

Frequently Asked Questions

Can emeritus and retired faculty be reported for the faculty award criteria?

No, only tenured/tenure-track faculty can be reported for criteria (E) (i) and (ii).

Can the institution resubmit a faculty lifetime award that was not accepted the previous year?

No. The Coordinating Board will provide an annual update on related to faculty lifetime awards and an institution will have 10 days to dispute the decision.

If our institution meets eligibility for funding, when will the funds be transferred to the institution?

Because of the data collection and certification, the report is released annually in late winter, typically in February. Once an institution meets eligibility for the first time, the State Auditor's Office (SAO) conducts a mandatory audit of the data submitted by the institution. The audit may take 2 to 4 months depending on the number of eligible institutions. Once the audit is complete, the SAO sends its preliminary report to THECB and the institution(s) for their review and consensus. At that point, the SAO also sends a letter to the Comptroller, which initiates the release of funds to the institution. The Comptroller works with Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to disburse the funds and the process may take up to a month.

After the first initial year of eligibility, when are the funds released?

If new institution(s) meet eligibility, then the funds will be released after their mandatory audit is complete (see previous questions). If the Coordinating Board determines that no new institution met the eligibility, the Coordinating Board will send the Comptroller a request to release the funds to the existing eligible institutions.

Are there any fiscal reporting requirements after becoming eligible for funding?

Not at the present time; however, the Coordinating Board reserves the right to request additional audits by the SAO as deemed necessary and appropriate at any time after an eligible institution begins receiving distributions.

Where do I get more information?

Visit www.thecb.state.tx.us/NRUF for more information.

** FAQ will be updated as the Coordinating Board receives questions from institutions.*