

# PROFS

*Representing UW-Madison Faculty.  
Strengthening Wisconsin.*

## **About PROFS**

PROFS is a non-profit advocacy organization of University of Wisconsin–Madison faculty funded entirely by modest voluntary contributions. Formed by the Faculty Senate and governed by the University Committee, PROFS provides a voice to faculty, allowing them to communicate directly with legislators and others on issues affecting the university and its faculty.

## **How PROFS Works for Faculty**

PROFS is staffed by a legislative representative and administrator who work on behalf of faculty to maintain and improve:

- Competitive compensation and retirement benefits
- Faculty governance and protection of tenure
- State support for the university's operating budget
- New buildings and maintenance
- Federal support for research

PROFS regularly hosts campus events on topics including the state budget process, public higher education funding, possible changes to the Wisconsin Retirement System, and candidate forums.



## Successes

PROFS is proud of its past achievements, including

- Playing a key role in securing \$86 million in state-supported bonding for the UW–Madison Chemistry Building Project in the 2015–17 state budget.
- Securing a budget change requiring retirement contributions be taken pre-tax, saving the average faculty member about \$1,800 per year. PROFS brought this issue to the attention of legislators, and led the fight for the change.
- Securing domestic partner benefits and first-day health insurance coverage, both essential faculty recruitment tools.

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Name

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Department

University payroll requires the following to activate your deduction:

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Last four digits of your Social Security number

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Date of birth

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Signature

I hereby authorize UW–Madison to deduct from my salary a voluntary contribution to PROFS of one-tenth of one percent of my gross salary for that month. This authorization will remain in effect until PROFS receives a cancellation notice and forwards it to the payroll office.

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## More Information

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