



SAIT Academic Faculty Association (SAFA) employee benefit program

As a Faculty (SAFA) employee of SAIT, you have a comprehensive program of benefits available to you and your family.

This information sheet provides an overview of the benefits available. Find out more at SaitNow.ca under the My Benefits tab.

The benefit year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Extended Health Care

The policy is administered by Manulife. The policy covers (but is not limited to) the following:

Prescription Drugs

- Pay direct drug card.
- 80% of the drugs legally requiring a prescription. The maximum amount for any covered expense is the price of the lowest cost generic equivalent product that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary.
- 80% of needles, syringes and chemical diagnostic aids for the treatment of diabetes.
- \$500 lifetime maximum for anti-smoking drugs.
- Dispensing fee maximum is \$5.00 per prescription.

Vision Care – Prescription Glasses

- \$100 per 12 months for persons under age 18.
- \$100 per 24 months for persons age 18 and over.
- Contact Lenses (where medically necessary): \$200 per lifetime.

Out-of-Province Emergency and Travel Assistance Benefit

\$5,000,000 lifetime maximum per person for eligible expenses incurred due to emergency treatment of illness or injury during the first 60 days of travelling on vacation or business outside the province.

Hospital Charges

100% of reasonable and customary charges for hospital room and board up to the difference between the charges for a public ward and private accommodation.

- Ambulance services – ground or air transportation.
- Nursing care \$500 per benefit year.

Supplementary Health Care

- Combined services of a physiotherapist or athletic therapy \$500 per benefit year.
- Combined services of a chiropractor, osteopath, podiatrist/chiropractist, massage therapist, naturopath
- \$500 per benefit year.
- Orthotics – as prescribed by a physician or podiatrist \$500 every 24 months.
- Psychologist combined with social worker \$500 per benefit year.
- Hearing aids \$500 every five years.
- Dental treatment required for the treatment of accidental injuries to natural teeth or jaw.
- Other miscellaneous expenses as prescribed by a physician – contact Manulife for further information.

Cost: SAIT pays 100%.

Flexible Spending Accounts

\$650 annually (prorated monthly based on commencement date) towards your choice of either Flexible Spending Account.

- The **Health Care Spending Account** provides reimbursement for eligible medical related expenses determined by Canada Revenue Agency; **or**
- The **Taxable Spending Account** provides taxable reimbursement for health and wellness related claims such as gym fees, workout gear, or camping fees.

Administered by Manulife.

Cost: SAIT pays 100%.

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Dental Plan

80% of basic services and 50% of major services to a combined maximum of \$2,000 per person per benefit year. 50% of orthodontic services to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000 per person. Excludes replacement of tooth that was missing prior to the start of coverage.

Administered by Manulife.

Cost: SAIT pays 100%.

Illness and Disability Benefits

Casual Sick Leave Plan

For illness and injury up to three consecutive days: 10 days per calendar year at 100% salary.

Cost: SAIT pays 100%.

General Sick Leave Plan

For non-occupational illness or injury more than three consecutive days up to 80 working days.

Cost: SAIT pays specified rates of pay (100% and 70% of normal salary).

Long Term Disability Plan

For illness and disability longer than 80 days a benefit of 66.67% of gross pre-disability salary will be paid non-taxable to you to a maximum of \$6,500 per month.

Cost: Employee pays 100% of the premium.

Critical Illness Insurance

Optional coverage up to a maximum of \$300,000 for employee and/or spouse. You may also be eligible to purchase coverage up to a maximum of \$10,000 for children under the age of 21 if you're purchasing coverage for yourself.

Cost: Employee pays 100% of premium.

Accident and Death Benefits

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Industrial Alliance provides accidental death, dismemberment and travel accident insurance. Coverage is equal to the value of basic life insurance.

Cost: SAIT pays 100% of premium.

Basic Life Insurance

Coverage is equal to two times salary at death and offers conversion privilege on termination of employment.

Cost: SAIT pays 100% of premium.

Optional Group Life Insurance

New salaried employees, if applied for within 31 days of hire, are eligible for \$20,000 of coverage without evidence of insurability.

Optional Coverage up to a maximum of \$250,000 for employee and/or spouse.

Cost: Employee pays 100% of premium.

Optional Dependant Life Insurance

\$5,000 spouse; \$2,000 each dependent child.

Cost: Employee pays 100% of premium.

Pension Benefits

Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP): provides a pension benefit upon retirement, death, or termination. Contribution rates are a percentage of pensionable salary with SAIT paying 1% more than the employee (two year vesting period is applicable). LAPP is mandatory for all permanent employees and optional for temporary employees. Administered by Alberta Pensions Services Corporation.

lapp.ca/members

OR

Group Retirement Services Defined Contribution Pension Plan (GRS DC Pension): provides a pension benefit upon retirement, death or termination. Contribution rates are a percentage of pensionable salary with SAIT matching the employee (vesting is immediate). The GRS DC plan is optional for temporary employees. Permanent employees cannot join this plan. Administered by Group Retirement Services.

grsaccess.com

Group Savings Plan

SAIT offers two Group Savings Plans administered by Great West Life: the Group Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) and the Group Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP). Investing through a group plan means lower fees than investing on your own. Information packages are available from Employee Services upon request.

Government Plans

Workers' Compensation

Covers occupational illness and injuries.

Cost: SAIT pays 100% of the premium.

Canada Pension Plan (CPP)

Provides retirement, death and disability benefits.

Cost: SAIT and the employee pay 5.1% each on earnings up to the Yearly Maximum Pensionable Earnings (these rates will increase incrementally until 2024).

Employment Insurance

Service Canada administers this plan which covers Employment Insurance benefits up to the Maximum Insurable Earnings.

Cost: Employee pays 1.62% of salary.

SAIT pays 1.181 times the employee contribution.

servicecanada.gc.ca

Other Benefits

- Free Campus Centre membership for employees
- Eligible to purchase U-Pass for Calgary Transit
- Group Insurance rates for auto and home insurance
- Free tuition seats in Continuing Education Courses (subject to availability)
- Computer purchase plan
- Professional Credential Enhancement Program
- Professional development
- Lunch and Learn sessions
- Christmas Leave — work days between Christmas and New Years
- Special Leave — up to 10 days per calendar year

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