</strong></td>
<td>Normal retirement — Age 65 Phased Retirement Program • Age 62 (minimum) • Fully vested • Enter written agreement with University • Allows for reduced work hours • Phased retirement period can be no longer than three years Normal Retirement For ASRS membership prior to July 1, 2011: • Total years of credited service plus age equals 80 points; or • Age 62 plus ten years of credited service; or • Age 65 For ASRS members July 1, 2011, or after: • Age 55 plus 30 years of credited service; or • Age 60 plus 25 years of credited service; or • Age 62 plus 10 years of credited service; or • Age 65 Early Retirement At least age 50 with five years of credited service qualifies for reduced retirement benefits.</td>
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<td><strong>Distribution Options at Retirement</strong></td>
<td>The following distribution options may be available to ORP retirees: • Full or partial cash withdrawal • Systematic withdrawal • Interest-only payments • Minimum distribution payments • Lifetime annuity option • Life expectancy option The distribution options listed above may not be offered by all approved ORP investment companies. Distribution options should be reviewed with your ORP investment company well in advance of your retirement date. Not all distribution options will meet the requirements necessary for some retiree benefits. Contact your University Human Resources Office for additional information. The ASRS offers annuity and non-annuity options. The ASRS retirement annuity options listed below provide a monthly benefit for life. When you retire you may choose one of the following annuity options: • Straight Life Annuity • Life Annuity, 5 Year Certain • Life Annuity, 10 Year Certain • Life Annuity, 15 Year Certain • Joint and Survivor, 100% • Joint and Survivor, 66 2/3% • Joint and Survivor, 50% Alternatively, you may select from one of the following payment options that may not provide benefits for the rest of your life: • Partial Lump Sum Distribution • Level Income Alternative • Optional Premium Benefit Program</td>
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<td><strong>Distribution Options at Termination</strong></td>
<td>The following distribution options are available upon separation of employment from all Arizona University System employers: • Withdraw all or some of your vested funds; • Roll over your account to an IRA or another qualified retirement account; or • Leave retirement account invested for a future benefit. The following distribution options are available upon separation of employment from all ASRS employers: • Obtain a refund of the vested portion of your account; • Roll over pretax contributions to an IRA or another qualified retirement account; or • Leave retirement account invested with ASRS in an inactive membership status for a future benefit.</td>
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*Distributions may be subject to taxes and IRS penalties.*
Approved Providers

The Arizona University System offers two retirement plans—the ASRS and the ORP plans. You can select only one plan and you cannot change between the ASRS and ORP plans once you have chosen. This is an irrevocable election. The ORP offers a choice of two investment providers to maintain your account and invest your contributions. The providers are:

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Within the ORP you may contribute to only one provider at a time. You may change ORP providers once in a calendar year.

A summary of the investments and services offered by each ORP provider starts on page 11 of this brochure. These summaries were prepared by the applicable ORP provider.
Investments

Both of the Arizona University System approved ORP providers offer a wide variety of investment products. For your convenience, we have categorized your options into tiers, below.

- **Tier 1: Lifecycle options**
  These are mutual funds designed for investors who want a simple yet diversified approach to investing. They are professionally managed. Lifecycle funds have asset allocations that generally become more conservative as they approach their target retirement date. The fund manager periodically rebalances the fund's assets to keep the fund in line with the target asset allocation.

- **Tier 2: Core investment options**
  This tier includes a limited menu of mutual funds that invest primarily in the three major asset classes (stocks, bonds, and short-term investments). You may want to consider these options if you are comfortable diversifying your investments on your own or with the assistance of an outside investment advisor and/or asset allocation tools.

- **Tier 3: Self-directed brokerage and annuity options**
  This tier offers you access to thousands of additional mutual funds, and ETFs. BrokerageLink® includes investments beyond those in your plan’s lineup. The plan fiduciary neither evaluates nor monitors the investments available through BrokerageLink®. It is your responsibility to ensure that the investments you select are suitable for your situation, including your goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance. See the fact sheet and commission schedule for applicable fees and risks. You may find that Tier 1 or 2 investment options may be more appropriate for you. There are some restrictions and additional fees for this type of account.

**Need help choosing an investment mix?**
Both providers have representatives who can meet with you to help you choose investments for your retirement portfolio. In addition, your chosen provider’s website offers online planning tools to help you manage and track your portfolio on your own. To schedule a consultation, contact your provider directly.
How to Enroll

Choose between the ORP and the ASRS plan.

### ORP Enrollment
There are two easy steps to enroll.

1. Open an account with Fidelity Investments or TIAA-CREF and select your investment allocations.
   - **Fidelity Investments:** Visit [www.netbenefits.com/aus](http://www.netbenefits.com/aus)
   - **TIAA-CREF:** Visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona) (access codes:
     - ASU — AZQ190
     - ABOR — AZQ19A
     - U of A — AZQ192
     - NAU — AZQ193)

2. Enroll with your University.
   - **Arizona State University** — Visit [http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets](http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets) for enrollment information and instructions
   - **Northern Arizona University** — Visit [http://nau.edu/human-resources/](http://nau.edu/human-resources/) and select Benefits > Retirement > Primary Retirement Plans > Make your primary retirement plan election
   - **University of Arizona** — Visit [http://uaccess.arizona.edu/](http://uaccess.arizona.edu/) and select Employee/Manager Self Service > Self Service > Benefits > Benefits Enrollment
   - **Arizona Board of Regents Office** — Visit [http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets](http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets) for enrollment information and instructions

The first deduction will be the pay period following completion of enrollment and may include catch-up deductions.

Note: You must complete both steps within 30 calendar days of your hire/eligibility date to be enrolled in the ORP. If you do not complete all the steps prior to the end of your 30-day election window, you will forfeit your option to choose and be automatically enrolled in the Arizona State Retirement System.

### Manage Your Investments Directly through Your ORP Provider
Once you have enrolled, you will manage your account directly through your chosen provider.

You will have direct online access to your account information and a toll-free number where you can speak with a representative.

### ASRS Enrollment
There are two easy steps to enroll.

1. Enroll in the ASRS plan online at [www.azasrs.gov/web/EnrollOnline.do](http://www.azasrs.gov/web/EnrollOnline.do)
   - Codes:
     - **Arizona State University** — 2C700039
     - **Northern Arizona University** — 4UQ00059
     - **University of Arizona** — 69V00040
     - **Arizona Board of Regents Office** — 50A00074

2. Enroll with your University.
   - **Arizona State University** — Visit [http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets](http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets) for enrollment information and instructions
   - **Northern Arizona University** — Visit [http://nau.edu/human-resources/](http://nau.edu/human-resources/) and select Benefits > Retirement > Primary Retirement Plans > Make your primary retirement plan election
   - **University of Arizona** — Visit UAccess Employee at [http://uaccess.arizona.edu/](http://uaccess.arizona.edu/) and select Employee/Manager Self Service > Self Service > Benefits > Benefits Enrollment
   - **Arizona Board of Regents Office** — Visit [http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets](http://cfo.asu.edu/hr-enrollmentpackets) for enrollment information and instructions

Deductions will begin the pay period following the 182-day waiting period for non-ASRS members, or immediately for ASRS members with an active account. The waiting period begins on your hire/eligibility date.

Remember, your selection must be completed within the 30-calendar-day election period. Your election or default election is irrevocable for the duration of your continuous employment with the Arizona University System. If you need assistance with enrollment, please contact your Human Resources Office.
ORP Provider Fact Sheets

The pages that follow give additional information about each approved provider offering products and services for the Optional Retirement Plan.

You’ll manage your account directly through the provider once you’ve enrolled. If you have any questions about the enrollment process or the available investment options, you can contact the provider directly. You’ll find information about the following providers on the pages listed below:

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Each provider is solely responsible for the content on its applicable pages and does not assume any responsibility or liability for the content supplied by any other provider.
Fidelity Investments

Choose a retirement leader to help you make the most of your workplace savings.

If you’re like most people, you want your hard-earned retirement savings to be in good hands. Fidelity Investments is one of the world’s largest providers of financial services. Take advantage of our experience to help you build a more rewarding future.

Service excellence you can count on.
Chances are, you already know Fidelity by reputation. Founded in 1946, Fidelity has always been committed to accuracy, top technologies, and the highest ethical standards. A relationship with us means you can count on accurate statements and information, as well as timely assistance with your questions.

Experience to meet your needs.
Fidelity Investments is the No. 1 provider of workplace retirement savings plans in the U.S.¹ and we bring this experience to help you manage your priorities at every stage of your life. Because we service plans for thousands of tax-exempt organizations, we understand how employees like you can make the most of your retirement program.

Guidance how and when you need it.
To help you make knowledgeable and confident decisions about your money, Fidelity offers a broad range of guidance including:

• Portfolio reviews at your workplace
• Help with bringing multiple accounts together in one place*

*Be sure to consider all your available options and the applicable fees and features of each before moving your retirement assets.

Guidance provided by Fidelity through portfolio reviews is educational in nature, is not individualized, and is not intended to serve as the primary basis for your investment or tax-planning decisions.

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Visit http://enrollonline.fidelity.com (67444)
You must also enroll with the University.

Let Fidelity help you today.
Call: 1-800-343-0860
Visit: www.netbenefits.com/aus
Schedule an in-person consultation:
1-800-642-7131 or visit www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations

¹This statement is based on the results of a combination of independent media surveys. Fidelity ranked first in DC assets under administration as of September 30, 2014 by Pensions & Investments Defined Contribution Record Keepers Survey, first in total recordkeeping assets and participants as of December 31, 2014, by PLANSPONSOR in its annual Defined Contribution Recordkeepers Survey and first in DC assets recordkept as of December 31, 2013, in Cerulli Associates Quantitative Update Retirement Markets 2014.
Your Fidelity Investment Options

Before investing in any mutual fund, consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses. Contact Fidelity for a prospectus or, if available, a summary prospectus containing this information. Read it carefully.

By investing your ORP contributions at Fidelity, you have access to a variety of investment options, all categorized in an easy-to-understand format:

- **Tier 1: Lifecycle**—Choose a fund based on your expected retirement date using your current age and assuming a normal retirement age of 65
- **Tier 2: Core Investments**—Concise menu of mutual, stock, and other funds representing the primary asset classes (stocks, bonds, short-term instruments)
- **Tier 3: Self-Directed Brokerage**—Broad access to thousands of mutual fund products

For more information about the complete menu of investments in your plan, please visit [www.netbenefits.com/aus](http://www.netbenefits.com/aus) or call 1-800-343-0860.

**Tier 1: Lifecycle Investments**

T. Rowe Price Retirement Funds are designed for investors expecting to retire around the year indicated in each fund’s name. Except for the T. Rowe Price Retirement Balanced Fund, each fund’s asset allocation strategy becomes increasingly conservative as it approaches the target date and beyond. The investment risk of each T. Rowe Price Retirement Fund changes over time as the funds’ asset allocations change. The funds are subject to the volatility of the financial markets, including equity and fixed income investments in the U.S. and abroad, and may be subject to risks associated with investing in high-yield, small-cap, commodity-linked, and foreign securities. Principal invested is not guaranteed at any time, including at or after the target dates.

T. Rowe Price Retirement Balanced Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund  
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund
Tier 2: Core Investments
Calvert Equity Portfolio Class I
Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital SMID-Cap Fund Class I
Fidelity® Diversified International Fund—Class K
GMO International Equity Allocation Series Fund Class R6
Large Cap Stock Fund
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund Class Institutional
Principal Diversified Real Asset Fund Institutional Class
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund—Institutional Shares
Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund Class C

Tier 3: Specialty Options: Fidelity BrokerageLink®
Fidelity BrokerageLink® combines the convenience of your workplace retirement plan with the additional flexibility of a brokerage account. It gives you expanded investment choices.

BrokerageLink® includes investments beyond those in your plan’s lineup. The plan fiduciary neither evaluates nor monitors the investments available through BrokerageLink®. It is your responsibility to ensure that the investments you select are suitable for your situation, including your goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance. See the fact sheet and commission schedule for applicable fees and risks.

For more information on BrokerageLink® and to obtain a Self-Directed BrokerageLink Kit, call Fidelity Investments at 1-800-343-0860, Monday through Friday (excluding New York Stock Exchange holidays), between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. Pacific time, to speak with a Service Center Representative. The BrokerageLink kit will contain the necessary forms and information to help you set up your BrokerageLink account.
TIAA-CREF

Our mission is clear: To serve those who serve others

TIAA-CREF is a full-service financial services organization that for nearly 100 years has dedicated itself to helping those in the academic, medical, cultural, and research fields to plan for and live in retirement. We do this with a full array of financial products and services to help our participants live to and through retirement and to invest for life’s other goals along the way.

TIAA-CREF offers the following advantages:

- **Investment experience**: We have nearly 100 years of experience in investing for our participants’ retirement and other financial goals.
- **Financial strength**: TIAA is one of only three insurance groups in the U.S. currently awarded the highest ratings from three of the four leading insurance company rating agencies.¹
- **Broad array of other investment products**: In addition to our retirement savings accounts, we offer a full range of other investment products and services, including mutual funds, brokerage services, and education savings.

Open an Account with TIAA-CREF

Visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona) (access codes: ASU—AZQ190; ABOR—AZQ19A; U of A—AZQ192; NAU—AZQ193)

You must also enroll with the University.

How to contact TIAA-CREF

Call: 800 842-2252
Visit: [www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona)
Schedule an in-person consultation: Call: 866 548-3705

¹For its stability, claims-paying ability, and overall financial strength, TIAA is one of only three insurance groups in the United States to currently hold the highest possible rating from three of the four leading insurance company rating agencies: A.M. Best (A++ as of 9/14), Fitch (AAA as of 10/14), and Standard & Poor’s (AA+ as of 10/14). It currently holds the second-highest possible rating from Moody’s Investors Service (Aa1 as of 10/14). Per S&P criteria, the downgrade of U.S. long-term government debt limits the highest rating of U.S. insurers to AA+ (the second-highest rating available). There is no guarantee that current ratings will be maintained. Ratings represent a company’s ability to meet policyholders’ obligations and do not apply to variable annuities, mutual funds, or any other product or service not fully backed by TIAA’s claims-paying ability.
Your TIAA-CREF Investment Options

By investing your ORP contributions at TIAA-CREF, you have access to a variety of investment options, all categorized in an easy-to-understand format:

- **Tier 1**: Lifecycle—Choose a fund based on your expected retirement date
- **Tier 2**: Core Investments—Concise menu of mutual funds representing the primary asset classes (stocks, bonds, short-term instruments)
- **Tier 3**: Self-Directed Brokerage and annuity accounts—Broad access to thousands of mutual fund products. Designed for more active investors who can evaluate investments on their own.

For more information about the complete menu of investments in your plan, please visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona) or call 800-842-2252.

**Tier 1: Lifecycle Investments**

- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Active Trust
- T. Rowe Price Retirement Balanced Active Trust

Note: The T. Rowe Price Retirement Active Trust (the “Trust”) is not a mutual fund. It is a common trust fund established by T. Rowe Price Trust Company, and the units are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933. Investments in the Trust are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the U.S. government or its agencies, or T. Rowe Price Trust Company, and are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal. For additional information call 877 804-2315 or visit [www.troweprice.com](http://www.troweprice.com).

**Tier 2: Core Investments**

- American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund R6 Shares
- Calvert Equity Portfolio
- Eaton Vance Atlanta SMID Cap Fund I
- Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares
- **Large Cap Stock Fund***
  - 33.3% Vanguard Windsor II
  - 33.3% American Funds Fundamental Investors R6
  - 33.3% T. Rowe Price Growth Stock
- Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund
- Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund
- Principal Diversified Real Estate Fund
- Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund E
Tier 3: Self-Directed Brokerage and Annuities

TIAA-CREF Self-Directed Brokerage

TIAA Traditional Annuity

CREF Stock account R3 (Variable Annuity)

TIAA-CREF’s Self-Directed Brokerage Account provides a wide range of fund families, including some 1,200 mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). An ETF is a fund that tracks an index like an index fund, but trades like a stock on an exchange, thus experiencing price changes throughout the day as it is bought and sold.

If you open a brokerage account, you will be charged a commission on all transactions and other account-related fees in accordance with the TIAA-CREF Commission and Fee Schedule. Please review the TIAA-CREF Brokerage Account Customer Agreement using the following link: www.tiaa-cref.org/public/pdf/forms/SDA_Customer_Account_Agreement.pdf. The Agreement contains important information about the brokerage account as well as the TIAA-CREF Commission and Fee Schedule. Other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the funds are described in the fund’s current prospectus. Please note: Advice is not provided on brokerage assets.

Holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the Fund’s current or future investments.

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Understanding Fees and Expenses

The following information provides a basic overview of ORP fees and expenses. It is not intended to be a substitute for the guidance of a retirement plan investment professional.

Fees and expenses vary among investment providers and investments. An informed participant in a defined contribution plan reviews these costs as a routine part of managing a retirement account. The fund prospectus and the investment provider’s online materials offer significant information to help you in this review.

Generally, these costs are not itemized on your statement, and are deducted from your investment account before returns (loss or gain) are posted to it.

Plan Administration
The daily operation of a retirement plan involves expenses for basic administrative services, such as recordkeeping (account activity) and custodial (establishing and maintaining the plan) fees. Investment providers may charge an asset-based fee, a percentage of your total assets the company manages for you. The ORP has been designed to minimize these fees.

Mutual Funds
Mutual funds may charge a front-end load (sales charge on your fund purchase), a back-end load/redemption fee (sales charge on your fund sale), and in-service transfer fees (transferring assets between different approved investment providers). Mutual funds also may charge 12b-1 fees, which are defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and are ongoing fees paid out of your assets to pay sales commissions, advertising, and other promotional costs.

Variable Annuities
A variable annuity is an insurance product that is funded by variable investments. Variable annuities may carry insurance-related charges, including the insurance component, mortality risk charges, and the cost of issuing and administering contracts. An insurance company may charge withdrawal/surrender and transfer fees when a participant terminates a contract or makes a withdrawal before the contract term expires.

Basis Points (BPs)
Basis points are used in calculating the costs (such as expense ratios, administrative fees, etc.) for a financial instrument. Basis points may also be used to indicate the change in the value of a financial instrument. A basis point is a unit equal to 1/100th of 1%.

The relationship between costs or percentage changes and basis points can be summarized as follows: Example: 0.01% cost = 1 basis point or 1% change = 100 basis points.
Before you purchase shares of any mutual fund, make sure you are equipped with information about that fund’s goals, strategies, fees, expenses, and level of risk. This information and more is available to you in a single document—the fund prospectus.

It’s no secret that the size of a prospectus and the type of information inside can be hard to tackle. But don’t be too overwhelmed. Here is a brief overview of a prospectus, why it is important, and the items you may want to carefully review. It is recommended that you review the full prospectus before making an investment decision.

Know the Basics
A prospectus is a formal document, required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), that describes the details of a fund. The prospectus is a legally binding contract between the fund and the fund holder. It’s easy to get lost in the legal jargon and miss the information that matters most.

• **Investment objectives.** The prospectus outlines the fund’s goals and it describes the types of securities the fund will purchase in order to achieve its goals. With this information, you can determine whether the fund is in line with your personal investment strategy.

• **Level of risk.** This section assesses the risks associated with the securities a fund holds. This information will help you determine if you are comfortable with these risks.

• **Cost of the fund.** This section is extremely important to consider because fees and expenses reduce your total investment return. In this section of the prospectus, you will find information on any sales load charges, 12b-1 fees, and the expense ratios.

• **Past performance.** The prospectus reports the fund’s performance for the past 10 years, or since its inception date if the fund is less than 10 years old. This information can be used to compare the fund’s performance with that of its index. The fund’s past performance is no guarantee of future results.

• **Fund management.** The prospectus provides information about the current fund manager’s investment strategy. You may consider how the fund’s management will affect fees and returns, the length of time the fund manager has been managing the fund, and how long the fund has been in operation.

• **Withdrawal, transfer, and distribution restrictions.** Some funds may impose restrictions on transfers, withdrawals, and distributions. These restrictions are disclosed in the prospectus.
New Eligibility and Enrollment

1. Q. How long do I have to elect participation in the ORP or ASRS?
   A. You have 30 days from the date you are notified of your eligibility to make your irrevocable election. Generally, this is 30 days from your initial employment date with the Arizona University System. If you are employed in an ORP-eligible position for the first time after your initial employment date, the 30-day election period begins on the day you are notified of your eligibility.

2. Q. What happens if I don’t make an election within the 30-day period?
   A. You forfeit your option to choose and you will automatically be enrolled in the ASRS plan. This is an irrevocable default election that you cannot change while continuously employed with the Arizona University System.

3. Q. Where may I obtain additional information about the ASRS plan and the ORP?
   A. Arizona State Retirement System:
      [www.azasrs.gov](http://www.azasrs.gov)
      Phoenix 602-240-2000
      Tucson 520-239-3100
      Outside the Phoenix or Tucson area 800-621-3778

   ORP:
   Fidelity Investments
   [www.netbenefits.com/aus](http://www.netbenefits.com/aus) (plan number 67444)
   Retirement Services Representative 800-343-0860
   Schedule a consultation 800-642-7131

   TIAA-CREF
   [www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/arizona)
   (access codes: ASU—AZQ190; NAU—AZQ193; UA—AZQ192; ABOR—AZQ19A)
   National Contact Center 800-842-2252
   Schedule a consultation 866-548-3705

   IMPORTANT NOTE:
   Opening an account with an ORP provider DOES NOT satisfy all the requirements for election of the ORP. You must also elect the ORP with your University.

4. Q. If I become dissatisfied with the retirement plan (ASRS and ORP) I am participating in, can I change to the other one?
   A. No. You have 30 calendar days from the date you are notified of your eligibility to make your irrevocable retirement election. Your election is irrevocable for as long as you remain in an ORP-eligible position with the Arizona University System.
5. **Q.** Are the ORP providers on the list the same?
   
   **A.** Both providers have their own individual strengths. You have the opportunity to select the one that most closely meets your individual investment goals and service needs. The information included in this guide is provided to assist you in making your choice. The choice of which ORP provider you select is totally yours.

6. **Q.** Am I responsible for making sure the ORP provider or investment allocations I select perform well?
   
   **A.** You have the ultimate responsibility for monitoring your ORP investment performance. The ORP providers offer you resources to assist you with your investment decisions. You may choose to obtain advice through an independent financial advisor, but may pay additional fees for this service.

7. **Q.** I have investments with a company that is not an approved ORP provider. May I direct my ORP contributions or account balance to this company?
   
   **A.** No. As long as you are employed with the Arizona University System, you may direct ORP contributions only to an approved ORP provider.

8. **Q.** May I select more than one ORP provider and thereby “split” my payroll contributions?
   
   **A.** No. You may direct your current payroll deductions to only one ORP provider at a time.

9. **Q.** Can I withdraw my funds at any time?
   
   **A.** No. Funds can only be withdrawn by ORP Phased Retirement Program participants or those who have separated from employment with all employers under the Plan.

**Current ORP Participant**

1. **Q.** May I change ORP providers any time I wish?
   
   **A.** No. You may change ORP providers once in a calendar year. Changes may only be made to one of the two approved ORP providers. To redirect current contributions, you must complete the University Retirement Plan Election change form (paper or electronic) and set up your new account online for the ORP provider of your choice. You may transfer your account balance to your new provider although some restrictions may apply. Contact your provider for more information.

2. **Q.** My position is based on the academic year and I don’t qualify for immediate vesting. Will I be vested after five years of participation or five academic years?
   
   **A.** You would be vested at the conclusion of the fifth year of your academic contract.

3. **Q.** What happens to the ORP contributions the University is making on my behalf prior to my vesting date?
   
   **A.** The University contributions are held in trust and invested by the University until you are fully vested, at which time the University contributions and related interest are transferred in a lump sum to the ORP provider you have selected for your current payroll deductions. If you terminate your employment with the Arizona University System prior to your vesting date, you will forfeit the University contributions and related interest.
4. Q. May I borrow money by using my ORP account as collateral?
   A. No. Funds in your ORP account are not available for withdrawal until your Arizona University System employment is terminated, your retirement date, or your death. A lending organization will not consider your ORP account as collateral since the funds are not available for loans.

5. Q. May I direct future contributions to one of the approved ORP providers without transferring funds held by my present company?
   A. Yes. You may keep funds invested with your current approved ORP provider even if you want to direct future payroll contributions to another approved ORP provider.

6. Q. I am recently divorced and have a Domestic Relations Order (DRO) to be processed. Whom should I contact?
   A. Contact the ORP provider(s) holding your ORP account balance(s).

7. Q. I have returned to work after being called to active military duty. I am interested in making up the contributions I missed while on unpaid military leave from my job at the University. May I do this?
   A. Yes. Under the provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), you have the right to make after-tax contributions to the ORP to make up the 7% of compensation contributions that you would have made during the period of your unpaid military leave. The make-up contributions must be made during the grace period, which begins on the date of your reemployment and ends at the earlier of (1) three times the period of your military leave or (2) five years.

8. Q. Will the University match my unpaid military leave make-up contributions?
   A. Yes. The University is obligated to match the contributions you choose to make up for unpaid military service. The matching contributions will be in the same amount and will be made at the same time that you make your contributions, provided that the University contributions do not exceed the contributions that would have been required to be made during your period of military leave.

9. Q. Will the time I was on unpaid military leave count toward my five-year vesting period?
   A. Yes. Upon your reemployment, the length of time you were on unpaid military leave will be credited toward your ORP vesting time whether or not you choose to pay any make-up employee contributions to the ORP.

10. Q. May I make up contributions upon returning from an unpaid leave of absence?
    A. No, with the exception of unpaid military leave, as explained in question 7 above.

11. Q. May I take a loan from my ORP account?
    A. No. Loans are not available in the ORP.

12. Q. I have a retirement account with a former employer. May I rollover these funds into my ORP account?
    A. You may be able to rollover the account into your ORP account. Contact your current ORP provider to discuss your options.
13. Q. May I move any portion of my account balance from one approved ORP provider to another approved ORP provider without changing my payroll election?
   A. Yes. You may move any portion of your ORP account balance from one approved ORP provider to another within the limitations of your provider and investment selections. This transfer will not affect your current payroll election.

14. Q. May I withdraw my ORP funds when I transfer from one university to another university within the Arizona Universities?
   A. No. For purposes of withdrawals, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, The University of Arizona, and the Arizona Board of Regents System Office are considered one employer.

Phased Retirement

1. Q. What is the Phased Retirement Program?
   A. The Phased Retirement Program enables eligible ORP participants to reduce their workload and hours while remaining employed for a period no longer than three years, and to concurrently take distributions from their ORP account. This is a voluntary program that is subject to negotiation and approval by your dean/vice president.

2. Q. Who is eligible to participate in the Phased Retirement Program?
   A. This program is available to contributing ORP participants who:
      • Are at least 62 years old; and
      • Are fully vested in the ORP; and
      • Sign the irrevocable written Phased Retirement Agreement with the University.

3. Q. May the terms of an executed Phased Retirement Agreement be changed?
   A. Generally, the terms of a phased retirement agreement are irrevocable. However, if a participant and his or her dean/vice president mutually agree to accelerate retirement or amend the reduced work schedule, the agreement may be altered. This allows for unforeseen circumstances such as a change in health or ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the negotiated phased retirement period.

4. Q. How do phased retirement participants begin withdrawing from their ORP account?
   A. Submit your investment company withdrawal paperwork to your Human Resources office for signature. Allow at least 15 business days for your paperwork to be processed by your Human Resources Office. You may then contact your provider to begin withdrawals. It normally takes up to 15 business days for your distribution to be processed.
   
   Contact information:
   Fidelity Investments — 800-343-0860
   TIAA-CREF — 800-842-2252
Frequently Asked Questions CONTINUED

5. **Q.** Do I have to participate in the ORP during my phased retirement period?
   **A.** Yes, you have to participate if time worked is 50% (20 hours/week) or greater. Both employee and employer contributions continue until your retirement date in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes 15-1628C. Employee and employer contributions will be based on your reduced salary.

6. **Q.** Am I allowed to return to work after the phased retirement period ends?
   **A.** There is no guarantee of future employment after your formal retirement date; however, the program allows participants to return to work when the phased retirement period is over. This program has been designed to help you transition into retirement; therefore, you are not eligible for tenure or continuing status if you do return to work.

Ending employment with the Arizona University System

1. **Q.** If I retire under the ORP, may I return to work at a later date within the Arizona University System?
   **A.** Yes. However, at the time of your retirement, you may not have a prearranged verbal or written agreement to return to work. If you return to an ORP-eligible position within the Arizona University System, you may have a new retirement election period and may make a new retirement plan election to participate in the ORP or ASRS. Prior to accepting a reemployment offer, you are advised to speak with the hiring University’s Human Resources Office. Returning to work after your retirement may have an effect on retirement benefits you are receiving from your ORP account and other retiree benefits for which you are currently eligible.

2. **Q.** When I leave the Arizona University System, may I take my ORP retirement contributions in a lump sum?
   **A.** Yes. Upon separation of service from the Arizona University System, you may withdraw any or all of your ORP account. Distributions may be restricted based on your investment choices and restrictions imposed by your ORP provider. Upon taking a full distribution from the ORP, you will forfeit your rights to any future retirement benefits under the plan. The distribution will be subject to federal and state income tax, and it may also be subject to IRS early withdrawal penalties if not rolled over to another eligible plan.

3. **Q.** Will I lose the University’s contributions if I leave the University System prior to my vesting date?
   **A.** Yes, the University’s contributions will be made available to you only after you have reached your vesting date.

For more information on ASRS, please refer to the website at www.azasrs.gov.
Glossary of Investment Terms

12b-1 Fees
Ongoing fees paid out of fund assets that may be used to pay commissions to brokers or other salespersons, to pay costs of promoting the funds, and to pay for advertising, including the printing and mailing of prospectuses.

Administrative Expenses
The cost of operating the plan, including, but not limited to, marketing expenses. This expense is usually subtracted prior to the calculation of the fund performance.

Advisory Service Fee
The fee charged by an investment company for online, in-person, and/or third-party investment guidance.

Annuity
A type of contract usually issued by an insurance company that provides income for a specified period of time or for the remainder of the holder’s life.

Asset-Based Fee
Administration fee charged by an investment company based on the assets in the participant’s account at a given point in time.

Balanced Fund
A fund that provides total return by investing in a combination of equity and fixed-income securities.

Basis Point (BP)
A basis point is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1%, and is commonly used to express the change in a financial instrument.

Bond
A debt investment with which the investor loans money to an entity (company or government) that borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a specified interest rate.

Capital
Assets of a business. Also refers to claims on the corporation’s assets represented by its outstanding securities.

Capital Growth
Increase in market value of securities.

Cash Equivalent

Commercial Paper
Short-term, unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations to finance short-term credit needs.

Common Stock
A security representing ownership of a corporation’s assets.

Common Stock Premium
Percentage above asset value at which the stock sells.

Conversion
The exchange of a convertible type of asset into another type of asset, usually at the predetermined price, on or before a predetermined date. The conversion feature is a derivative and is valued separately from the underlying security and added to the overall value of the security.

Custodial Fee
A fee charged annually and used to establish and maintain the plan.

Custodian
Bank or trust company holding all securities and cash owned by an investment company.

Debenture
Bond secured only by the general credit of a corporation.

Deferred Sales Charge (Back-End Fee or Load)
Fee charged at the time the fund is sold. The rates are usually calculated on a declining scale based on the length of time the funds have been held.

Deferred Variable Annuity
Insurance contract providing for variable annuity payments to commence at some future date based on stocks or a fluctuating bond portfolio.
Glossary of Investment Terms CONTINUED

**Defined Benefit Plan**
A retirement plan that provides a benefit based on a formula. Example: Years of Service x Multiplier Factor x Average Salary = Benefit.

**Defined Contribution Plan**
A retirement plan that provides a benefit based on account balance at the time of retirement. During the years of employment, the employee makes payments (contributions) of a specific amount.

**Distribution**
A removal of assets from a retirement account that is paid to the retirement account owner or beneficiary.

**Dividend**
Distribution of a portion of a company's earnings, decided by the board of directors, to a class of its shareholders.

**Earnings**
Per common share equals net income after all charges, divided by number of common shares outstanding.

**Equity**
Stock or any other security representing an ownership interest.

**Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF)**
A fund that is similar to an index fund in that it will invest primarily in securities that are included in a particular market index.

**Expense Ratio**
Percentage of total fund assets used to cover expenses associated with the operation of a mutual fund.

**Fixed Annuity**
Insurance contract guaranteeing the owner/beneficiary a specified monthly amount, even if the insured outlives his or her life expectancy.

**Fixed-Income Fund**
A fund that seeks current income and preservation of capital with slightly higher risk levels compared with stable value funds.

**Front-End Fee (Sales Charge or Load)**
Fee charged at the time the fund is purchased.

**Global Equity Fund**
A fund that seeks capital appreciation primarily in equities of issuers located around the world, including the United States.

**Growth Stock**
Stock that is intended to show better-than-average growth in earnings and whose growth is expected to continue.

**Income**
Gross income is the total amount of dividends, interest, etc. (but not capital gains), before deduction of expenses. Net income is the balance after deduction of expenses, fixed charges, and taxes.

**Income Fund**
A fund that seeks current income as the primary objective.

**Index Fund**
A type of mutual fund whose objective is to achieve the same return as a certain market index, such as the S&P 500® Index.

**International Equity Fund**
A fund that seeks capital appreciation through investment, primarily in equities, of issuers located outside the United States.

**Joint and Survivor Option**
A type of annuity that makes payments for the lifetime of two or more beneficiaries.

**Large Cap Blend Fund**
A fund that provides long-term growth of capital by investing in large capitalization portfolios that may invest in value-oriented and growth-oriented equities.

**Large Cap Growth Fund**
A fund that provides long-term growth of capital by investing in large capitalization portfolios that primarily invest in growth-oriented equities.
Large Cap Value Fund
A fund that provides long-term growth of capital by investing in equities believed to be trading below their fundamental worth.

Lifecycle Fund
A fund that seeks total return in a combination of equities and bonds. Generally, the level of risk is based on a retirement date, and funds with a date further in the future carry a higher risk.

Life Expectancy Option
A payout option available at termination of employment at an age earlier than the minimum distribution age. The payment is calculated by dividing the accumulation by the life expectancy of the individual. Life expectancy may incorporate a second person and is recalculated on an annual basis.

Lifetime Annuity
Monthly payments for the life of the owner, regardless of how long he or she lives.

Liquid
Easily converted into cash or exchangeable for other values.

Load
Sales charge paid by the investor.

Management Company
Organization that, directly or through subsidiaries, provides management and/or distribution facilities for mutual funds.

Management Fee
Payment made to an investment company for the supervision of its portfolio. Also known as investment management fee.

Mid-Cap Blend Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in medium-capitalization portfolios that may invest in value-oriented and growth-oriented equities.

Mid-Cap Growth Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in medium-capitalization portfolios that invest in stocks believed to have above-average potential for growth.

Mid-Cap Value Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in medium-capitalization stocks believed to be trading below their fundamental worth.

Minimum Distribution Age
The age at which the IRS requires the beginning of tax-deferred accumulation distributions. The distribution must begin by April 1 of the calendar year following the year in which the participant turns 70½, retires, or separates from service, whichever is later.

Minimum Distribution Payment
A payout option available at the minimum distribution age, 70½, and after termination of employment. This payment is calculated by dividing the accumulation by the life expectancy of the individual. Life expectancy may incorporate a second person and is recalculated on an annual basis.

Money Market Fund
A fund that seeks to invest in fixed-income securities with little or no risk. Funds in this category typically invest in Treasury bills, commercial paper, banker’s acceptances, negotiable certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, and short-term debts of U.S. government agencies.

Mutual Fund
A fund that is an open-end investment that invests money of its shareholders in a usually diversified group of securities of other corporations.

Net Asset Value
The total value of the fund’s portfolio less liabilities, usually calculated on a daily basis.

No-Load Fund
A mutual fund or annuity that does not assess a sales charge.
Glossary of Investment Terms CONTINUED

Portfolio
The group of assets, such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, held by an investor.

Preferred Stock
A stock entitled to receive earnings and assets before common stock is entitled to receive earnings and assets.

Proprietary Fund
Generally, a mutual fund made available exclusively by the issuing investment company.

Prospectus
An official document describing the shares of a security issue. Applies to mutual funds, variable annuities, and closed-end companies only when new capital is raised. It must be supplied to each investor.

Redemption Fee
A fee charged by some funds to shareholders when they sell their shares. Although a redemption fee is deducted from redemption proceeds just like a deferred sales load, it is not considered to be a sales load. A redemption fee is typically used to defray fund costs associated with a shareholder’s redemption and is paid directly to the fund.

Reinvestment Privilege
Special service offered by most mutual funds through which dividends from investment income may be invested automatically in additional full and fractional shares.

Rollover
A method of transferring tax-deferred funds from one tax-deferred program to another. The funds remain tax deferred.

Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDBA)
Investment option that allows the participant more control over the investments selected. This option makes thousands of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds available for investment.

Short-Term Trading Fee
A fee that is charged for holding funds for a short period of time, often less than 30 days.

Small Cap Blend Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in small capitalization portfolios that may invest in value-oriented and growth-oriented equities.

Small Cap Growth Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in small capitalization portfolios that invest in stocks believed to have above-average potential for growth.

Small Cap Value Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in medium-capitalization stocks believed to be trading below their fundamental worth.

Socially Responsible Equity Fund
A fund that seeks capital appreciation by investing in companies and industries identified for having qualities that meet certain “socially responsible” criteria. Funds in this category typically do not invest in companies engaged in the production of tobacco, weapons, nuclear energy, and other products deemed to be hazardous to the greater society.

Stable Value Fund
A fund that seeks to invest in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities and investment contracts through a strategy to achieve returns in excess of money market rates, but with low levels of risk.

Standard & Poor’s (S&P) 500 Index Fund
A fund that seeks to provide long-term growth of capital by approximating the return and risk profile of the S&P 500® Index.

Stock
A type of security that signifies ownership in a corporation and represents a claim on part of the corporation’s assets and earnings.

Straight Life Annuity
An insurance product that makes periodic payments to the annuitant until his or her death, at which point the payments stop completely. These products do not allow annuitants to designate a beneficiary.
Surrender or Withdrawal Charge
(Back-End Load)
A fee charged at the time the fund is sold. The rates are usually calculated on a declining scale based on the length of time the funds have been in the account.

Systematic Withdrawal
A payment option that allows the recipient to designate the payment amount to be received and the frequency of the payments.

Tax-Free Exchange Fund
A fund held by an investment company organized to permit investors holding individual securities, selling at appreciated prices, to exchange such securities for the shares of the fund without payment of capital gains tax.

Tier 1 (ORP-specific term)
Lifecycle funds are offered in this tier. They have asset allocations that generally become more conservative as they approach their target retirement date.

Tier 2 (ORP-specific term)
A variety of investment options selected by the investment provider.

Tier 3 (ORP-specific term)
The Annuity account or Self-Directed Brokerage Account investment option. The Brokerage account allows the participant more control over the investments selected. This option makes thousands of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds available for investment.

Total Return
The actual rate of return of an investment or a pool of investments over a given evaluation period. Total return includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and distributions realized over a given period of time.

Treasury Bill
Non-interest-bearing discount security issued by the U.S. Treasury to finance the national debt.

U.S. Government Securities
Bills, notes, and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury at a discount.

U.S. Treasury Bond Fund
A marketable, fixed-interest U.S. government debt security with a maturity over 10 years.

Variable Annuity
An annuity contract under which payments are not fixed but fluctuate with common stock or bond prices.

Vested/Vesting
The process by which employees accrue nonforfeitable rights over employer contributions that are made to the employee’s qualified retirement plan account.

Volatility
The relative rate at which a security or fund share tends to move up or down in price.

Yield
Income received from an investment, expressed as a percentage of market price.

Yield to Maturity
Rate of return on a debt security held to maturity. Both interest and capital gains/losses are included.
Keep in mind that investing involves risk. The value of your investment will fluctuate over time and you may gain or lose money.

The Arizona University System and the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) providers prepared the information contained in this guide. It is intended to provide a brief overview of the plan and summary of services provided by the approved ORP providers. The ORP plan is further defined in applicable federal and state statues and regulations. Benefits derived from the ORP are dependent upon certain factors beyond the control and jurisdiction of the Arizona University System. Liability for benefits to be obtained through participation in the ORP plan rests solely with the participant.

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