Occidental College (the “College”) provides you with the opportunity to save for your retirement through the Occidental College 403(b) Retirement Plan (“Plan”). The College would like you to know more about how you can participate in the Plan. Whether you want to enroll in the Plan, or you are already enrolled but wish to change the amount of your deferral, you can accomplish your goal by filling out a “403(b) Salary Reduction Agreement.” You can obtain a copy of the agreement and information on the Plan from the College’s Human Resources Department by calling 323.259.2945, or by emailing the Benefits Manager at ksalice@oxy.edu.

Eligibility

All employees of Occidental College who receive compensation reportable on an IRS Form W-2 are eligible to participate in the Plan, as long as the employee contributes a minimum of $200 per year and is not:

a) an employee who normally works less than 20-hours per week (however, if you complete a Year of Service, you may become eligible)  or

b) an employee who is enrolled as a student and regularly attending classes offered by the College

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact the Benefits Manager at ksalice@oxy.edu.

Please take a moment to review the Plan website at tiaa.org/oxy before enrolling. Once you are enrolled, you can review and change the amount of your contributions and your investment allocations at any time. The exact date your investment allocations will take effect may vary depending upon the policies of the financial service firm providing the investment options you chose for plan contributions.

Also, please be aware that the law limits the amount you may defer under this and other plans in any tax year. For 2020, the limit under all plans of this type is generally $19,500 although larger limits may apply if you are age 50 or over. Each participant only gets one limit for contributions to all 403(b) and 401(k) plans. So, if you are also a participant in a 403(b) or 401(k) plan of another employer, your combined contributions to that plan and to the Occidental College 403(b) Retirement Plan in 2020 are generally limited to $19,500. If you do participate in more than one retirement plan, you are responsible for tracking and reporting the amount of all of your contributions to the plans so that the total amount of all your contributions to all plans in which you participate do not exceed the limit. Note also that the sum of all of your contributions, and those of your employers, to all retirement plans that you participate in are generally limited to the lesser of $57,000 or 100% of your compensation in 2020.

For further details, or if you have questions, please contact the Human Resources Department, 1600 Campus Road, AGC Building, Room 114, Los Angeles, CA 90041, (323) 259-2945.