



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

## FACT SHEET

The University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) is dedicated to connecting U of M retirees in lifelong, mutual support of the University and each other. Membership is open to all retirees from all U of M campuses, their spouses and partners. Incorporated in 1978, UMRA has served, supported, and advocated for the interests of the University for more than 40 years.

### By the numbers

- **725.** The number of UMRA members as of September 2021. Includes faculty, staff, spouses, partners, and friends.
- **8 x 3.** Excellent programming has been a hallmark of UMRA since its inception. With the suspension of monthly in-person gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UMRA turned to offering three, hour-long webinars per month via Zoom in September 2020: two forums and one living well workshop. Attendance has been consistently high. We look forward to returning to in-person events in the future. Excellent programming has been a hallmark of UMRA since its inception.
- **\$30.8 million.** The total amount contributed (FY12–FY20) by UMRA members to the U's ongoing "Driven" campaign.
- **20,000+.** The estimated number of volunteer hours contributed in service to the University by UMRA members annually (pre-COVID).
- **50,000+.** The estimated number of volunteer hours contributed in service to the community at large by UMRA members annually (pre-COVID).
- **\$4,000.** Grants of up to \$4,000 each are available to University retirees through UMRA's competitive Professional Development Grants for Retirees program.
- **8.** The number of newsletters UMRA publishes annually (September–May) and distributes by mail, email, and online at [umra.umn.edu/newsletters](http://umra.umn.edu/newsletters).

### Programs

In addition to its monthly programs, UMRA offers a variety of group activities, including:

- Armchair Traveler
- Book Club I and II
- Family History Interest Group
- Financial and Legal Issues Group
- Photo Club
- Social Activities
- Travel Program
- UMRA Cares
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Zoom Techs

Designated UMRA board liaisons attend and report on the activities of the Board of Regents, the Alumni Association, the Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs, the Benefits Advisory Committee, the University Retiree Volunteer Center, and the Campus Club.

Please visit [umra.umn.edu](http://umra.umn.edu) to learn more.