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	WOMEN	MEN	ALL
Number	106	489	595
Mean Years at UM	11	14	14
Mean Salary (*)	\$ 138,994	\$ 179,296	\$ 172,116
<i>Rank</i>			
Assistant Professor	34%	24%	26%
Associate Professor	40%	29%	31%
Professor	26%	46%	43%
<i>Mean Salary by Rank</i>			
Assistant Professor	\$ 120,737	\$ 141,490	\$ 136,670
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Professor	\$ 148,904	\$ 202,747	\$ 196,830

(*)Includes Base, Academic Supplement, Clinical A and Clinical B actual income

TABLE 2
EFFECTS OF GENDER ON FACULTY SALARIES

		MODEL	
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES		1	2
		<i>coefficient</i> <i>(standard err.)</i>	<i>coefficient</i> <i>(standard err.)</i>
	Female	-0.075 ** (0.024)	-0.047 * (0.021)
	Asian or Pacific Islander	-0.032 (0.031)	-0.023 (0.028)
	Black, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Hispanic	-0.002 (0.043)	0.034 (0.039)
	Gender and race are predictors	X	X
	Controls for years at UM and type of degree(s)	X	X
	Controls for department, market ratio, non- medical appointment, VAMC appointment, administrative appointment, and sabbatical	X	X
	Controls for rank and years in rank		X
	Adjusted R2	0.725	0.781
	(n)	595	595

* p<.05

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TABLE 3
Number of Appointments with Unusually High or Low Salaries

		Distribution of actual vs. predicted salaries, by sex		
		Men	Women	ALL
	TOTAL N^a =	498	107	605
	<i>Salary residual >2 standard deviations above the mean</i>			
	Category N=	16	0	16
	% of TOTAL N	3.2%	0.0%	2.6%
	<i>Salary residual 1-2 standard deviations above the mean</i>			
	Category N=	54	5	59
	% of TOTAL N	10.8%	4.7%	9.8%
	<i>Salary residual 0.5-1 standard deviation above the mean</i>			
	Category N=	72	12	84
	% of TOTAL N	14.5%	11.2%	13.9%
	<i>Salary residual 0.5 above to 0.5 standard deviations below the mean</i>			
	Category N=	217	60	277
	% of TOTAL N	43.6%	56.1%	45.8%
	<i>Salary residual 0.5 below to 1 standard deviation below the mean</i>			
	Category N=	85	16	101
	% of TOTAL N	17.1%	15.0%	16.7%
	<i>Salary residual 1-2 standard deviations below the mean</i>			
	Category N=	37	12	49
	% of TOTAL N	7.4%	11.2%	8.1%
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	Category N=	17	2	19
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		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

(a) This table details residual data for the 595 individuals in the study. Because a few people have multiple Medical School appointments, the N=605 reflects the total number of residuals.

Figure 1

Professors

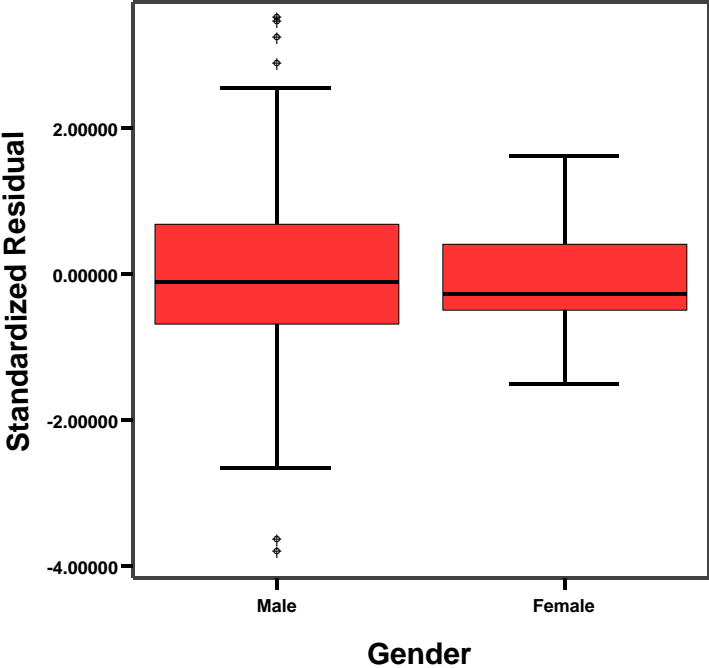


Figure 2

Associate Professors

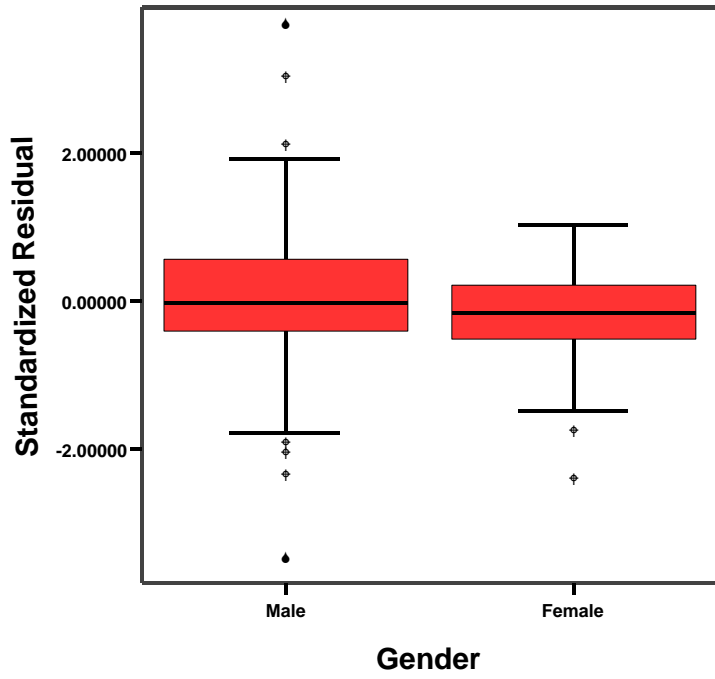
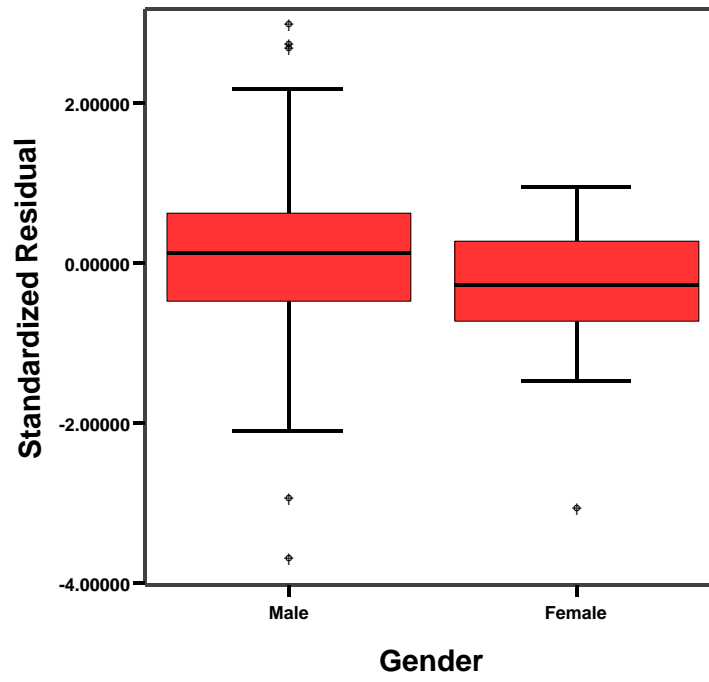


Figure 3

Assistant Professors



APPENDIX A - Table 1a
SALARY MEASURES

We constructed five alternative salary measures: (1)base salary, (2)base salary plus academic salary, (3)base salary plus academic salary plus clinical A supplement, (4)base salary plus academic salary plus clinical B supplement, and (5)base salary plus academic salary plus clinical A supplement plus clinical B limit. Table 1A reports the coefficients on the sex dummy and the R^2 s from regression equations predicting each of these five salary measures as a function of the predictor variables. The first table below is based on the variables in Model 2 (rank variables are included); the second table is based on variables in Model 1 (rank variables are not included).

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DEPENDENT VARIABLE
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Including rank variables as predictors:		
<i>Adjusted R²</i>	<i>Coefficient for Sex</i>	<i>Sig. Of Coefficient</i>
0.795	-0.047	0.040
0.781	-0.047	0.029
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0.725	-0.075	0.002
0.708	-0.072	0.002
0.491	-0.020	0.394
0.425	-0.055	0.042

APPENDIX A - Table 2a
DEFINITIONS OF VARIABLES USED IN THE REGRESSIONS ^a

Sum4	The natural logarithm of the sum of four components of salary: base salary, academic supplement, clinical A supplement, and clinical B supplement. The base and the academic supplement were calculated full-time rates. Salary was as of November 1, 2001 ^b .
Gender	Male = 1 Female = 2
Race	Asian, Pacific Islander = 1 Under-represented minority = 1 Black, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Hispanic [White is the excluded category]
Non-Medical Appointment = 1	
Administrative Appointment = 1	
VAAppointment = 1	
Market Ratio	The natural logarithm of the ratio of mean salary by subspecialty and rank to mean salary of all fields by rank. The means were based on AAMC data.
Rank	Professor = 1 Associate Professor 1-6 Years = 1 Associate Professor 7 or more years = 1 [Assistant Professor is the excluded category]
Rank by Years in Rank Interactions	Professor by Years in Rank = 1 Associate Professor 1-6 Years by Years in Rank = 1 Associate Professor 7 or more years by Years in Rank = 1 [Assistant Professor by Years in Rank is the excluded category]
Departmental Units	Dummy variables were constructed for nine Departmental Unit Affiliation Categories. Appendix Table 3A shows affiliation categories. Members of that department = 1 [Category 6 is the excluded category]
Sabbatical	Fraction of year not on sabbatical
Highest Degrees	M.D. or D.O and Ph.D. = 1 Ph.D. only = 1 No doctorate = 1 [M.D. or D.O. only was the excluded category]
Years at UM	Based on Employee Hire Date
Years in Rank	Based on Job Entry Date

(a) Dummy variables are used to capture the information in categorical variables. A categorical variable with j categories requires j-1 dummy variables in order to capture the information in the original variable. Each dummy variable corresponds to one category of the original variable; if a respondent was a member of that category, he or she is a "1" on that dummy variable. Otherwise, he or she is a "0"

(b) For faculty members with more than one eligible Medical School appointment, each appointment was entered separately into the dataset. Each appointment in the dataset was weighted by its appointment fraction.

APPENDIX A - Table 3a
DEPARTMENTAL UNIT AFFILIATION CATEGORIES

Category	N	% of Sample	Units Included
1	82.2	13.8%	Anesthesiology, Int Med-Cardiology, Radiology, Radiation Oncology
2	93.4	15.7%	OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Kresge Hearing Research Inst., Surgery, General Surgery, Urology
3	17.0	2.9%	Peds-Cardiology, Peds-Neonatal/Perinatal, Peds-Intensive Care
4	45.2	7.6%	Dermatology, Pathology, Emergency Medicine
5	76.8	12.9%	Family Medicine, Int Med-General Medicine, Peds-Ambulatory Care, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, Psychiatry Admin-Central
6	129.2	21.7%	Internal Medicine, Int Med-Allergy, Int Med-Rheumatology, Int Med-Endocrine and Metabolism, Int Med-Gastroenterology, Int Med-Hematology/Oncology, Int Med-Geriatric Medicine, Int Med-Hypertension, Int Med-Infectious Diseases, Int Med-Molecular Med. & Genetics, Int Med-Pulmonary/Critical Care, Int Med-Nephrology, Neurology
7	41.0	6.9%	Cardiac Surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery
8	27.4	4.6%	Pediatric & Communicable Diseases, Peds-Endocrinology, Peds-Genetics, Peds-Hematology/Oncology, Peds-Neurology, Peds-Gastroenterology, Peds-Infectious Diseases, Peds-Nephrology, Peds-Pulmonary Medicine
9	82.9	13.9%	Medical School Administration, Cell and Developmental Biology, Biological Chemistry, Human Genetics, Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacology, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Medical Education
Total	595	100%	

APPENDIX A - Table 4a
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES - MEANS

VARIABLE	MEAN
Sex	1.18
Asian and Pacific Islander	0.09
Black, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Hispanic	0.05
White	[0.86]
Professor	0.43
Associate Professor 1-6 yrs	0.25
Associate Professor 7 or more yrs	0.06
Assistant Professor	[0.26]
Professor * years in rank	3.74
Assoc Professor 1-6 yrs * years in rank	0.67
Assoc Professor 7 or more yrs * years in rank	0.68
Asst Professor * years in rank	[0.93]
Years at UM	13.51
Years in rank	6.01
M.D. or D.O. and Ph.D. degrees	0.10
Ph.D. only	0.26
No doctorate	0.01
M.D. or D.O. only	[0.62]
Non-Medical School Appointment	0.13
Administrative Appointment	0.23
VAMC Appointment	0.16
Sabbatical	0.99
Market Ratio	0.09
Departmental Unit Affiliation Categories	
1	0.14
2	0.16
3	0.03
4	0.08
5	0.13
6	[0.22]
7	0.07
8	0.05
9	0.14

Bracketed figures represent the means for categories omitted from the equation

Appendix B

Medical School Gender Salary Study Advisory Committee Members

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