

# INTRODUCING ROTH FOR YOUR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TAX-DEFERRED ANNUITY PLAN

## You Now Have More Flexibility With Your Retirement Savings

The Texas A&M University System offers you the opportunity to make Roth after-tax contributions to your Texas A&M University System Tax-Deferred Annuity (TDA) Plan. This allows you to:

- Designate elective deferrals as after-tax Roth contributions to your plan
- Receive **tax-deferred** growth on any earnings
- Potentially reduce the taxability of Social Security income benefits
- Enjoy tax-free distributions, provided:
  - Distribution is made five years after Roth contributions were first made to plan **and**
    - You are age 59½ or older
    - Distribution is made on account of your disability or death (distributions may be subject to plan provisions)
- Transfer your retirement assets income tax free to your beneficiaries

Your Roth after-tax contributions are included in your maximum contribution limits, plus any catch-up limits, if applicable. Your plan's Roth 403(b) option offers the same benefits, rights and features that you currently have in your retirement plan, including investment choices. Your contributions and any accumulations you have are tracked separately to ensure that they are not commingled with any pre tax or employer contributions you may have.

## Getting Started

Adding the Roth contributions to your TDA plan is easy. You need only to elect your contribution amount on the Texas A&M University System Salary Reduction Agreement. Contact the Benefits Office to obtain a copy of the form. If you are enrolling for the first time, you will also need to complete an enrollment application. Please visit your dedicated TIAA-CREF retirement plan website for enrollment instructions - [www.tiaa-cref.org/tamus](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/tamus). From the homepage click on "Plan Details."

To learn more about the Roth option for your Tax-Deferred Annuity Plan, call TIAA-CREF at **800 842-2776**, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (CT), Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/tamus](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/tamus).

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Income taxes are payable on nonqualified withdrawals. Federal restrictions and tax penalties may apply to early withdrawals. Taxpayers should seek advice based on their own particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

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