**The University of Louisiana at Monroe**

**Sabbatical Guidelines**

Sabbatical leave may be granted to a faculty member to pursue independent study and research or for renewal. Compensation for the leave period is usually at the rate of seventy-five percent (75%) of the salary the individual would normally receive during the period of time the sabbatical leave is granted. Individuals shall contribute to the retirement system on the basis of their annual salary rate during the sabbatical leave period. In those cases where the employee receives outside compensation during the period of time for which sabbatical leave is granted, such payment must be approved in writing, in advance, by the employee’s normal administrative line and the President as supportive of the purposes of the leave.

**CRITERIA:**

1. If applying for one semester of sabbatical, the faculty member must have been employed at the University for 3 or more consecutive years. If applying for two semesters of sabbatical, he or she must have been employed 6 or more consecutive years.
2. If a faculty member previously received a sabbatical, 3 years must elapse before applying for another sabbatical.
3. There is no limitation as to rank or tenure.
4. Sabbatical leave shall be granted only with prior Board approval.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Credentials submitted with the candidates' proposals should include:
	1. A completed “Request for Leave of Absence and Sabbatical Agreement”
	2. A supporting letter from the School Director
	3. A proposal explaining how this leave, if granted, will be spent
	4. A vita of recent activities
2. The Dean shall submit in priority order the applications for sabbatical leave to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
3. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will then make recommendations for the awards to the President.
4. Time table for selecting Sabbatical Awards:
	1. **On or before November 1:** Last day for faculty to submit requests to the Dean.
	2. **On or before November 15:** Last day for Deans to submit recommendations to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
	3. **On or before November 30:** The names of those applications forwarded to the University of Louisiana System for approval will be announced.
	4. **The awardees will be announced as soon as the System makes its decisions.**