

Terms & Conditions for Access to the National Center Contract Research Site

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The National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions (National Center) is a CUNY labor-management research center. The National Center is obligated to attract financial support for its research and conferences through contributions and grants.

To finance our ongoing research and conferences, the National Center is offering contribution-based access to our Contract Research Site (“Site”) for companies, law firms, institutions, unions, and individuals. The Site was created and is maintained by [Microsearch Corporation](#) with content provided by the National Center. The National Center is solely responsible for the Site’s content and updating.

The Site includes a search engine that permits a user to research the terms of over 800 collective bargaining agreements collected and published by the National Center with hyperlinks with detailed unit data in the [2024 Directory of Bargaining Agents and Contracts in Institutions of Higher Education](#). It also permits research of contracts by institutions, collective bargaining agents, sectors, institutional types and unit type. Our unique database will be valuable to negotiators, administrators, union representatives and organizers, scholars, and journalists.

It is understood that the contracts presently searchable on the Site are current and recent contracts in higher education involving faculty, administrators, postdoctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate student employees as of January 1, 2024. The National Center intends to update the contracts and unit data on the Site on a periodic basis. The 2024 Directory can be downloaded free of charge and includes the same data and contracts that can be researched using this Site. More recent contracts may be already available on the websites of the institution and/or the union.

Annual contributions received by the National Center will help finance the regular updating of the Site with new first and successor contracts as well as contracts for non-academic employees in higher education.

Below is a list of annual voluntary contribution amounts for law firms, institutions, and unions and a set number of identified users for access to the Site through December 31, 2027. Contributors will also be entitled to the status of being a major supporting partner, supporting partner, or participating partner for the National Center’s annual national conferences.

Contributor/Sponsor	Amount	Users	Annual Conference Status
Companies & law firms with 10+ partners	\$15,000	20 Users	2027 Major Supporting Partner
Law firms with 5-9 partners	\$10,000	15 Users	2027 Supporting Partner
Law firms with 4 or less partners	\$ 5,000	10 Users	2027 Participating Partner
Higher education institutions and unions	\$ 5,000	10 Users	2027 Participating Partner
Individuals with institutional or grant funding	\$1,500- \$2,500	2-3 Users	Waiver (1) conference registration fee

The names, email addresses and phone numbers for individual users associated with a contribution must be submitted as a list in an Excel file along with payment. Any subsequent updates for users must be sent to msavares@hunter.cuny.edu.

The link for the database website will be provided following submission of this form and payment. Each individual user will be responsible for creating an individual account on the database website using the same email address submitted in the Excel file. Contributing entities are responsible for making future annual contributions for continued access to the Site by their identified users.

Limited access to the Site by part-time non-track faculty, postdoctoral scholars and doctoral candidates, graduate and undergraduate student researchers without departmental, institutional, or grant research funding will be determined on an individual need basis. Requests for access by those individuals should be sent to msavares@hunter.cuny.edu.

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