Average salary increases for 5,927 faculty in the field of life sciences are reported for 1983-1984 and 1986-1987, as part of the College and University Personnel Association's annual faculty salary studies. Included are comparative data for 120,580 faculty at 167 public colleges and 235 private colleges, representing 44 academic disciplines. In 1983, 148 public colleges and 194 private colleges reported on salaries of faculty in life sciences, while 148 public and 202 private colleges reported in 1986. Between 1983 and 1986, average salaries of faculty in this field increased 20.8% at public colleges and 19.2% at private colleges. For 1986-1987, the average salary for life sciences faculty was above the average faculty salary in the other 43 disciplines (3% above for public colleges and 5% above for private colleges). Included is information on: the number of faculty by academic rank, including new assistant professors; salaries by academic rank; the ratio of average salaries to total salaries of all institutions in both years; comparisons with the Consumer Price Index of changes in cost-of-living for both years; and comparisons with 43 other disciplines. The disciplines and participating institutions are listed. (SW)
Since 1982-83 the College and University Personnel Association (CUPA) in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, has conducted annual national faculty salary studies by discipline and rank each year through 1986-87. Each year two separate studies are conducted, one for public senior colleges and universities which are members of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in Washington, D.C., and the other for private senior colleges and universities. The list of private institutions is provided by the American Council on Education in Washington, D.C.

Salary data for each study were collected and tabulated for full-time teaching faculty in 44 selected academic disciplines including life sciences. The disciplines were chosen from among those defined by the Higher Education General Information Study (HEGIS) Taxonomy and by A Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP), 1981. The definition of the discipline/major field of life sciences in the CIP is as follows:

A summary of groups of instructional programs that describe the systematic study of living organisms.

This article presents a summary of the overall average salary increases in the discipline/major field of life sciences from the "baseline year" of 1983-84 to and including the "trend year" of 1986-87 for both public and private institutions. Of the 215 institutions which participated in CUPA's PUBLIC (AASCU)
study of 1983-84, 167 also participated in 1986-87. Data from those same 167 institutions were used in both the baseline year and the trend year. Of the 355 institutions which participated in CUPA'S PRIVATE study of 1983-84, 235 also participated in 1986-87. Data from those same 235 institutions were used in both the baseline year and the trend year.

In addition to listing the average salaries in the life sciences for both public and private participating institutions by rank, including "new assistant professor," and listing the faculty mix percentage (FAC MIX PCT) and the salary factor, comparisons are made between the two studies for each of the two study years (1983-84 and 1986-87) and with the CPI (Consumer Price Index) of changes in cost-of-living.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter and fuels, transportation, medical care, entertainment, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In examining trends in faculty salary it is important to consider any changes in the economy and the CPI yields a more precise representation of "real" salary increases over time.

The salary is based on a nine- or ten-month academic year salary of full-time faculty only. It does not include any faculty members teaching less than 51 percent. Salary for summer academic work, fringe benefits, and perquisites are not included in the salary data. The average salary is based on the study information with the assumption that all employees were full-time. The average salary displayed is an average of all faculty salaries reported for a given rank and discipline.

The "NUM" means the number of faculty members whose salaries were included to compute the average salary.

The "N/IN" means the number of institutions that reported salary data for a given academic rank and discipline/major field.
The FAC MIX PCT is the percentage of faculty in a given discipline/major field who hold a given academic rank. For example, a FAC MIX PCT factor of .31 for associate professor of the life sciences in the 1983-84 public study means that 31 percent of the faculty in that discipline/major field hold the rank of associate professor.

The SALARY FACTOR for a given rank of a given discipline/major field is the ratio of the average salary to the total average salary of all institutions in each of the four studies: PUBLIC 1983-84, PUBLIC 1986-87, PRIVATE 1983-84 and PRIVATE 1986-87. For example, a SALARY FACTOR of .96 for assistant professors in the discipline/major field of life sciences in the 1983-84 public study means that their salaries are 4 percent lower than the average of all assistant professors in all institutions in that study.

NEW ASST PROF is the grouping of assistant professors who were hired for the first time in the fall of the study year (1983-84 or 1986-87). All information for this group was included in the ASST PROF group for reporting purposes. This group is used mainly for new hiring information.

ALL MAJOR FIELDS is the entire data base for all 44 disciplines/major fields in each of the four studies. It is used to compare, among other things, the discipline/major field of life sciences with the entire data base for each study.

Of particular import to the reader is noting the size of the sample on which each percentage or dollar value is based. The smaller the number in the group, the greater the effect of extreme scores on a descriptive statistic such as the average. It should be noted also that any large disparity in the sample sizes between the "baseline year" of 1983-84 and the "trend year" of 1986-87 will lessen the reliability and validity of any conclusions that one might make based on a simple comparison of averages.
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RESULTS OF THE TWO PUBLIC (AASCU) STUDIES, 1983-84 AND 1986-87

In the PUBLIC 1983-84 salary study in the above table, the reader may note that the discipline/major field of life sciences was reported in 148 of the 167 public (AASCU) institutions. The average salary of the 1,837 faculty was $27,924. This average salary was approximately 4 percent (1.04) higher than the average salary of $26,895 for all 36,612 faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS in the 1983-84 public study.

In the PUBLIC 1986-87 salary study in the above table, the discipline/major field of life sciences was reported in 148 of the same 167 public (AASCU) institutions. The average salary of the 1,864 faculty was $33,741. This average salary was approximately 3 percent (1.03) higher than the average salary of $32,670 for all 38,815 faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS in the 1986-87 public study.

The increase in average salaries for all faculty in the life sciences after three years in the public institutions studied was 20.8 percent ($33,741 minus $27,924 equals $5,817). The CPI of increased cost-of-living between October 1983 and October 1986 was 9.2 percent. A more realistic increase, therefore, in average faculty salaries over the three-year time period is 11.6 percent or an average of 3.9 percent each year above the cost-of-living.

The increase in average salaries for all faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS after three years in the public institutions studied was 21.5 percent ($32,670 minus $26,895 equals $5,775). In comparison to the discipline/major field of life sciences (20.8%), therefore, the faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS increased their salaries by 0.7 percent (21.5% minus 20.8% equals 0.7%) more than faculty in the discipline/major field of life sciences.

Since the discipline/major field of life sciences is one of the "older" disciplines, the reader may note that the faculty mix percentage is higher at the professor rank than at the assistant professor rank in the public studies;
0.46 vs. 0.20 (1983-84), respectively; and 0.49 vs. 0.19 (1986-87), respectively. The differences in faculty mix percentage at the ranks of professor and assistant professor in ALL MAJOR FIELDS for both public studies is as follows: 0.31 vs. 0.28 (1983-84) and 0.34 vs. 0.28 (1986-87), respectively. In other words ALL MAJOR FIELDS has a lower percentage of professors and a higher percentage of assistant professors compared to the life sciences in both public studies.

Finally, the hiring rate of new assistant professors in the life sciences is low in the public studies: 2.8 percent (51/1,837) in 1983-84 vs. 3.5 percent (1,290/36,612) in ALL MAJOR FIELDS in 1983-84. Also, the hiring rate of new assistant professors in the life sciences in 1986-87 was 2.9 percent (54/1,846) vs. 3.8 percent (1,487/38,815) in ALL MAJOR FIELDS that same year. In other words the hiring rate in the discipline/major field of life sciences is lower than for ALL MAJOR FIELDS in both of the public studies.

RESULTS OF THE TWO PRIVATE STUDIES, 1983-84 AND 1986-87

In the PRIVATE 1983-84 salary study in the above table, the reader may note that the discipline/major field of life sciences was reported in 194 of the 235 private institutions. The average salary of the 1,096 faculty was $27,791. This average salary was approximately 5 percent (1.05) higher than the average salary of $26,553 for all 21,861 faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS in the 1983-84 private study.

In the PRIVATE 1986-87 salary study in the above table, the discipline/major field of life sciences was reported in 202 of the same 235 private institutions. The average salary of the 1,130 faculty was $33,115. This average salary was approximately 5 percent (1.05) higher than the average salary of $31,548 for all 23,292 faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS in the 1986-87 private study.
The increase in average salaries for all faculty in the life sciences after three years in the private institutions studied was 19.2 percent (\$33,115 minus \$27,791 equals \$5,324). The CPI of increased cost-of-living between October 1983 and October 1986 was 9.2 percent. A more realistic increase, therefore, in average faculty salaries over the three-year time period is 10 percent or 3.3 percent each year above the cost-of-living.

The increase in average salaries for all faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS after three years in the private institutions studied was 18.8 percent (\$31,548 minus \$26,553 equals \$4,995). In comparison to the discipline/major field of life sciences (19.2%), therefore, the faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS increased their salaries by 0.4 percent (19.2% minus 18.8% equals 0.4%) less than faculty in the discipline/major field of life sciences.

Because the discipline/major field of life sciences is one of the "older" disciplines, the reader may note that the faculty mix percentage is higher at the professor rank than at the assistant professor rank in the private studies: 0.38 vs. 0.26 (1983-84), respectively; and 0.41 vs. 0.23 (1986-87), respectively. This differs from ALL MAJOR FIELDS for both private studies: 0.30 vs. 0.32 (1983-84), respectively; and 0.31 vs. 0.31, (1986-87), respectively. In other words ALL MAJOR FIELDS has a lower percentage of professors and a higher percentage of assistant professors than the life sciences in both private studies.

Finally, the reader may note that the hiring rate of new assistant professors in the life sciences in the private studies lagged behind the hiring rate in ALL MAJOR FIELDS both in 1983-84, 2.6 percent (29/1,096) vs. 3.9 percent (856/21,861), respectively; and in 1986-87, 3.2 percent (36/1,130) vs. 5.0 percent (1,173/23,292), respectively.
CONCLUDING REMARKS

This article presented salary-trend information on the academic discipline/major field of life sciences and compared that information with 43 other academic disciplines/major fields over a period of three years: the "baseline year" of 1983-84 and the "trend year" of 1986-87. Two studies, one for public (AASCU) institutions, and the other for private institutions were conducted for the baseline year and for the trend year—a total of four studies. A total of 5,927 faculty in the discipline/major field of life sciences participated and were included in the overall total of 120,580 faculty in all 44 disciplines/major fields in all four studies. The same 167 public (AASCU) institutions and the same 235 private institutions in the United States participated in the baseline year and the trend year.

Although many interpolations and extrapolations of the data may be made, a few of the more important ones are as follows. First, the average faculty salary in the discipline/major field of life sciences is currently (1986-87) some 3 and 5 percent above the overall average faculty salary of the other 43 disciplines/major fields for both the public and private studies, respectively. The average faculty salary for life sciences in the private institutions was 1 percent more in comparison to that in the public institutions in 1983-84. The overall salary factor in the private institutions is now (1986-87) 2 percent more in comparison to that for the public institutions: 1.05 vs 1.03, respectively.

Second, the CPI of October 1986, in comparison to the CPI of October 1983, indicates that the faculty in the life sciences, in both the public and private institutions, received overall salary increases for three years above the cost-of-living. Life sciences faculty salaries in the public institutions lagged behind faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS during this same period by 0.7
percent, whereas life sciences faculty salaries in the private institutions exceeded faculty in ALL MAJOR FIELDS by 0.4 percent. Life sciences faculty in the public institutions have some catching up to do in salary in comparison with their colleagues in the private institutions.

Third, since the discipline/major field of life sciences is one of the older disciplines, there is a marked difference between the number of faculty with the rank of full professor and assistant professor in the public and in the private institutions. The full professor rank is already "top heavy" in the public and private institutions. It appears that the full professor rank is increasing at about the same rate in both the public and private institutions. It seems that less new assistant professors are being hired in the public institutions in comparison to the private institutions.

Now that a rather significant data base on individual faculty member salaries has been developed, it is anticipated that additional salary-trend studies will be effected in the life sciences, and in other disciplines/major fields, on an annual basis.

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3) LIST OF PRIVATE Participating Institutions, page 13
APPENDIX A.
OVERALL LIST OF SELECTED DISCIPLINES

AGRIBUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
ACCOUNTING
ANTHROPOLOGY
AREA AND ETHNIC STUDIES
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH PATHOLOGY
BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS ECONOMICS
CHEMISTRY
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
COMMUNICATIONS
COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCES
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
DRAMATIC ARTS
EDUCATION
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ENGINEERING
FINE ARTS
FOREIGN LANGUAGES
GEOGRAPHY
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HISTORY
HOME ECONOMICS

LETTERS
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVAL SCIENCES
LIFE SCIENCES
MATHEMATICS
MUSIC
MULTI-INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
NURSING
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PHYSICAL SCIENCES
PHYSICS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
PSYCHOLOGY
READING EDUCATION
SECRETARIAL AND RELATED PROGRAMS
SOCIAL SCIENCES
SOCIOLOGY
SPECIAL EDUCATION
STUDENT COUNSELING AND PERSONNEL SERVICES
TEACHER EDUCATION, GENERAL PROGRAMS
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

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CUPA Public (AASCU) Faculty Salary-Trend Studies: 1983-84 and 1986-87

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State University of New York College at Cortland (NY)
State University of New York College at Fredonia (NY)
State University of New York College at Geneseo (NY)
Stephan F. Austin State University (TX)
Tennessee Technological University (TN)
Texas A&M University (TX)
Texas A&M University at Galveston (TX)
Texas Women’s University (TX)
Towson State University (MD)
Troy State University (AL)
University of Akron, The (OH)
University of Central Arkansas (AR)
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (CO)
University of Colorado at Denver (CO)
University of Maine at Farmington (ME)
University of Maine at Fort Kent (ME)
University of Montevallo (AL)
University of Nebraska at Omaha (NE)
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (NV)
University of North Carolina at Asheville (NC)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (NC)
University of North Florida (FL)
University of Northern Iowa (IA)
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (OK)
University of South Alabama, The (AL)
University of South Carolina - Aiken (SC)
University of South Carolina at Spartanburg (SC)
University of Southern Colorado (CO)
University of Southern Mississippi (MS)
University of Southwestern Louisiana (LA)
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (TN)
University of Tennessee at Martin, The (TN)
University of Texas at Dallas, The (TX)
University of Texas at San Antonio (TX)
University of Texas at Tyler, The (TX)
University of Texas of the Permian Basin (TX)
University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire (WI)
University of Wisconsin--Green Bay (WI)
University of Wisconsin--La Crosse (WI)
University of Wisconsin--Platteville (WI)
University of Wisconsin--Stevens Point (WI)
University of Wisconsin--Superior (WI)
University of Wisconsin--Oshkosh (WI)
Valdosta State College (GA)
Wayne State College (NE)
Weber State College (UT)
West Georgia College (GA)
West Texas State University (TX)
West Virginia College of Graduate Studies (WV)
West Virginia Institute of Technology (WV)
Western Connecticut State University (CT)
Western Illinois University (IL)
Western Kentucky University (KY)
Western Michigan University (MI)
Western New Mexico University (NM)
Western Oregon State College (OR)
Western State College of Colorado (CO)
Wichita State University, The (KS)
William Paterson College of New Jersey (NJ)
Winston-Salem State University (NC)
Youngstown State University (OH)

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APPENDIX C.

CUPA Private (AASCU) Faculty Salary-Trend Studies: 1983-84 and 1986-87

Institutions Participating in Both Studies:

Abilene Christian University (TX)
Albertus Magnus College (CT)
Albion College (MI)
Alfred University (NY)
Alma College (MI)
American College, The (PA)
American University, The (DC)
Anna Maria College (MA)
Aquinas College (MI)
Arkansas College (AR)
Asbury College (KY)
Augsburg College (MN)
Aurora University (IL)
Averett College (VA)
Avila College (MO)
Azusa Pacific University (CA)
Babson College (MA)
Bard College (NY)
Barnard College (NY)
Barry University (FL)
Beaver College (PA)
Bellarmine College (KY)
Benedictine College (KS)
Bethune-Cookman College (FL)
Biola University (CA)
Birmingham-Southern College (AL)
Bishop College (TX)
BOSTON College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
Bradley University (IL)
Briar Cliff College (IA)
Bridgewater College (VA)
Bryant College (RI)
Bryn Mawr College (PA)
Bucknell University (PA)
Butler University (IN)
Canisius College (NY)
Capital University (OH)
Carroll College (WI)
Catawba College (NC)
Cedar Crest College (PA)
Cedarville College (OH)
Centenary College (NJ)
Central College (IA)
Central Wesleyan College (SC)
Christian Brothers College (TN)
Clark University (MA)
Cogswell Polytechnical College (CA)
College of Idaho, The (ID)
College of Mount Saint Vincent (NY)
College of New Rochelle (NY)
College of Notre Dame (CA)
College of Saint Elizabeth (NJ)
College of St. Scholastica (MN)
College of the Holy Cross (MA)
College of Wooster, The (OH)
Columbia College (MO)
Concordia College (MI)
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, The (NY)
D'Youville College (NY)
Defiance College, The (OH)
DePaul University (IL)
DePauw University (IN)
Dickinson College (PA)
Doane College (NE)
Dordt College, Inc. (IA)
Drake University (IA)
Drew University (NJ)
Eastern College (PA)
Eckerd College (FL)
Elmhurst College (IL)
Emory & Henry College (VA)
Erskine College (SC)
Ferrum College (VA)
Findlay College (OH)
Fontbonne College (MO)
Fordham University (NY)
Franklin and Marshall College (PA)
Furman University (SC)
Gannon University (PA)
George Washington University, The (DC)
Georgetown University (DC)
Gonzaga University (WA)
Graceland College (IA)
Greensboro College (NC)
Guilford College (NC)
Hamline University (MN)
Hartwick College (NY)
Hawaii Loa College (HI)
Heidelberg College (OH)
Hood College (MD)
Hope College (MI)
Huntington College (IN)
Participating Institutions, continued:

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Huston-Tillotson College (TX)
Illinois Benedictine College (IL)
Illinois College (IL)
Immaculata College (PA)
Iona College (NY)
Ithaca College (NY)
John Brown University (AR)
John Carroll University (OH)
Johns Hopkins University (MD)
Johnson C. Smith University (NC)
Kansas Wesleyan (KS)
Kenyon College (OH)
King's College (PA)
La Roche College (PA)
Le Tourneau College (TX)
Lincoln Memorial University (TN)
Loyola College in Maryland (MD)
Lubbock Christian College (TX)
Luther College (IA)
Lycoming College (PA)
Lynchburg College (VA)
Malone College (OH)
Manhattanville College (NY)
Marist College (NY)
Mary Baldwin College (VA)
Marymount College (NY)
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Maryville College (TN)
McCoy College (PA)
Mercy College (NY)
Mercy College of Detroit (MI)
Meredith College (NC)
Merrimack College (MA)
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Montclair College (NY)
Mormon College (NJ)
Moravian College (PA)
Morningside College (IA)
Morris Brown College (GA)
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Mount Vernon College (DC)
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Ohio Northern University (OH)
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Sacred Heart College (NC)
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Saint Joseph College (CT)
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Saint Paul's College (VA)
Saint Vincent College (PA)
Saint Xavier College (IL)
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Salve Regina -- The Newport College (RI)
Scarritt Graduate School (TN)
School of the Ozarks, The (MO)
Seattle University (WA)
Seton Hill College (PA)
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Simpson College (IA)
Sioux Falls College (SD)
Southern California College (CA)
Southern Methodist University (TX)
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Springfield College (MA)
St. Bonaventure University (NY)
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Sweet Briar College (VA)
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Trinity College (VT)
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University of Dubuque, The (IA)
University of La Verne (CA)
University of Miami (FL)
University of Portland (OR)
University of San Diego (CA)
University of Scranton (PA)
University of the South, The (TN)
University of Tulsa (OK)
Ursuline College (OH)
Valparaiso University (IN)
Villa Maria College (PA)
Virginia Union University (VA)
Viterbo College (WI)
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Walsh College (OH)
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Westminster College of Salt Lake City (UT)
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Whittier College (CA)
Widener University (PA)
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William Penn College (IA)
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