NEGOTIATION OPTIONS: THE JOB OFFER
Academic

- **Appointment title or titles** (all special titles are renewable after five years in the U.S.)
- **Units** (for joint appointment, specify fraction of appointment in each unit)
- **Tenure status**
- **Starting date** (January 1, September 1, etc.)
- **Starting salary** (time off for consulting; additional contributions to retirement account)
- **Living expenses** (university housing; housing allowance; closing costs; housing bonus)
- **Contributions to housing relocation expenses** (selling/buying costs; realtors’ fees)
- **Benefits** (healthcare; dental; insurance; parental leave; spousal benefits, time off)
- **Child care** availability of child care resources (care during research time or conferences)
- **Tuition benefit for children**
- **Spousal job opportunities**
- **Campus food card** for meals during relocation and house hunting time
- **Reimbursement of moving expense** (may be capped at 10% of salary)
- **Travel budget** (including travel for projects and for continuing education)
- **Funds to bring speakers to campus**
- **Facilities / Space** (amount and nature of the space commitment. For a joint appointment, expect only one office. Check the allocation of space—often public record).
- **Office furniture** (good quality) and **computer equipment** (on campus and/or at home)
- **Parking fees and location**
- **Staff support** (direct and indirect)
- **Nine month or twelve month appointment** (or a variation)
- **Immigration and Naturalization** contingency
- **Research support or continuing research support** (amount, flexibility, and source of start-up funds. Specify length of time for start-up funds (e.g., first three years)
- **Research equipment** and/or instrument time
- **Research staff** (full-time)
- **Additional hires in a specific research area** - for program building
- **Reduced or free service from campus facilities**, such as machine or wood shops, instrumentation centers, such as NMR, etc.
- **Support for Postdoctoral students**
- **Graduate student fellowships**
- **Teaching duties in units** (option: selection of courses or year’s relief from teaching)
- **Particular teaching expectations** (for joint appointment, clarify distribution of teaching responsibilities among units)
- **Access to “smart” classrooms** (and relevant software for department computer lab)
- **Book and journal purchases** for your library and the university library
- **Number and source of summer ninths** (number paid from general fund)
- **Number of course releases** (and any time constraints on this policy).
- **Center or Institute affiliations** – ask about support for Center or Institute affiliations.
- **Service expectations** (committees) - clarify if extra pay is a stipend or part of your base.
- **Tenure clock delay**
- **Sabbatical** – any recognition of sabbatical equity accrued elsewhere (can take the form of a Duty Off Campus Leave rather than early sabbatical)
- **Consulting release time** – in academe, industry or government based on expertise.
- **Date by which candidate should respond** and **time to resign from current position**.

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