# Annual Faculty Salary Report, 2019-2020 ${ }^{1}$ Committee on Priorities and Resources 

## I. Charge

The Faculty Handbook charges the Committee on Priorities and Resources (CPR) to report each year to the Faculty on the status of Amherst faculty salaries and compensation. ${ }^{2}$ Since the late 1970s, the annual report has compared salaries and compensation at Amherst with those at twelve other colleges and universities known as the Traditional group. Since 2003-04, the CPR has also compared salaries and compensation with a broader group of colleges and universities that includes the original 12 plus an additional 18 institutions designated as the New group. ${ }^{3}$

New procedures established in Spring 2016 now compare Amherst to a redefined Liberal Arts group including twelve liberal arts peer institutions. The comparative data on average salaries by rank (Full, Associate, and Assistant Professors) are provided by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and are prepared for the CPR by the Amherst Office of Institutional Research Office.

## II. New Issues

Given that the AAUP data are not often available until late in the academic year, the CPR recommended in its Spring 2019 report that the CPR begin work on the salary report in the fall semester.

In this report, the CPR compares unadjusted salaries, salaries normalized across years, and salaries adjusted for cost of living differences among the Liberal Arts group for the years 20072020. In addition, the committee provides historical (2012-2020) data on average salaries (by rank) for each of the three comparison groups (Liberal Arts group, Traditional group, New group). Finally, the committee summarizes salary comparisons within the college organized by gender, rank, and divisions at the college.

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## III. Background

Since the 1970s the CPR has compared faculty salaries at Amherst College with peer institutions. A Traditional group including twelve research universities and liberal arts colleges plus Amherst was used for many years. In 2003, the Board of Trustees and the administration asked the CPR to create a New group to better define salary benchmarks that the faculty saw as comparable. This group included the original twelve institutions from the traditional group plus eighteen additional institutions. In 2016, the CPR adopted a Liberal Arts group of 12 peers (including Amherst) for faculty salary benchmarking, choosing those institutions regarded as peer elite liberal arts colleges and without prior consideration of salary levels. Institutions included in each of these named groups are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Institutions included in named groups for comparison in salary reports completed by the Committee on Priorities and Resources.


The CPR is now focused on salary comparisons with the Liberal Arts group and, as recommended by the CPR in Spring 2016, uses the benchmarking system set in place by the 2015-2016 CPR that presents salaries (by rank) in a quartile system, including unadjusted salary data, normalized salary data, and salary data adjusted for cost of living differences among peer institutions. Despite this focus, the committee also provides historical information detailing the average salaries of faculty at institutions in all three of the named groups (Table 1; see Appendices 1-3).

## Data Resources and Limitations:

The committee relies on salary data compiled by the AAUP (American Association of University Professors). These tend to be crude measures of the total compensation, which include some, but not all, benefits in various degrees across institutions, and do not reflect regional or geographical differences in the cost of living. Moreover, salary information for Amherst faculty and that compiled by the AAUP includes only tenure-line faculty who are full-time instructors; faculty with partial administrative roles or with reduced teaching loads due to phased retirement or other factors are not included in the AAUP report.

Within the salary data there are several potential sources of bias including lack of information regarding the demographic balance within ranks and the role of professional schools at larger universities. For example, the AAUP does not report salary by years-in-rank or years-in-service; thus, an institution with many long-serving full professors will have a larger average salary at the full professor rank as compared to an institution with proportionally more recently promoted full professors. In 1997-98 the Amherst administration conducted a confidential time-in-rank and salary survey and concluded that demographic differences did not have a significant effect on Amherst's rankings as compared to the Traditional group. However, in recent years the college has experienced significant faculty turnover and changed its peer comparison group, leaving unclear how differences in years-in-rank might affect comparisons of Amherst with peer institutions.

A second potential source of bias comes from the inclusion of professional school faculty salaries in the AAUP data, which contributes to salaries in the both the Traditional and New groups. Salaries at professional schools (business, law, medicine, etc.) are usually higher than salaries at liberal arts institutions due to market competition given opportunities available to professionals in those fields outside of academia. By focusing on comparisons to the Liberal Arts group, bias associated with professional schools is alleviated.

A final potential source of bias in salary and compensation includes regional variation in the cost of living. To address cost of living variation, previous committees have adjusted for cost of living differences among institutions in the Liberal Arts group using the local living wage estimates published at http://livingwage.mit.edu. However, this cost of living calculator is available only for the current year and means that historical salary data (i.e., from 10-15 years prior) is adjusted using the current year cost of living assessment. This feels like an imperfect adjustment, especially when looking at historical patterns of cost of living adjusted salaries, but we have included the cost of living data for completeness.

## IV. Benchmarks

## History

Historically the Amherst College Board of Trustees has sought to raise faculty salaries to meet stated goals. As noted in in the 2004-05 CPR Salary Report, in 1958 the Trustees issued a policy statement that Amherst faculty salaries should be "as high as those in any other college in the country." In 1970, this policy was updated to indicate that faculty compensation should be "at a level no lower than that of other institutions of the highest quality." Nevertheless, in the 1970s faculty salaries dropped significantly on a relative basis. This resulted in much discussion and a resolution by the Board in 1979 that by 1982 faculty salaries should be increased to regain Amherst's 1968 relative competitive position, which in 1968 corresponded to $3^{\text {rd }}$ in the Traditional group (see the 2004-05 CPR Salary Report for details and caveats).

The benchmark targeted to be reached by 1982 was not achieved, and by the mid-1990s Amherst faculty salaries had once again lost relative ground. This resulted in a 1998 commitment to close the gaps for associate and full professors in particular. Then, in 2003, the administration and Board of Trustees asked the CPR to set a benchmark for a ranking within the New Group that Amherst should try to reach and maintain. The 2004-05 salary report concluded that despite several periods in which salary trends were corrected to improve the relative positions of Amherst professors and despite increases in real or inflation-corrected salaries, salaries of Amherst professors have tended to rest below both the median and the average of the Traditional group, which includes research universities and institutions with professional schools.

## Current Benchmarks

The figures and tables in this report focus on the Liberal Arts group of twelve colleges as the comparison group: Amherst, Bowdoin, Carleton, Davidson, Haverford, Middlebury, Pomona, Smith, Swarthmore, Vassar, Wellesley, and Williams (Figures 1-9; Appendix 1).

In Figures 1-9 in this report (see Figure 1 for depiction), the dark gray band borders the $1^{\text {st }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ quartiles ( $25^{\text {th }}$ and $75^{\text {th }}$ percentiles, respectively), while the minimum and maximum values are bound by the light gray band. The median (circles) marks the split between the upper six and the lower six salaries from the comparison of twelve institutions. The upper light gray band marks the top three salaries; dark gray band includes the middle six salaries; lower light gray band marks the bottom three salaries. The plotted Amherst values (dashed lines, purple triangles) represent the mean (average) salary values in each faculty rank.

The current benchmark is to remain in the top light gray band or above the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile (i.e., in the top three institutions) among the comparison group of twelve liberal arts peer institutions (Table 1).

We also provide a historical record (2012-2020) of average salaries ranked for Amherst in comparison to the Traditional group (Appendix 2) and the New group (Appendix 3) including average and median values for the comparison.

## V. Historic quartile analyses: Comparison with the Liberal Arts Group

Historic quartile analyses can be used to determine if Amherst is achieving its stated benchmark of exceeding the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile in terms of faculty salaries in comparison to the Liberal Arts group of twelve institutions. Three analyses are presented including (A) the raw salary data (by rank) across the comparison group, (B) normalized salary data to remove the effect of increasing salaries through time, and (C) the 2020 cost of living adjusted salaries for institutions in the comparison group.

## (A) Untransformed and unadjusted data

The historic quartile analysis shows a comparison of faculty salaries among the Liberal Arts group. The following graphs display salary (in thousands of dollars) as absolute numbers without transformation or modification for full professors (Figure 1), associate professors (Figure 2), and assistant professors (Figure 3).


Figure 1. Unadjusted average salary (in thousands of dollars) for full professors at Amherst College from 2007-2020.


Figure 2. Unadjusted average salary (in thousands of dollars) for associate professors at Amherst College from 2007-2020.


Figure 3. Unadjusted average salary (in thousands of dollars) for assistant professors at Amherst College from 2007-2020.

## (B) Normalized data

To facilitate comparison of salary data over time, salaries were normalized by dividing each salary by the group median for that time point. A three-year running average was applied first to smooth out single year fluctuations to better observe long-term trends. Data are plotted as the percent of the group median.


Figure 4. Normalized salary plotted as the percentage of the median for full professors at Amherst College. Three-year rolling averages from 2005-2020 are shown.


Figure 5. Normalized salary plotted as the percentage of the median for associate professors at Amherst College. Three-year rolling averages from 2005-2020 are shown.


Figure 6. Normalized salary plotted as the percentage of the median for assistant professors at Amherst College. Three-year rolling averages from 2005-2020 are shown.

If the benchmark is to maintain Amherst's salaries among the top three institutions (i.e., in the top quarter) among peer institutions (i.e., within the top light gray band) in order to remain competitive, then Amherst is in the acceptable range for assistant professors (Figure 6) but is lagging behind peers for associate and full professors. In particular, the full professor salary average has fallen below the benchmark for the past two years (Figure 4) and there has been a several year decline for the associate professor salary average, which is now below the benchmark (Figure 5).

Failures to hit the benchmark for associate and full professors were also noted last year in the 2019 CPR Salary Report. A potential explanation was offered suggesting that full professors span a wider range of salary level, from newly promoted faculty to those working at the college for several decades. A series of retiring senior faculty, replaced by new promotions to full professor may have contributed to a drop in the full professor average salary. In that report, a graph of Average Number of Years in Rank showed that in 2018 Amherst reached a minimum point for the average years-in-rank for full professors with the value expected to increase in future years. This explanation, however, does not explain the continued decline in associate professor salaries.

## (C) Cost of living adjusted data

Salaries were adjusted in an effort to take cost of living into account. The cost of living adjustments (COLA) in the following figures were generated from the MIT living wage calculations from the current year: http://livingwage.mit.edu/. The living wage is a measure of the cost of living for a family of four with two adults (one of whom works) and two children. This website provides values for living wages for each county in the United States. Salaries were adjusted relative to the cost of living in Hampshire County.

A strong caveat of this approach is that the living costs near the institution may differ substantially from the surrounding county on which the COLA is based. For the Pomona example cited above, that institution is in the broadly expensive Los Angeles County, where local housing costs near Pomona are $66 \%$ of the county-wide average (www.census.gov). However, in the town of Amherst, surrounded by a more rural environment, the housing costs are $126 \%$ of the county average. As a consequence, the COLA salary of Amherst is inflated relative to Pomona. Further, the cost of living adjustment to salaries over the historical time period is made using present day cost of living assessments (i.e., salary data for the earliest time periods are adjusted using the cost of living calculated in the current year), making it unclear how to interpret historical salary data corrected using present day cost of living adjustments. Therefore, caution is needed when using this COLA in assessing whether Amherst College is meeting modified benchmarks and more investigation on this adjustment is warranted across the comparison group.


Figure 7. Salary adjusted for the 2020 cost of living salary plotted as the percentage of the median for full professors at Amherst College. Three-year rolling averages from 2005-2020 are shown.


Figure 8. Salary adjusted for the 2020 cost of living salary plotted as the percentage of the median for associate professors at Amherst College. Three-year rolling averages from 2005-2020 are shown.


Figure 9. Salary adjusted for the 2020 cost of living salary plotted as the percentage of the median for assistant professors at Amherst College. Three-year rolling averages from 2005-2020 are shown.

## VI. Summary of Salary Comparisons with the Liberal Arts group

As usual, we caution faculty members not to read these mean (average) data for comparison with their individual increases because the mean data as reported by the AAUP include salary increases at the time of promotion or tenure in the more junior ranks, thus overstating the actual salary increases for most members of the assistant and associate professor groups. We also reiterate that overall trends are more significant than single-year or single-category movements that may be due to demographic variations in rank that result from hiring, promotion and retirement.

For reference, Appendix 1 includes salary information for the Liberal Arts group of twelve colleges, including average salary information (in thousands of dollars) for the comparison group from 2012 to 2020.

In the present cycle, we appear to be exceeding the benchmark criterion for assistant professors (Figure 6), but declining below the benchmark for associate (Figure 5) and full (Figure 4) professors.

## Full Professors

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the median salary for full professors at Amherst was $\$ 152,400$ and the mean salary $(\$ 156,200)$ was $4^{\text {th }}$ among the twelve liberal arts peer institutions (Appendix 1). This places Amherst above the $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile, but below the targeted benchmark (i.e., not among the three highest institutions). Looking across time at the normalized data, salaries for full professors at Amherst were above the benchmark from 2007 to 2017 but have fallen below this target in recent years since 2018 (Figure 4). In 2019, Hampshire County had the lowest cost of living among all peer institutions in the liberal arts group which brings Amherst College salaries for the full professor rank to the top of the cost of living adjusted comparisons (Figure 7).

## Associate Professors

This is typically the most volatile group because the numbers of faculty in the associate professor category is small and there tends to be fairly rapid promotion out of this rank. Over the last decade, promotion from associate to full professor at Amherst in most cases occurred six years post-tenure, contributing to a lower percentage of total faculty at the associate rank at Amherst (17-18\% of the faculty from 2017-2020). Moreover, the rapid promotion (relative to many peer institutions) means that associate professors at Amherst tend to have fewer years-in-service (as well as fewer years-in-rank) than do associate professors at the various comparative institutions.

As an assumption, it seems likely that those individuals at other institutions who remain at the associate professor rank for more than six years continue to receive salary increases; if true, this would mean that the average salary for associate professors at those institutions would be skewed higher. However, these promotion practices at Amherst and elsewhere are not new, and thus do not explain this year's negative movement observed for this group.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the median salary for associate professors at Amherst was $\$ 103,700$ and the mean salary $(\$ 108,900)$ was $6^{\text {th }}$ among the twelve liberal arts peer institutions (Appendix 1). For the associate professor rank, Amherst is now below the targeted benchmark (i.e., not among the three highest institutions) for both the unadjusted (Figure 2) and normalized (Figure 5) comparisons. Looking over time at the normalized data, salaries for associate professors at Amherst were above the benchmark and peaked in 2016/2017 but have been declining since that time (Figure 5). In 2019, Hampshire County had the lowest cost of living among all peer institutions in the liberal arts group which brings Amherst College salaries for the associate professor rank to the top of the cost of living adjusted comparisons in recent years (Figure 8).

## Assistant Professors

This is the category where the most direct competition among academic institutions takes place: when candidates are hired at the assistant professor level they may negotiate their salaries relative to other offers they have received, whereas comparatively few tenured professors are actively on the job marker in any given year and thus receiving competitive offers.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the Amherst assistant professor median salary was \$90,700 and the mean salary $(\$ 94,900)$ ranked $2^{\text {nd }}$ among peer institutions (Appendix 1). Over time, Amherst has consistently maintained its high ranking for the assistant professor rank. The normalized data (Figure 6) demonstrate that the assistant professor median salary has remained above the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile benchmark consistently. Looking back to previous CPR reports, we note that this trend of exceeding the benchmark for assistant professor salaries has held as far back as 2002/2003. In 2019, Hampshire County had the lowest cost of living among all peer institutions in the liberal arts comparison group maintaining Amherst College salaries for the assistant professor rank at the top of the cost of living adjusted comparisons (Figure 9).

## VII. Salary Comparisons within Amherst College

In light of national conversations about inequalities between disciplines and by gender, the CPR began to present Amherst salaries by discipline and gender in 2013-14. These data are typically reported in tabular format for the current year and preceding few years (Tables 2, 3). In this report, we also present the historical record of median and mean salaries by rank and gender from 2014-2020 (Figure 10).

The following comparisons of salary data within Amherst do not include faculty in administrative positions, for which there were nine in 2019-20. The traditional groupings for departments and programs into major divisions (Humanities; Physical \& Life Sciences; Social Sciences) is included in Appendix 4. We include median salary values in each category in the summary tables below as an alternative measure that is less sensitive to outliers than the mean.

Table 2. Amherst faculty salaries by rank and discipline from 2017-2020.

| Amherst College Faculty Salaries 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Discipline | Rank | No. Persons | Average | Median |
| Humanities | Professor | 43 | $\$ 157,098$ | $\$ 155,900$ |
|  | Associate | 17 | $\$ 108,243$ | $\$ 108,200$ |
|  | Assistant | 30 | $\$ 89,500$ | $\$ 89,800$ |
| Social Sciences | Professor | 19 | $\$ 152,368$ | $\$ 150,100$ |
|  | Associate | 5 | $\$ 115,000$ | $\$ 100,100$ |
|  | Assistant | 12 | $\$ 107,133$ | $\$ 113,300$ |
| Physical and Life Sciences | Professor | 23 | $\$ 157,830$ | $\$ 151,300$ |
|  | Associate | 9 | $\$ 106,800$ | $\$ 101,900$ |
|  | Assistant | 17 | $\$ 95,929$ | $\$ 89,400$ |
| All |  | 175 | $\$ 127,189$ | $\$ 119,700$ |


| Amherst College Faculty Salaries 2018-19 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Discipline | Rank | No. Persons | Average | Median |
| Humanities | Professor | 44 | $\$ 154,770$ | $\$ 152,000$ |
|  | Associate | 20 | $\$ 107,630$ | $\$ 103,800$ |
|  | Assistant | 27 | $\$ 88,755$ | $\$ 88,600$ |
| Social Sciences | Professor | 19 | $\$ 147,642$ | $\$ 145,700$ |
|  | Associate | 2 | $\$ 133,300$ | $\$ 133,300$ |
|  | Assistant | 13 | $\$ 98,800$ | $\$ 91,000$ |
| Physical and Life Sciences | Professor | 23 | $\$ 154,883$ | $\$ 147,000$ |
|  | Associate | 9 | $\$ 107,078$ | $\$ 100,600$ |
|  | Assistant | 14 | $\$ 91,900$ | $\$ 87,350$ |
| All |  | 171 | $\$ 125,893$ | $\$ 120,000$ |

Amherst College Faculty Salaries 2017-18

| Discipline | Rank | No. Persons | Average | Median |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Humanities | Professor | 45 | $\$ 151,880$ | $\$ 146,800$ |
|  | Associate | 19 | $\$ 104,637$ | $\$ 100,700$ |
|  | Assistant | 23 | $\$ 87,117$ | $\$ 86,000$ |
| Social Sciences | Professor | 17 | $\$ 145,012$ | $\$ 144,500$ |
|  | Associate | 4 | $\$ 123,925$ | $\$ 128,550$ |
|  | Assistant | 11 | $\$ 90,255$ | $\$ 88,300$ |
| Physical and Life Sciences | Professor | 23 | $\$ 153,822$ | $\$ 146,800$ |
|  | Associate | 6 | $\$ 108,767$ | $\$ 107,000$ |
|  | Assistant | 12 | $\$ 90,908$ | $\$ 88,500$ |
| All |  | 160 | $\$ 125,384$ | $\$ 120,000$ |

Table 3. Amherst faculty salaries by rank and gender from 2017-2020.

| Amherst College Faculty Salaries 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Female |  |  |  | Male |  |
|  | Median | Average | Count | Median | Average | Count |
| Professor | $\$ 148,100$ | $\$ 150,424$ | 37 | $\$ 156,050$ | $\$ 160,721$ | 48 |
| Associate | $\$ 103,000$ | $\$ 108,813$ | 15 | $\$ 105,950$ | $\$ 109,008$ | 16 |
| Assistant | $\$ 91,000$ | $\$ 93,457$ | 30 | $\$ 89,800$ | $\$ 96,472$ | 29 |
| All | $\$ 117,100$ | $\$ 121,971$ | 82 | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 130,852$ | 93 |


| Amherst College Faculty Salaries 2018-19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Female |  |  |  | Male |  |
|  | Median | Average | Count | Median | Average | Count |
| Professor | $\$ 148,900$ | $\$ 148,489$ | 37 | $\$ 153,000$ | $\$ 156,802$ | 49 |
| Associate | $\$ 105,000$ | $\$ 110,824$ | 13 | $\$ 102,200$ | $\$ 107,900$ | 18 |
| Assistant | $\$ 89,000$ | $\$ 92,106$ | 30 | $\$ 88,300$ | $\$ 91,842$ | 24 |
| All | $\$ 119,000$ | $\$ 121,225$ | 80 | $\$ 123,600$ | $\$ 129,997$ | 91 |


| Amherst College Faculty Salaries 2017-18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Female |  |  | Male |  |  |
|  | Median | Average | Count | Median | Average | Count |
| Professor | $\$ 144,500$ | $\$ 143,977$ | 35 | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 155,970$ | 50 |
| Associate | $\$ 113,000$ | $\$ 113,550$ | 14 | $\$ 100,700$ | $\$ 103,113$ | 15 |
| Assistant | $\$ 89,300$ | $\$ 89,500$ | 25 | $\$ 87,100$ | $\$ 88,090$ | 21 |
| All | $\$ 117,250$ | $\$ 119,816$ | 74 | $\$ 120,200$ | $\$ 130,176$ | 86 |

Both the median and mean full professor salaries have remained higher for male, as compared to female colleagues over the past seven years (Figure 10A). In contrast, salaries for associate professors show the opposite pattern from 2014-2019 (Figure 10B), but salaries for male and female faculty in this group may be converging. The median and mean salaries for female and male assistant professors (Figure 10C) appear to be the most equivalent across all ranks.

Previous reports have suggested that lower salaries for female full professors may be the result of fewer years-in-rank or market conditions in specific fields. To further explore differences in the 2019-2020 median ( $\$ 148,100$ females vs. $\$ 156,050$ males) and mean ( $\$ 150,424$ females vs. $\$ 160,721$ males) salaries for female and male full professors, we first asked whether male colleagues had more years-in-rank as compared to female colleagues. Across all divisions, this was not the case; female full professors held 13.6 years-in-rank and male full professors held 13.8. We next explored the possibility that the distribution of female and male colleagues in different divisions might account for differences in female and male full professor salaries. Here we found that both the number of female and male colleagues was similar in the Humanities ( 20 females vs. 23 males) and in the Social Sciences ( 9 females vs. 10 males), as was the average number of years-in-rank (Humanities: 14.2 females vs. 13.4 males; Social Sciences: 14.3 females vs. 14.6 males). However, female full professors in STEM fields were both less common (8
female full professors versus 15 male full professors) and had fewer years-in-rank (11.2) as compared to male colleagues (13.8). The committee believes that these are important data to monitor, and we recommend that the Office of Institutional Research continue to provide the CPR with such data moving forward.


Figure 10. Historical median and mean salaries for Amherst College female (open circles) and male (closed circles) faculty members at the (A) full, (B) associate, and (C) assistant faculty ranks. Salaries are presented as rolling two-year medians or averages.

## VIII. Additional Salary Information

## Comparison with the Traditional and New groups

In addition to comparisons with the Liberal Arts group, the average salaries (by rank) are also provided for comparisons of Amherst to other peer institution groupings (Table 1), including average salaries (in thousands of dollars) from 2012-2019 for the Traditional Group (Appendix 2) and the New group (Appendix 3).

## How Salaries Are Set

Each year, the administration with the approval of the Board of Trustees, establishes a "pool" for faculty salary increases. This pool represents a percentage of the total salary budget for the teaching staff ${ }^{4}$. The amount of this percentage increase, previously in the $3 \%$ to $5 \%$ range, results in the dollars which the administration then allots to salaries. A 3\% percentage increase in the pool, however, does not mean that everyone receives a $3 \%$ salary increase for from that pool must come adjustments for promotions, for equity across ranks, and for other one-time increases. Generally speaking, those promoted from assistant to associate professor, and then to full, have received a raise equal to approximately twice the pool for that year, with corrections made in years when the pool is larger or smaller than normal, to ensure equity among cohorts promoted in different years. A similar pool is established for staff and administrators.

Members of the Faculty have noted that salary notices are often not provided until only a few weeks or days before the new salary takes effect (July $1^{\text {st }}$ ). This has much to do with the timing of Board of Trustee meetings. Waiting as late as possible to finalize the pool often allows the administration to make positive adjustments to salaries as the budget plays itself out at the end of the fiscal year.

## Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on salaries

Salary data included in this report include information through fiscal year 2020, which ended on June 30, 2020. Given budgetary pressures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Amherst College instituted salary freezes in 2020-2021. However, faculty members who were promoted in rank starting in July 2020 did receive pay increases such that their salaries remain in line with the general faculty salary structure. Many (or most) of our peer institutions also instituted salary freezes, but future committees should evaluate the consequences of the pandemic on faculty salaries with an eye on remaining competitive among peer institutions.

## IX. Conclusions

This year the CPR evaluated salary data across a comparison group of twelve liberal arts colleges as recommended by the 2015-2016 CPR. We compared data normalized in a quartile system by rank and adjusted for cost of living variation across institutions in different parts of the country.

[^1]In the present cycle, we appear to be exceeding the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile benchmark criterion (i.e., among the top three institutions in the Liberal Arts group) for assistant professors (Figure 6), but are below the benchmark for associate (Figure 5) and full (Figure 4) professors. We also reviewed median and mean salaries by discipline (Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical and Life Sciences; Table 2) and by gender (Table 3) from 2014 to 2020 and agree that these data continue to be provided by the Office of Institutional Research and monitored by the CPR.

## APPENDIX 1

## COMPARISON OF SALARIES - AMHERST COLLEGE AND THE LIBERAL ARTS GROUP

| FY2012-13 |  | FY2013-14 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | MEAN SALARY | RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | MEAN |
| PROFESSORS |  | PROFESSORS |  |
| Wellesley Coll | 152.2 | Wellesley Coll | 154.1 |
| Pomona Coll | 142.8 | Pomona Coll | 145.9 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 137.8 | Swarthmore Coll | 140.7 |
| Amherst Coll | 137.7 | Amherst Coll | 140.0 |
| Williams Coll | 137.1 | Williams Coll | 140.0 |
| Wesleyan U | 133.6 | Wesleyan U | 136.3 |
| Smith Coll | 132.7 | Bowdoin Coll | 135.1 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 131.2 | Smith Coll | 134.9 |
| Davidson Coll | 120.0 | Davidson Coll | 124.6 |
| Haverford Coll | 119.8 | Carleton Coll | 121.6 |
| Carleton | 119.7 | Haverford Coll | 120.0 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 117.1 | Mount Holyoke Coll | 117.7 |
| AC Median | 132.8 | AC Median | 137.5 |
| Group Median | 133.2 | Group Median | 135.7 |
| Group Mean | 131.8 | Group Mean | 134.2 |


|  | FY2012-13 |
| :--- | ---: |
| RANK / | MEAN |
| INSTITUTION | SALARY |

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

| Wellesley Coll | 101.6 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Pomona Coll | 99.5 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 96.6 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{9 5 . 8}$ |
| Bowdoin Coll | 94.9 |
| Haverford Coll | 93.2 |
| Smith Coll | 91.8 |
| Wesleyan U | 90.2 |
| Williams Coll | 90.1 |
| Davidson Coll | 89.3 |
| Carleton | 87.3 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 84.3 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{9 3 . 5}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{9 2 . 5}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{9 2 . 9}$ |


|  | FY2012-13 |
| :--- | ---: |
| RANK / | MEAN |
| INSTITUTION | SALARY |

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

| Wellesley Coll | 80.8 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{7 9 . 0}$ |
| Williams Coll | 76.5 |
| Smith Coll | 76.4 |
| Wesleyan U | 76.3 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 75.4 |
| Pomona Coll | 75.1 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 74.3 |
| Haverford Coll | 73.7 |
| Carleton | 72.6 |
| Davidson Coll | 69.3 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 67.8 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{7 7 . 0}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{7 5 . 3}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{7 4 . 8}$ |

\(\left.\begin{array}{|lr} \& FY2013-14 <br>

RANK / \& MEAN\end{array}\right\}\)| SALARY |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| INSTITUTION |  |
|  |  |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |
| Wellesley Coll | 103.4 |
| Pomona Coll | 101.9 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 0 1 . 1}$ |
| Swarthmore Coll | 97.6 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 96.9 |
| Haverford Coll | 93.5 |
| Smith Coll | 93.3 |
| Wesleyan U | 93.3 |
| Williams Coll | 92.5 |
| Davidson Coll | 92.0 |
| Carleton Coll | 88.3 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 87.8 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{9 3 . 4}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{9 5 . 1}$ |


|  | FY2013-14 |
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| RANK / | MEAN |
| INSTITUTION | SALARY |
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| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |
| Wellesley Coll | 82.0 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{8 0 . 8}$ |
| Pomona Coll | 80.0 |
| Wesleyan U | 79.2 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 78.7 |
| Smith Coll | 78.4 |
| Williams Coll | 78.2 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 76.1 |
| Carleton Coll | 74.6 |
| Davidson Coll | 73.5 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 73.2 |
| Haverford Coll | 72.2 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{7 9 . 0}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{7 8 . 3}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{7 7 . 2}$ |


| RANK / | FY2014-15 <br> MEAN |
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| RNSTITUTION | SALARY |
| PROFESSORS |  |
| Wellesley Coll | 154.3 |
| Pomona Coll | 148.6 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 4 5 . 1}$ |
| Wesleyan U | 141.5 |
| Williams Coll | 141.2 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 141.0 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 137.3 |
| Smith Coll | 136.2 |
| Vassar Coll | 131.2 |
| Davidson Coll | 128.2 |
| Carleton Coll | 125.4 |
| Haverford Coll | 123.5 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 118.7 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 4 0 . 0}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 3 7 . 3}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 3 6 . 3}$ |


| RANK / | FY2015-16 <br> MEAN |
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| INSTITUTION | SALARY |
|  |  |
| PROFESSORS |  |
| Wellesley Coll | 157.6 |
| Pomona Coll | 150.4 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 4 7 . 7}$ |
| Swarthmore Coll | 146.6 |
| Wesleyan U | 145.8 |
| Williams Coll | 142.5 |
| Smith Coll | 138.5 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 138.4 |
| Vassar Coll | 133.8 |
| Carleton Coll | 128.6 |
| Davidson Coll | 128.4 |
| Haverford Coll | 125.9 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 115.7 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 4 4 . 2}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 3 8 . 5}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 3 8 . 5}$ |


| FY2014-15 |  | FY2015-16 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ | RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: |  |
| Pomona Coll | 105.6 | Pomona Coll | 108.4 |
| Amherst Coll | 104.7 | Amherst Coll | 104.6 |
| Wellesley Coll | 102.4 | Wellesley Coll | 102.1 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 99.3 | Bowdoin Coll | 101.7 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 98.6 | Swarthmore Coll | 100.6 |
| Wesleyan U | 97.7 | Wesleyan U | 100.4 |
| Vassar Coll | 97.3 | Vassar Coll | 99.0 |
| Haverford Coll | 95.4 | Williams Coll | 97.9 |
| Davidson Coll | 94.9 | Davidson Coll | 97.4 |
| Williams Coll | 94.4 | Smith Coll | 96.2 |
| Smith Coll | 93.8 | Haverford Coll | 95.7 |
| Carleton Coll | 90.3 | Carleton Coll | 94.5 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 90.0 | Mount Holyoke Coll | 92.3 |
| AC Median | 102.5 | AC Median | 98.9 |
| Group Median | 97.3 | Group Median | 99.0 |
| Group Mean | 97.3 | Group Mean | 99.3 |


| FY2014-15 |  | FY2015-16 |  |
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| RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ | RANK / INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |
| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  | ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |
| Amherst Coll | 83.7 | Amherst Coll | 85.9 |
| Wellesley Coll | 83.2 | Wesleyan U | 85.0 |
| Pomona Coll | 82.8 | Wellesley Coll | 84.1 |
| Vassar Coll | 82.0 | Pomona Coll | 83.6 |
| Wesleyan U | 81.9 | Vassar Coll | 83.5 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 80.8 | Bowdoin Coll | 82.9 |
| Williams Coll | 80.0 | Carleton Coll | 82.6 |
| Smith Coll | 79.4 | Smith Coll | 81.5 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 78.9 | Williams Coll | 81.4 |
| Carleton Coll | 77.3 | Swarthmore Coll | 80.3 |
| Haverford Coll | 74.7 | Haverford Coll | 76.7 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 74.2 | Davidson Coll | 75.2 |
| Davidson Coll | 73.3 | Mount Holyoke Coll | 74.5 |
| AC Median | 81.0 | AC Median | 83.5 |
| Group Median | 80.0 | Group Median | 82.6 |
| Group Mean | 79.4 | Group Mean | 81.3 |

## APPENDIX 1 (continued)

COMPARISON OF SALARIES - AMHERST COLLEGE AND THE LIBERAL ARTS GROUP




| FY 2018-19 |  | FY2019-20 |  |
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| RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ | RANK / <br> INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |
| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  | ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |
| Pomona Coll | 96.1 | Pomona Coll | 97.5 |
| Amherst Coll | 92.0 | Amherst Coll | 94.9 |
| Wesleyan U | 91.5 | Williams Coll | 93.3 |
| Wellesley Coll | 90.3 | Bowdoin Coll | 92.4 |
| Williams Coll | 89.0 | Wellesley Coll | 91.0 |
| Bowdoin Coll | 88.6 | Carleton Coll | 90.4 |
| Vassar Coll | 87.3 | Middlebury Coll | 90.4 |
| Carleton Coll | 86.6 | Vassar Coll | 90.1 |
| Smith Coll | 86.6 | Swarthmore Coll | 88.5 |
| Swarthmore Coll | 85.5 | Smith Coll | 88.2 |
| Haverford Coll | 83.2 | Haverford Coll | 85.4 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 79.8 | Davidson Coll | 82.9 |
| Davidson Coll | 73.6 |  |  |
| AC Median | 88.8 | AC Median | 90.7 |
| Group Median | 87.3 | Group Median | 90.4 |
| Group Mean | 86.9 | Group Mean | 90.4 |

## APPENDIX 2

COMPARISON OF SALARIES - AMHERST COLLEGE AND THE TRADITIONAL GROUP

| RANK / INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2012-13 } \\ \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2013-14 } \\ \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | RANK / INSTITUTION |  |
| PROFESSORS |  | PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 203.0 | Harvard U | 207.1 |
| Yale U | 186.2 | Yale U | 192.2 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 167.4 | Dartmouth Coll | 174.0 |
| Wellesley Coll | 152.2 | U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 156.9 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 148.6 | Wellesley Coll | 154.1 |
| U Virginia | 143.1 | U Virginia | 150.8 |
| Amherst Coll | 137.7 | Amherst Coll | 140.0 |
| Williams Coll | 137.1 | Williams Coll | 140.0 |
| Wesleyan U | 133.6 | U Massachusetts-Amherst | 136.9 |
| Smith Coll | 132.7 | Wesleyan U | 136.3 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 131.9 | Smith Coll | 134.9 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 131.0 | Indiana U-Bloomington | 132.6 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 117.1 | Mount Holyoke Coll | 117.7 |
| AC Median | 132.8 | AC Median | 137.5 |
| Group Median | 137.7 | Group Median | 140.0 |
| Group Mean | 147.8 | Group Mean | 151.8 |


| FY2012-13 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| RANK / INSTITUTION | MEAN |
|  | SALARY |


|  | FY2012-13 <br> MEAN | FYNK / INSTITUTION | FY2013-14 <br> MEAN |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| SALARY |  |  |  |$|$


| RANK / INSTITUTION | FY2014-15 <br> MEAN <br> SALARY | RANK / INSTITUTION | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2015-16 } \\ \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PROFESSORS |  | PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 213.5 | Harvard U | 220.2 |
| Yale U | 198.4 | Yale U | 203.5 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 178.6 | Dartmouth Coll | 184.4 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 160.9 | U Virginia | 164.9 |
| U Virginia | 156.9 | U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 164.8 |
| Wellesley Coll | 154.3 | Wellesley Coll | 157.6 |
| Amherst Coll | 145.1 | Amherst Coll | 147.7 |
| Wesleyan U | 141.5 | Wesleyan U | 145.8 |
| Williams Coll | 141.2 | U Massachusetts-Amherst | 145.2 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 139.2 | Williams Coll | 142.5 |
| Smith Coll | 136.2 | Indiana U-Bloomington | 138.8 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 135.0 | Smith Coll | 138.5 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 118.7 | Mount Holyoke Coll | 115.7 |
| AC Median | 140.0 | AC Median | 144.2 |
| Group Median | 145.1 | Group Median | 147.7 |
| Group Mean | 155.3 | Group Mean | 159.2 |


| FY2014-15 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| RANK / INSTITUTION | MEAN |
|  | SALARY |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |


|  | FY2015-16 <br> MEAN |
| :--- | ---: |
| RANK / INSTITUTION | SALARY |
|  |  |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 129.2 |
| Yale U | 122.1 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 116.5 |
| U Virginia | 111.3 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 109.2 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 0 4 . 6}$ |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 104.0 |
| Wellesley Coll | 102.1 |
| Wesleyan U | 100.4 |
| Williams Coll | 97.9 |
| Smith Coll | 96.2 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 94.1 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 92.3 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{9 8 . 9}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 0 4 . 0}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 0 6 . 1}$ |


|  | FY2013-14 <br> MEAN |
| :--- | ---: |
| RANK / INSTITUTION | SALARY |
|  |  |
| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |$|$|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Harvard U | 114.5 |
| Yale U | 95.9 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 94.0 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 89.6 |
| U Virginia | 87.0 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 83.0 |
| Wellesley Coll | 82.0 |
| Amherst Coll | 80.8 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 79.2 |
| Wesleyan U | 78.4 |
| Smith Coll | $\mathbf{7 8 . 2}$ |
| Williams Coll | 73.2 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll |  |
|  | $\mathbf{7 9 . 0}$ |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{8 2 . 0}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{8 5 . 8}$ |
| Group Mean |  |


| Harvard U | 128.1 |
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| Yale U | 117.3 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 113.2 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 106.8 |
| U Virginia | 104.9 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 0 4 . 7}$ |
| Wellesley Coll | 102.4 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 98.8 |
| Wesleyan U | 97.7 |
| Williams Coll | 94.4 |
| Smith Coll | 93.8 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 92.4 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 90.0 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 0 2 . 5}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 0 2 . 4}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 0 3 . 4}$ |


|  | FY2015-16 <br> MEAN |
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| RANK / INSTITUTION | SALARY |
|  |  |
| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |$|$|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Harvard U | 120.2 |
| Yale U | 103.3 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 101.6 |
| U Virginia | 94.9 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 92.2 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 91.8 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{8 5 . 9}$ |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 85.6 |
| Wesleyan U | 85.0 |
| Wellesley Coll | 84.1 |
| Smith Coll | 81.5 |
| Williams Coll | 81.4 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 74.5 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{8 3 . 5}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{8 5 . 9}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{9 0 . 9}$ |

## APPENDIX 2 (continued)

COMPARISON OF SALARIES - AMHERST COLLEGE AND THE TRADITIONAL GROUP

| RANK / INSTITUTION | FY2016-17 <br> MEAN |
| :--- | ---: |
| SALARY |  |$|$|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 227.7 |
| Yale U | 209.5 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 189.2 |
| U Virginia | 172.4 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 168.2 |
| Wellesley Coll | 157.5 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 150.3 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 4 9 . 9}$ |
| Wesleyan U | 149.4 |
| Williams Coll | 143.7 |
| Smith Coll | 141.4 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 140.0 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 122.4 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 4 4 . 6}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 5 0 . 3}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 6 3 . 2}$ |


| RANK / INSTITUTION | FY2016-17 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | MEAN |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |
| Yale U | 131.0 |
| Harvard U | 127.4 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 122.0 |
| U Virginia | 115.7 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 111.4 |
| Amherst Coll | 108.6 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 107.1 |
| Wesleyan U | 103.4 |
| Wellesley Coll | 102.5 |
| Williams Coll | 101.8 |
| Smith Coll | 98.2 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 95.8 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 95.7 |
| AC Median | 101.0 |
| Group Median | 107.1 |
| Group Mean | 109.3 |

## FY2016-17 <br> MEAN

RANK / INSTITUTION $\begin{array}{r}\text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY }\end{array}$

## ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

| Harvard U | 123.7 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Yale U | 108.7 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 102.4 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 96.3 |
| U Virginia | 96.0 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 93.1 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 89.5 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{8 7 . 6}$ |
| Wesleyan U | 86.9 |
| Wellesley Coll | 85.7 |
| Smith Coll | 83.8 |
| Williams Coll | 83.2 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 78.9 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{8 6 . 1}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{8 9 . 5}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{9 3 . 5}$ |


| FYNK / INSTITUTION | FY2017-18 <br> MEAN |
| :--- | ---: |
| SALARY |  |$|$|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| RAOFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 245.8 |
| Yale U | 214.3 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 196.6 |
| U Virginia | 177.3 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 170.2 |
| Wellesley Coll | 156.1 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 153.4 |
| Wesleyan U | 152.6 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 5 1 . 0}$ |
| Williams Coll | 146.9 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 142.2 |
| Smith Coll | 141.6 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 125.3 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 4 6 . 8}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 5 3 . 4}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 6 7 . 2}$ |

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RANK / INSTITUTION MEAN

| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Harvard U | 151.7 |
| Yale U | 135.0 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 128.4 |
| U Virginia | 118.7 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 113.2 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 109.0 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 0 8 . 2}$ |
| Wesleyan U | 106.5 |
| Wellesley Coll | 105.0 |
| Williams Coll | 104.0 |
| Smith Coll | 97.8 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 97.3 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 97.1 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 0 1 . 6}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 0 8 . 2}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 1 3 . 2}$ |


|  | FY2017-18 <br> MEAN |
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| RANK / INSTITUTION | SALARY |
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| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 140.7 |
| Yale U | 109.6 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 103.9 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 99.9 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 95.6 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 91.2 |
| U Virginia | 90.6 |
| Wesleyan U | 89.9 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{8 8 . 9}$ |
| Wellesley Coll | 87.7 |
| Williams Coll | 85.4 |
| Smith Coll | 84.8 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 79.0 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{8 7 . 4}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{9 0 . 6}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{9 5 . 9}$ |


| RANK / INSTITUTION | FY2018-19 <br> MEAN <br> SALARY |
| :--- | ---: |
| PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 244.3 |
| Yale U | 230.9 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 207.8 |
| U Virginia | 182.6 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 175.0 |
| Wellesley Coll | 160.4 |
| Wesleyan U | 155.8 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 5 3 . 2}$ |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 152.3 |
| Williams Coll | 147.9 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 142.1 |
| Smith Coll | 141.3 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 130.7 |
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| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 5 0}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 5 5 . 8}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 7 1 . 1}$ |


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| RANK / INSTITUTION | MEAN |
|  | SALARY |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |


| Harvard U | 144.6 |
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| Dartmouth Coll | 135.8 |
| Yale U | 134.4 |
| U Virginia | 120.8 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 115.8 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{1 0 9 . 1}$ |
| Wesleyan U | 108.7 |
| Wellesley Coll | 107.6 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 106.6 |
| Williams Coll | 106.3 |
| Smith Coll | 101.8 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 98.3 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 96.7 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 0 3 . 8}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{1 0 8 . 7}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 1 4 . 3}$ |

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| Harvard U | 134.6 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Yale U | 117.9 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 104.7 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 104.6 |
| U Michigan-Ann Arbor | 98.5 |
| U Virginia | 93.5 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{9 2 . 0}$ |
| Wesleyan U | 91.5 |
| U Massachusetts-Amherst | 91.4 |
| Wellesley Coll | 90.3 |
| Williams Coll | 89.0 |
| Smith Coll | 86.6 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 79.8 |
|  |  |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{8 8 . 8}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{9 2 . 0}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{9 8 . 0}$ |

FY2019-20
MEAN \(\left|\begin{array}{rr}FYNK / INSTITUTION \& <br>

SALARY\end{array}\right|\)|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| PROFESSORS | 253.9 |
| Harvard U | 242.2 |
| Yale U | 216.3 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 185.1 |
| U of Virginia-Main Campus | 178.5 |
| U of Michigan-Ann Arbor | 162.7 |
| Wellesley Coll | 161.2 |
| U of Massachusetts-Amherst | 160.2 |
| Wesleyan U | 156.2 |
| Amherst Coll | 143.8 |
| Williams Coll | 143.4 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 132.7 |
| Smith Coll |  |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | $\mathbf{1 5 2 . 4}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{1 6 1 . 2}$ |
| AC Median | $\mathbf{1 7 6 . 1}$ |
| Group Median |  |
| Group Mean |  |


| RANK / INSTITUTION | FY2019-20 |
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|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { MEAN } \\ \text { SALARY } \end{array}$ |
| ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 150.8 |
| Yale U | 145.7 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 137.0 |
| U of Virginia-Main Campus | 125.3 |
| U of Michigan-Ann Arbor | 118.6 |
| U of Massachusetts-Amherst | 112.3 |
| Wesleyan U | 111.2 |
| Wellesley Coll | 109.1 |
| Amherst Coll | 108.9 |
| Williams Coll | 107.2 |
| Smith Coll | 104.6 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 102.0 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | 97.8 |
| AC Median | 103.7 |
| Group Median | 111.2 |
| Group Mean | 117.7 |


|  | FY2019-20 <br> MEAN |
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| RANK / INSTITUTION | MALARY |
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| ASSISTANT PROFESSORS |  |
| Harvard U | 138.6 |
| Yale U | 120.3 |
| Dartmouth Coll | 113.3 |
| Indiana U-Bloomington | 105.5 |
| U of Michigan-Ann Arbor | 100.8 |
| U of Massachusetts-Amherst | 97.1 |
| U of Virginia-Main Campus | 97.1 |
| Amherst Coll | $\mathbf{9 4 . 9}$ |
| Williams Coll | 93.3 |
| Wesleyan U | 93.0 |
| Wellesley Coll | 91.0 |
| Smith Coll | 88.2 |
| Mount Holyoke Coll | $\mathbf{7 9 . 9}$ |
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| AC Median | $\mathbf{9 0 . 7}$ |
| Group Median | $\mathbf{9 7 . 1}$ |
| Group Mean | $\mathbf{1 0 1 . 0}$ |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ This report is submitted by the voting members of the Committee on Priorities and Resources (CPR) including Profs. Javier Corrales, Andrew Dole, Jill Miller (chair), and Monica Ringer; Staff representatives Susan Bradley and Peter Charron; and Student members Sydney Ireland '23 and Allie Ho '24. The committee thanks Monique Bourgeois Miller and Jesse Barba in the Institutional Research office for compiling data included in this report. We thank ex officio CPR members, including Thomas Dwyer, Catherine Epstein, Brooke Harrington '21, Steven Hegarty, Maria-Judith Rodriguez, and Kevin Weinman for comments and discussion.
    ${ }^{2}$ Recent reports and minutes from CPR meetings are available on the Office of the Provost and Dean of the Faculty's website.
    ${ }^{3}$ CPR created the New group in 2005; the process is described in the CPR's Amherst College Institutional Comparison Group Report of 2005. The CPR, in creating this New group, was responding to a request from the administration and the Board of Trustees to choose a definitive comparison group.

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ Teaching staff includes tenured and tenure-track faculty, coaches, lecturers and visitors.

