



OP 70.26: Length of Service Awards

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to establish a Length of Service Awards Program for employees.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed every two years after publication by the Senior Associate Vice President for Human Resources with substantive revisions forwarded to the Chief of Staff for the President.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. General Policy

The Length of Service Award will be presented based on the employee’s years of service to the Texas Tech University System.

2. Service Awards

The Length of Service Awards recognize years of service in five-year increments and consist of a distinctive pin designating the appropriate years of service.

Awards will be presented to employees who have completed ten or more years of service at a celebration held in the spring of each year at Texas Tech University. Five-year pins will be sent to each department, which will present the award pins to its employees in a manner it deems appropriate.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Regular benefits-eligible faculty and staff will be eligible for recognition in the service awards program based upon completed years of service through December 31.

4. Service Criteria

- a. All Texas Tech University System (TTUS) employment will be considered, including temporary and prior student employment.
- b. Prior employment at Texas Tech will be recognized, even if there has been a break in service.
- c. An accumulation of all accrued TTUS days worked during each period of employment will be counted. Faculty will receive summer service credit if appointed to teach the prior spring semester. Staff with appointments of less than 12 months and who are on leave between semesters shall receive Texas Tech service credit of 12 months.

5. Responsibilities

Prior to the annual celebration each year, Human Resources will provide departments an electronic list of regular benefits-eligible employees with their length of service for verification.

6. Right to Change Policy

Texas Tech reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend, or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time without the consent of employees.