

Staff Handbook — New York Addendum

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1. New York Addendum

This addendum applies to staff members employed by Carnegie Mellon in New York. Except as noted below, nothing in this Addendum modifies any of the policies set forth in the [University Staff Handbook \[pdf\]](#).

Neither the University Staff Handbook nor this Addendum constitutes a direct or implied contract of employment. Carnegie Mellon reserves the right to unilaterally change the terms of the Staff Handbook and this Addendum.

2. Affirmative Action

The following replaces Volume I Introduction, Article 2. Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, Bullet Point 2

Carnegie Mellon is committed to prohibiting discrimination based upon a staff members' sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, gender, marital status, military service, sexual orientation, employment status, pregnancy, gender identity, genetic

information, familial status, transgender status, gender dysphoria, actual or perceived status as a victim of domestic violence, or as a victim of sex offenses or stalking, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

3. Lactation Support

The following is added as paragraph two to Volume II Employment Policies and Procedures, Article 19. Lactation Support

Nursing parents have the right to express breast milk at work in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local law. Staff members may use their paid meal break or rest break, as applicable, for this purpose for up to three years following child birth. To the extent necessary, reasonable unpaid break time may also be used. Make sure your supervisor is notified, or if you would rather, contact a member of the Human Resources department. The university will accommodate staff members in a private and sanitary location, that is not a bathroom, and provide a refrigerator for milk storage. The university expressly prohibits discrimination, harassment, bullying, and retaliation against any staff member who requests to take time off to express breast milk while at work.

4. Jury Duty

The following is added as paragraph three to Volume III Compensation and Benefits, Article 14. Jury Duty

Staff member time spent serving on jury duty will be unpaid, except that staff members will receive the first \$40 of their daily wages during the first three (3) days of jury service in a state or local court, and staff members who report to work during jury duty will be paid for all time actually worked. In addition, exempt staff members may be provided time off with pay when necessary to comply with state and federal wage and hour laws. Staff members may choose to use available accrued vacation in lieu of unpaid leave.

When summoned to serve on jury duty, staff members must inform their supervisors immediately so arrangements can be made to accommodate their absence. Staff members are expected to report to work, during their regular work hours, when the court schedule permits and they are not involved in active jury duty. The university may request proof of jury service issued by the Court upon return.

Retaliation against a staff member who requests leave under this policy, or who serves or is summoned to serve as a juror, is strictly prohibited.

5. Voting Leave

Carnegie Mellon encourages staff members to vote before or after work. If a staff member is a registered voter and their work schedule does not allow them a sufficient amount of time outside of working hours to vote on Election Day, the university will grant up to two hours of paid leave to New York staff members in order to vote. Staff members may be required to take voting time at the beginning or end of their workday. Staff members must give their supervisor notice of their need for time off to vote no more than 10, but no less than two, workdays in advance of the Election Day.

6. Victims of Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Assault

Carnegie Mellon will grant reasonable and necessary leave, without pay, to staff members who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Such leave may also extend, as required by applicable law, to staff members whose child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner have been victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Exempt staff members may be provided time off with pay when necessary to comply with applicable federal, state, or local law.

7. Victims of Crime and Leave for Witnesses

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Carnegie Mellon will grant reasonable and necessary leave, without pay, to staff members who are (i) witnesses or (ii) victims of a crime or (iii) a member of such victim's family, to attend or participate in legal proceedings, in accordance with applicable law. Staff members should give the university reasonable notice, as far in advance as is possible, of the need for such leave, but must notify the university at least one day in advance of the need for such leave.

Exempt staff members may be provided time off with pay when necessary to comply with applicable federal, state, or local law.

8. First Responder's Leave

A staff member who serves as a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance personnel in the event of a declared local or state emergency is eligible to take leave to provide such volunteer service for as long as the staff member is engaged in the actual performance of emergency response duties, unless the leave would cause an undue hardship on the conduct of the university's business.

Leave under this policy will be unpaid, except exempt staff members may be provided time off with pay when necessary to comply with state and federal wage and hour laws. Staff members may choose to use available accrued paid time off in lieu of unpaid leave.

If you are requesting volunteer emergency response leave, you must give advance written documentation from the head of your volunteer fire department or ambulance service confirming your status as a volunteer emergency responder. Upon return from this leave, the university may request a notarized statement from the head of your volunteer fire department or ambulance service, certifying the period of time that you responded to the emergency.

9. New York City Paid Sick Leave

Carnegie Mellon University complies with the New York City Earned Sick Time Act. This subsection applies only to employees of Carnegie Mellon University who work at least eighty (80) hours per calendar year within the City of New York, NY. For purposes of this section, a calendar year begins on the first day of the month coinciding with or following the employee's date of employment and ending one year later.

9a. NYC Paid Time Off

Full-time staff members working within the City of New York receive Paid Time Off (PTO) in accordance with the university's [Paid Time Off Policy](#) and the [Staff Handbook \[pdf\]](#), Volume IV, Article 2.

The following additional PTO rules apply to full-time staff members who work at least 80 hours per calendar year in the City of New York.

- i. If an employee is on a leave of absence on the first day of a month, PTO accrual for that month will be calculated at the rate of 1 hour of PTO for every 30 hours worked.

- ii. When an employee's status changes from full-time to part-time, the employee's final full-time paycheck will include payment for all accrued, unused PTO days. In addition, depending on the number of accrued unused PTO days, the employee will be credited with up to 40 hours of Sick Leave under Section 3 below. The amount of Sick Leave credited to the employee at the time of transition from full-time to part-time employment will be calculated at the rate of one PTO day to 7.5 hours of Sick Leave, up to a maximum of 40 hours of Sick Leave.

9b. NYC Sick Leave

Eligibility and Accrual

Employees who are not eligible to receive PTO under the university's [Paid Time Off Policy](#) and the [Staff Handbook](#), Volume IV, Article 2 shall accumulate one hour of paid sick leave ("Sick Leave") for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum of 40 hours of accrued Sick Leave per calendar year. Sick Leave may only be earned for hours worked within the City of New York. Hours worked outside the City of New York are not counted for purposes of calculating Sick Leave accrual.

Sick Leave shall begin to accrue on April 1, 2014 or upon the commencement of employment in New York City, whichever is later, and an employee shall be entitled to begin using Sick Leave on the 120th calendar day thereafter.

Use of Sick Leave

Sick Leave may only be used by employees who work are assigned to work in the City of New York. Sick Leave cannot be used for periods of time that an employee is assigned to work outside the City of New York.

Employees may use Sick Leave for absences from work due to: (1) such employee's mental or physical illness, injury or health condition or need for medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition or need for preventive medical care; (2) care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition or who needs preventive medical care; or (3) closure of such employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency or such employee's need to care for a child whose school or childcare provider has been closed by order of a public official due to a public health emergency.

Where such need is foreseeable, employees should provide reasonable advance notice of the intention to use Sick Leave, but in no event shall such notice be required more than seven days prior to the date such sick leave is expected to begin. Where such need is not foreseeable, employees are encouraged to provide notice of the need for the use of Sick Leave as soon as practicable. Employees shall, in good faith, determine how much earned Sick Leave they need to use, except that the minimum increment for the use of Sick Leave is one hour per day.

For an absence of more than three consecutive work days, the university may require reasonable documentation of the need for Sick Leave. Documentation signed by a licensed health care provider indicating the need for the amount of Sick Leave taken shall be considered reasonable documentation and, unless required or permitted by federal, state, or local law, the university shall not require that such documentation specify the nature of the employee's or the employee's family member's injury, illness, or condition.

Employees are encouraged to keep records of their Sick Leave earned and used. Supervisors or other designated persons in the department should also maintain records of Sick Leave.

Carry-Over of Sick Leave

Up to 40 hours of Sick Leave that is earned but not used may be carried over into the following calendar year.

Conversion of Sick Leave

Employees shall not be paid for unused Sick Leave upon separation from the university.

Employees who transition to a full-time staff position that is eligible for PTO will cease earning Sick Leave. In such cases, any accrued but unused Sick Leave will be converted to PTO. Sick Leave will be converted to PTO at the rate of one PTO hour for one hour of Sick Leave.

10. Reproductive Health Decisions

In compliance with the New York Reproductive Health Law, Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate nor take any retaliatory personnel action against any employee with

respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of or on the basis of the employee's or dependent's sexual or reproductive health decision making, including, but not limited to, a decision to use or access a particular drug, device or medical service. In addition, Carnegie Mellon does not require employees to sign a waiver or other document which purports to deny an employee the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions, including use of a particular drug, device, or medical service.

Carnegie Mellon shall not access an employee's personal information regarding the employee's or the employee's dependent's reproductive health decision making, including but not limited to, the decision to use or access a particular drug, device or medical service without the employee's prior informed affirmative written consent.