

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1935
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) SIMMONS UNIVERSITY 300 THE FENWAY BOSTON, MA 02215-5820
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103629
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 617-521-2084
2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2024	J DAVID HOLLINDEN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 2152
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 857 6a(2) 731 6b 0 6c 1408 6d 2139 6e 9 6f 2148 6g(1) 2136 6g(2) 2132 6h 30
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2G 2L 2M

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SIMMONS UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103629	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TIAA CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	150907	1551	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	67649281
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	139375542

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

72032343

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

267546

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

3166022

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

4537680

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

21167

▶ PLAN SERVICING CREDIT

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

7992415

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

80024758

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

7810688

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

4562903

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

1886

▶ FEES

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

12375477

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

67649281

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
b ☐ Dental
c ☐ Vision
d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
f ☐ Long-term disability
g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
j ☐ HMO contract
k ☐ PPO contract
l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SIMMONS UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103629	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 15 37 72	NONE	52852	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CBIZ CPAS P.C.

43-1947695

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	NONE	45180	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

FIDUCIENT ADVISORS, LLC

36-4001764

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	36050	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

DKC RETIREMENT ASSOCIATES LLC

04-4380569

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
17	NONE	6000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SIMMONS UNIVERSITY				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103629	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA REAL ESTATE					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TIAA CREF					
c EIN-PN 13-1624203-004		d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8393590		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SIMMONS UNIVERSITY		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103629		

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	79127	80182
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	114216	115595
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	379279	411047
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	10503475	8393590
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	154636307	178726406
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	72032343	67649281
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	237744747	255376101
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	237744747	255376101

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	2129260	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3036296	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	231660	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		5397216
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	25221	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	3166023	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		3191244
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1474471	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1474471
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		-1367865
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		31013835
c Other income	2c		150621
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		39859522

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	18146205	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	3922458	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		22068663
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		18956
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	140549	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		140549
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		22228168

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		17631354
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **CBIZ CPAS P.C.**

(2) EIN: **43-1947695**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	194594
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SIMMONS UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103629	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 13-1624203		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	84

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☒ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>08 / 07 / 2017</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>J500954A</u> .	



**Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information**

**Simmons University
Retirement Plan**

December 31, 2023 and 2022

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Plan Administrator
Simmons University Retirement Plan
Boston, Massachusetts

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We were engaged to perform audits of the financial statements of the Simmons University Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Plan. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements.



Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

The Plan has not maintained sufficient accounting records and supporting documents relating to certain annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009. Accordingly, we were unable to apply auditing procedures sufficient to determine the extent to which the accompanying financial statements may have been affected by these conditions.

Further, as described in Note 2, the Plan has excluded from investments in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits certain annuity and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009, as permitted by the Department of Labor's Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2009-02, Annual Reporting Requirements for 403(b) Plans. The investment income and distributions related to such accounts have also been excluded from the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The amount of these excluded annuity and custodial accounts and the related income and distributions are not determinable. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that these accounts and the related income and distributions be included in the accompanying financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit of the Plan's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to issue an auditors' report. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements. We are required to be independent of the Plan, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit.



Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, (1) Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023 and (2) Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules referred to above.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.¹

Boston, Massachusetts
October 10, 2024

¹ In certain jurisdictions, CBIZ CPAs P.C. operates under its previous name, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<i>December 31,</i>	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 236,500,812	\$ 217,401,686
Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, at contract value	<u>18,268,467</u>	<u>19,770,439</u>
Total investments	<u>254,769,279</u>	<u>237,172,125</u>
Receivables:		
Participant deferrals	115,595	114,216
Employer matching contributions	80,182	79,127
Notes receivable from participants	<u>411,045</u>	<u>379,279</u>
Total receivables	<u>606,822</u>	<u>572,622</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 255,376,101</u>	<u>\$ 237,744,747</u>

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Interest and dividends	\$ 4,641,320
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>29,645,970</u>

Total investment income	<u>34,287,290</u>
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>24,395</u>
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Other income	<u>150,646</u>
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Contributions:

Participant deferrals	3,036,296
Participant rollovers	231,660
Employer matching	<u>2,129,260</u>

Total contributions	<u>5,397,216</u>
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Total additions to net assets	<u>39,859,547</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	18,165,161
Purchase of annuity contracts	3,922,458
Administrative expenses	<u>140,574</u>

Total deductions from net assets	<u>22,228,193</u>
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Net increase in net assets available for benefits	17,631,354
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>237,744,747</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ <u><u>255,376,101</u></u>
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SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Simmons University Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions, including definitions of key terms.

General

The Plan is a 403(b) defined contribution plan and was most recently restated in 2019. Eligible employees are employees who work 20 hours or more in a week, except students performing certain services, temporary employees, nonresident aliens who did not receive any U.S. source income, or union employees whose collective bargaining agreement provides that they will not participate in the Plan. Eligible employees can participate in the Plan and choose to have elective deferrals immediately upon hire (“Participants”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended. The Plan utilizes TIAA and CREF and TIAA as agent for TIAA, Trust, N.A. (2023) and as agent for TIAA, FSB (2022) as its custodian and insurance company. All investments are participant directed.

Contributions

Participant Contributions

Participants may make pretax contributions to the Plan subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. To be eligible to contribute, a participant must not be a student enrolled and regularly attending classes at Simmons University (“the University”). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (“Participant Rollovers”).

Employer Contributions

The University made a discretionary matching contribution of 5% of each eligible participant’s base salary on a per pay period basis in 2023. To be eligible for the discretionary matching contribution, a participant must have contributed an elective deferral to the Plan in an amount of at least 3% of his or her regular salary during the payroll period. There are no age or length of service requirements in order to be eligible to receive, with the exception of adjunct faculty who are not eligible for the discretionary matching contribution.

The Plan also allows for a discretionary Performance Matching Contribution. No Performance Matching Contribution was made for the year ended December 31, 2023.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the University's contribution, and Plan earnings/losses. Allocations are based on participant earnings/losses, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants direct the investment of their account balance into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change their investment options at any time, subject to the terms of the funding vehicles. Plan earnings are credited to a participant's account according to the type of funding vehicle in which balances are invested. Fund managers' fees are charged to participants' accounts as a reduction of the return earned on each investment option.

Vesting

Employee deferrals and earnings thereon are fully and immediately vested. Matching Contributions and Performance Matching Contributions are subject to a 1-year cliff vesting schedule.

Notes Receivable from Participants and Plan Loans

Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their employee elective deferral accounts. Participants are limited to ten loans per year. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the Participant's account and bear interest at a reasonable rate to be determined by the Plan administrator. There were \$411,045 and \$379,279 of outstanding loans of this nature at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through direct payment to TIAA.

Through the early part of 2022, Plan loans were available to participants directly through TIAA and CREF, subject to certain limitations. Plan loans were issued directly from the funds owned by TIAA and CREF, and loan proceeds were not removed from a participant's account balance. TIAA and CREF loans money to participants from the TIAA General Account, secured by transferring 110% of the loan value from other investment options to a TIAA Traditional Annuity within the Plan. Securing collateral in the amount of 110% ensures that if the participant makes late payments, the collateral will be sufficient to cover the additional accrued interest under the terms of the loan. These loans are not assets of the Plan, and as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, participants had outstanding Plan loan balances due to TIAA and CREF of \$397,050 and \$609,174, respectively, with interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 6.85%. Plan participants pay interest on their Plan loans directly to TIAA and CREF.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, retirement, death, or total permanent disability, a participant may elect to receive a distribution of his or her entire accumulated Plan balance, subject to the terms of the funding vehicles. Distribution options include lump-sum payments, rollover to another retirement plan, or lifetime annuity payments. In addition, participants may elect in-service withdrawals of their account balances after reaching age 59-1/2 or for hardship purposes. Required minimum distributions for participants also apply per IRS regulations.

Forfeitures

A participant who leaves the employ of the Employer forfeits any non-vested balance at the earlier of five one-year breaks in service or the distribution of the participant's entire vested account. Forfeited balances are used to reduce future Employer contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeitures available totaled \$12,737 and \$2,224 respectively.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Plan's financial statements are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In November 2007, the Department of Labor ("DOL") issued amended regulations eliminating an exemption granted to 403(b) plans from the annual Form 5500 reporting, disclosure, and audit requirements under Part 1 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA. The Plan, however, was established in 1935, and historically the Plan was viewed as a collection of individual contracts with which participants could engage in a range of actions with limited involvement, if any, by the Plan sponsor. Accordingly, various accounting and payroll records related to the Plan's 403(b) annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009 were not maintained by the Plan. Consequently, the financial statements have been prepared based on available records analyzed by Plan management. As certain records were not available from the inception of the Plan, there can be no assurance as to the completeness or accuracy of the Plan's reported financial information.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from Participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are charged to expenses as they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Investments, Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments other than fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (valued at contract value) are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Contract value is the relevant measurement for the portion of net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

The Plan has fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and non benefit-responsive investment contracts with TIAA and CREF. TIAA and CREF maintains the contributions in a general account.

Unit Values

Individual participant accounts for the pooled separate investment and variable rate annuity accounts are maintained on a unit value basis. Participants do not have beneficial ownership in the specific underlying securities or other assets in the funds, but do have an interest therein represented by units which are valued daily. The funds earn dividends and interest which are automatically reinvested in additional units. Generally, contributions to and withdrawals from each fund are converted to units by dividing the amounts of such transactions by the unit values as last determined, and the participants' accounts are charged or credited with the number of units properly attributable to each participant.

Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the University. Expenses that are paid by the University are excluded from these financial statements. Investment and administrative related expenses amounted to \$140,572 for the year ended December 31, 2023 and are included in administrative expenses on the accompanying Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits and qualify as party-in-interest transactions as further described in Note 7. Fund managers' fees are charged to participants' accounts as a reduction of the return earned on each investment option.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Subsequent Events

The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events through October 10, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant matters were identified for disclosure during this evaluation.

Note 3 - Information Certified by the Custodians and Insurance Company

Plan investments are held by the custodian and insurance company, TIAA and CREF and TIAA as agent for TIAA Trust, N.A. (2023) and as agent for TIAA, FSB (2022). The fair and contract values of investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and all investment transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023, including interest and dividends and net appreciation in value are reported to the Plan and certified as complete and accurate by the custodian and insurance company. Information included in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at year end) and notes receivable from participants have also been derived from information certified by the custodian and insurance company.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level I) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level III). Valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level I – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

Level II – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level II input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level III – Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual Funds

Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily Net Asset Value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

TIAA Traditional Annuity

The TIAA Traditional Annuity is a fixed rate guaranteed annuity contract available as an investment option to Plan participants. Each contract is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by TIAA and CREF. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is offered through a variety of contract types, including Retirement Annuities ("RA") and Retirement Choice ("RC"). The type of contract through which a participant invests in the TIAA Traditional Annuity determines the applicability of certain account features, such as the guaranteed minimum interest rate, additional interest declarations, the degree of liquidity of the participant's account, and the options for receiving income upon retirement.

RA and RC contracts are non benefit-responsive, and accordingly, are reported at fair value. The value equals the accumulated cash contributions and interest credited to the contract, less any withdrawals. The crediting interest rates for RA contracts for 2023 and 2022 were 3.80% and 6.25%, respectively, and the crediting interest rates for RC contracts were 3.90% and 6.50% respectively.

When participants choose to allocate a portion of their retirement savings to the TIAA Traditional Annuity during the accumulation phase of the contract, their contributions purchase a specific amount of lifetime income based on the contractual rate schedule in effect at the time the premium is paid. The participant's principal, plus a specified minimum rate of interest, is guaranteed by TIAA and CREF's claim-paying ability. The TIAA Traditional Annuity also provides the potential for additional interest if declared by TIAA and CREF's Board of Trustees. Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the declaration year, which begins each March 1 for accumulating annuities, and January 1 for lifetime payout annuities. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years.

Liquidity restrictions apply to certain types of contracts that could impact the value realized upon exiting the contract. The redemption provisions of the fixed rate annuities vary depending on the nature of the contract option chosen by the participant.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

TIAA Traditional Annuity (Continued)

The RA contract does not allow lump-sum cash withdrawals, and transfers must be spread over 7 annual installments. All other withdrawals and transfers from RA contracts must be spread over 10 annual installments (five annual installments for withdrawals after termination of employment). The RC contract allows for lump-sum cash withdrawals 120 days after termination of employment and is subject to a 2.5% surrender charge. All other withdrawals and transfers from RC contract accounts must be paid in 84 monthly installments. When a participant's accumulation in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to a lifetime payout annuity, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulated balance, and the entire amount is recorded as a distribution in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

TIAA Real Estate Account

The account generally invests in real estate properties and real estate-related investments. The account's value is principally derived from the market value of the underlying real estate holdings or other real estate-related investments. Real estate holdings are valued principally utilizing external appraisals, which are estimates of property values based on a professional's opinion. The account sometimes holds securities as well, and these securities are generally priced using values obtained from independent pricing sources.

The fair value of the Plan's interest in the TIAA Real Estate Account (a pooled separate account) is based on the fund's daily Net Asset Value ("NAV"), which is considered by Plan management to be the best approximation of fair value. This investment is classified at NAV in the fair value hierarchy. The unit value of the fund is calculated daily and available to Plan administrators and client investors on TIAA and CREF's website. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in this account. These investments may be redeemed quarterly with one day's notice.

CREF Variable Annuities

The accounts invest principally in equity securities, fixed income instruments and short-term investments in accordance with each portfolio's investment objectives. The fair values of accumulation units held by the Plan in CREF Variable Annuity accounts are based on each account's daily NAV, which is considered by Plan management to be the best approximation of fair value. Data for NAVs are available daily to Plan administrators and client investors on TIAA and CREF's website and provide sufficient corroborative evidence to ascertain the relationship between each fund's NAV and the values of individual underlying holdings. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in these accounts. The variable annuities are measured at net asset value in the valuation hierarchy and are redeemable daily with one day's notice.

The categorization of an investment within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the investment and does not necessarily correspond to Plan management's perceived risk of that investment.

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 47,744,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,744,454
Fixed rate annuities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,380,814</u>	<u>49,380,814</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ <u>47,744,454</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>49,380,814</u>	97,125,268
Investments measured at NAV practical expedient:				
Variable rate annuities (a)				130,981,954
Pooled separate accounts (a)				<u>8,393,590</u>
Total investments at fair value				\$ <u>236,500,812</u>

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 38,797,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,797,942
Fixed rate annuities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,261,905</u>	<u>52,261,905</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ <u>38,797,942</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>52,261,905</u>	91,059,847
Investments measured at NAV practical expedient:				
Variable rate annuities (a)				115,838,364
Pooled separate accounts (a)				<u>10,503,475</u>
Total investments at fair value				\$ <u>217,401,686</u>

(a) In accordance with ASC Subtopic 820-10, "Fair Value Measurements," certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in these tables are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy amounts to amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table represents the changes in net assets classified in Level III in the fair value hierarchy attributable to the following as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Purchases	\$ 4,035,349	\$ 3,563,417
Transfers into Level III	-	-
Transfers out of Level III	-	-

Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level III Fair Value Measurements

The following table as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 represents the Plan's Level III financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Fair Value 12/31/2023</i>	<i>Fair Value 12/31/2022</i>	<i>Principal Valuation Techniques</i>	<i>Unobservable Inputs</i>
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$ 49,380,814	\$ 52,261,905	Discounted cash flows Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied

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Note 5 - Fair Value of Investments in Entities that Use NAV

The following table summarizes the investments measured at fair value based on net asset value (NAV) per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

<i>Investments</i>	<i>Fair Value*</i> <i>12/31/2023</i>	<i>Fair Value*</i> <i>12/31/2022</i>	<i>Unfunded</i> <i>Commitments</i>	<i>Redemption</i> <i>Frequency</i>	<i>Redemption</i> <i>Notice</i> <i>Period</i>
Variable rate annuities (a)	\$ 130,981,954	\$ 115,838,364	\$ -	daily	one day
Pooled separate accounts (a)	<u>8,393,590</u>	<u>10,503,475</u>	<u>-</u>	quarterly	one day
Total	<u>\$ 139,375,544</u>	<u>\$ 126,341,839</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

* The fair values of the investments have been estimated using the net asset value of the investment.

(a) See Note 4 for the description of the variable rate annuities and pooled separate accounts.

Note 6 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

Following is a description of the investments and valuation methodologies for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts:

TIAA Traditional Annuity Contracts

Supplemental Retirement Annuities ("SRA"), Retirement Choice Plus ("RCP") and Group Supplemental Retirement Annuities ("GSRA") are also traditional annuity contracts as discussed in Note 4. However, SRA, RCP and GSRA contracts do not have liquidity restrictions and are therefore fully benefit-responsive contracts reported at contract value. When a participant's accumulation in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to a lifetime payout annuity, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulated balance, and the entire amount is recorded as a distribution in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. The crediting interest rate for 2023 and 2022 was 3.05% and 5.50 % for the SRA and GSRA contracts, respectively, and 3.15% and 5.75% for RCP contracts, respectively.

The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate (disclosed in Note 4) is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer. Such interest rates are periodically reviewed for resetting.

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Note 6 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts (Continued)

TIAA Traditional Annuity Contracts (Continued)

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan document (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events which would have limited the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants have occurred.

The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

The following are the contract values of the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract at December 31:

	2023	2022
Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract at contract value:		
TIAA Traditional (SRA, RCP and GSRA fixed rate annuities)	\$ 18,268,467	\$ 19,770,439

Note 7 - Related-Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Plan investments include investment contracts and a pooled separate account managed by TIAA and CREF, the custodian of the Plan. Therefore, transactions pertaining to these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. During the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan received revenue credits of \$150,646 from TIAA and CREF which were used to pay Plan expenses. The revenue credits are reported as other income on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. For the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, fees paid to TIAA and other services providers totaled \$140,574. Notes receivable from participants also qualify for exempt party-in-interest transactions.

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Note 8 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the University has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Plan sponsor may determine.

Note 9 - Tax Status

The Plan adopted the TIAA Volume Submitter 403(b) Plan Document that received an IRS opinion letter dated August 7, 2017 which stated that the Plan is acceptable under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for use by eligible Employers for the benefit of their employees. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of Section 403(b) of the Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and related accounts are tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 10 - Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events such as an international conflict, which could impact the value of investment securities. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Note 11 - Prohibited Transactions

Under U.S. Department of Labor Regulation Section 2510.3-102, 403(b) Plan related salary deferrals and loan repayments withheld from employees' paychecks must be deposited into the Plan as soon as reasonably possible. When this regulation is not satisfied, the Plan sponsor has engaged in a prohibited transaction. During 2022 and 2021, there were contributions of \$59,164 and \$135,430, respectively, that were not remitted within the required time period. The Employer calculated lost earnings on the delinquent contributions per ERISA guidelines and made the correction in April 2024.

Supplemental Schedules

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Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included:	Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2021	n/a	\$ 135,430	n/a	n/a
2022	n/a	\$ 59,164	n/a	n/a

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost **	(e) Current Value
*	TIAA Traditional Non Benefit Responsive	Fixed Rate Annuities	\$	49,380,814
*	TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive	Fixed Rate Annuities		18,138,900
*	TIAA Stable Value - Benefit Responsive	Fixed Rate Annuities		129,567
*	TIAA Real Estate	Pooled Separate Account		8,393,590
*	CREF Stock R2	Variable Rate Annuities		48,777,640
*	CREF Growth R2	Variable Rate Annuities		21,774,751
*	CREF Equity Index R2	Variable Rate Annuities		19,397,567
*	CREF Global Equities R2	Variable Rate Annuities		17,130,628
*	CREF Social Choice R2	Variable Rate Annuities		8,632,356
*	CREF Bond Market R2	Variable Rate Annuities		5,940,064
*	CREF Money Market R2	Variable Rate Annuities		5,328,213
*	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R2	Variable Rate Annuities		4,000,735
	Vanguard Inst Idx Inst	Mutual Fund		5,307,470
	Vanguard Target Ret 2045 Inv	Mutual Fund		4,993,003
	Vanguard Target Ret 2030 Inv	Mutual Fund		3,829,067
	Vanguard Target Ret 2040 Inv	Mutual Fund		3,774,121
	Vanguard Target Ret Income Inv	Mutual Fund		3,634,993
	Vanguard Target Ret 2050 Inv	Mutual Fund		3,184,800
	Vanguard Target Ret 2025 Inv	Mutual Fund		3,006,290
	Vanguard Extended Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual Fund		2,895,115
	Vanguard Target Ret 2020 Inv	Mutual Fund		2,836,171
	Vanguard Target Ret 2035 Inv	Mutual Fund		2,654,708
	Vanguard Federal Money Mkt Inv	Mutual Fund		2,607,216
	Vanguard Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm	Mutual Fund		1,770,874
	Vanguard Target Ret 2055 Inv	Mutual Fund		1,607,732
*	TIAA-CREF Social Ch Eq-Inst	Mutual Fund		1,034,535
	Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual Fund		934,739
	The Hartford Internatnl Opp R6	Mutual Fund		840,063
	Vanguard Target Ret 2060 Inv	Mutual Fund		644,706
	Vanguard Infl Protect Sec Adm	Mutual Fund		572,101
	BlackRock Total Return K	Mutual Fund		451,427
	DFA Internat Sustain Core 1	Mutual Fund		351,721
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund I	Mutual Fund		346,756
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	Mutual Fund		145,744
	American Century Sm Cap Val R6	Mutual Fund		207,965
	Vanguard Target Ret 2065 Inv	Mutual Fund		59,878
	Vanguard Target Retire 2070	Mutual Fund		3,764
	ClearBridge Small Cp Growth IS	Mutual Fund		14,365
*	TIAA-CREF Core Impact Bd-Inst	Mutual Fund		35,130
*	Participant Loans	Loans (4.25% - 9.5%)	-0-	411,045
	Total			<u>\$ 255,180,324</u>

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