

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University's Grievance Procedure under The Americans with Disabilities Act

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging disability-based discrimination in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. The State's Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination, such as the complainant's name, address, and phone number; the location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible, but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

ADA Coordinator

1700 Lee Hall Drive, Suite 308 FHAC, Tallahassee, FL 32307

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, *the ADA Coordinator* or his/her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee will respond in writing and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's position and offer options for a substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by *the ADA Coordinator* or his/her designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the **University's Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer** or his/her designee.

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the **University's Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer** or his/her designee will meet with the complainant

to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the **University's Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer** or his/her designee will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by *the ADA Coordinator* or his/her designee, appeals to the **University's Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer** or his/her designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by the **Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University** for at least three years.