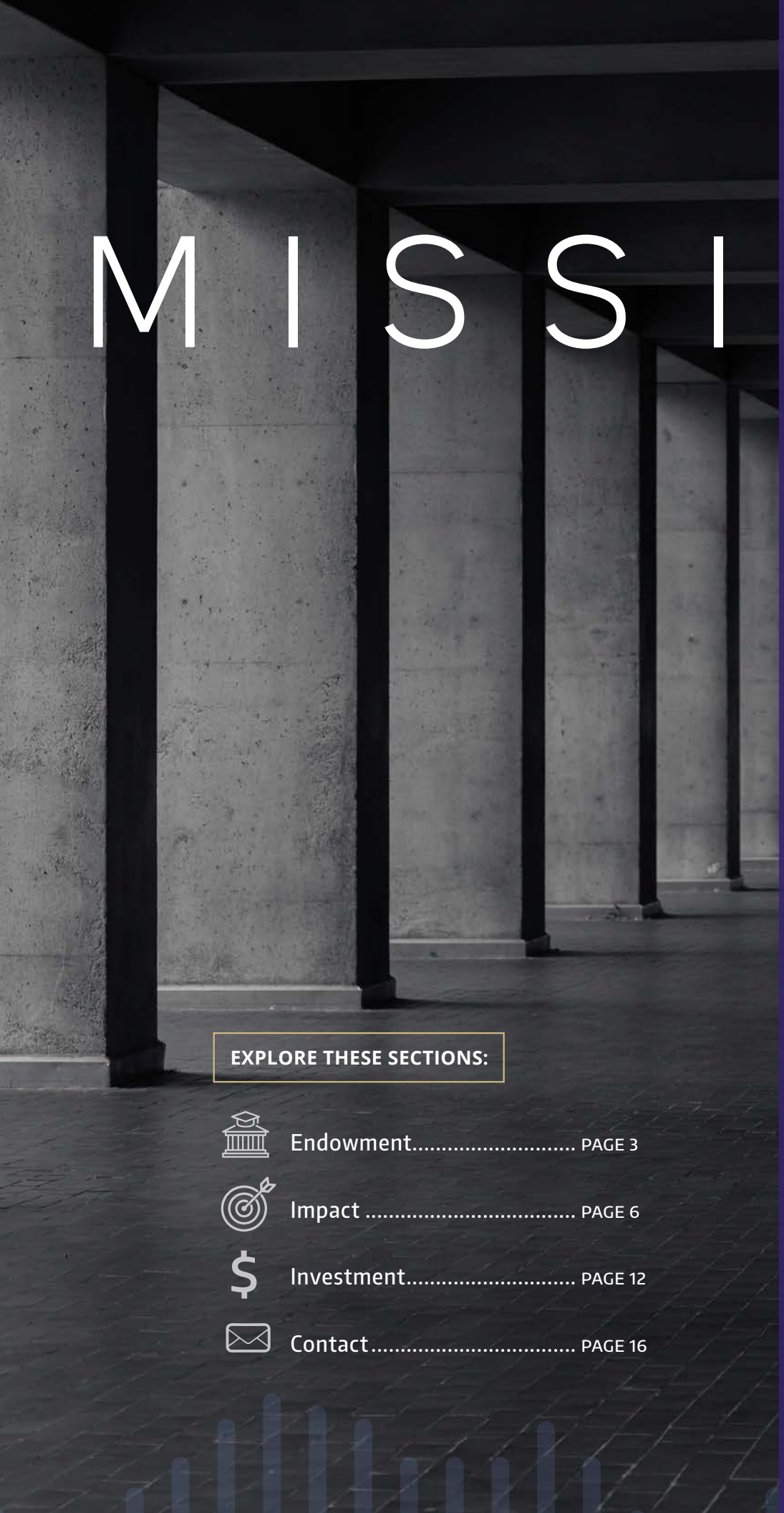


UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON

2026 Consolidated Endowment Fund (CEF) REPORT



MISSION

At the University of Washington our mission promises to enhance lives everywhere — a goal that simply could not be achieved without endowed support. As lasting legacies, endowed gifts provide perpetual resources for students, faculty members, and university programs and services. They serve as the foundation upon which we build our success. While we can measure the CEF's annual fiscal performance in this report, the impact that your gift will make in perpetuity is immeasurable.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Endowment

Generous donors have created a lasting legacy.

Added
87
New endowments

Distributed
$196
Million in campus support

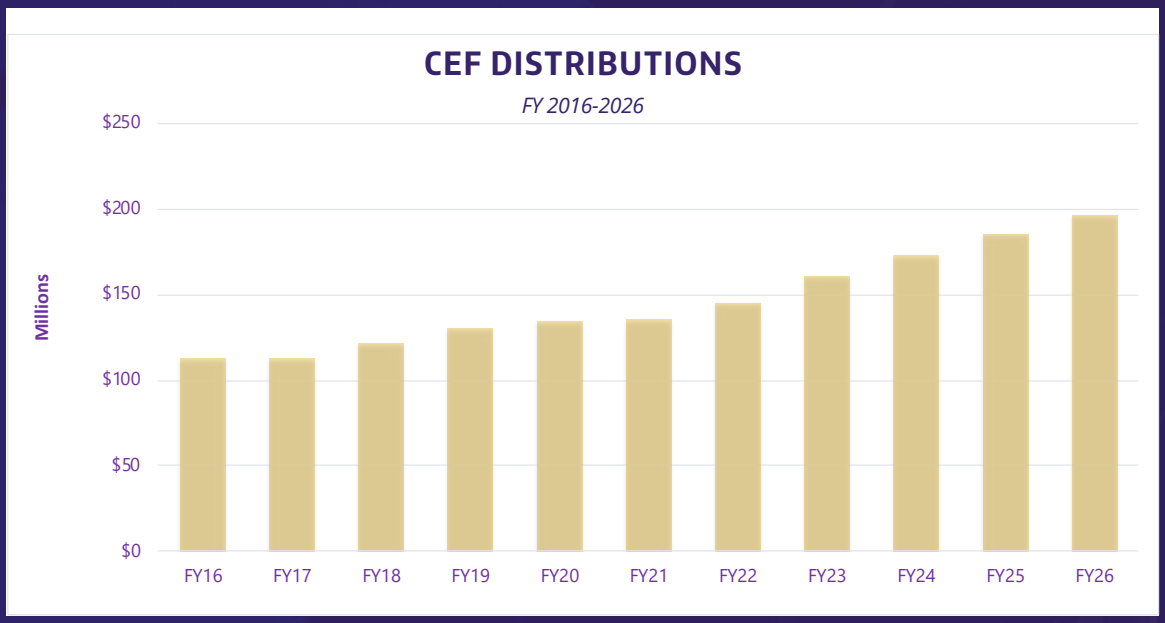
6,011
Total endowment in CEF

ENDOWMENT HIGHLIGHTS BY FISCAL YEAR

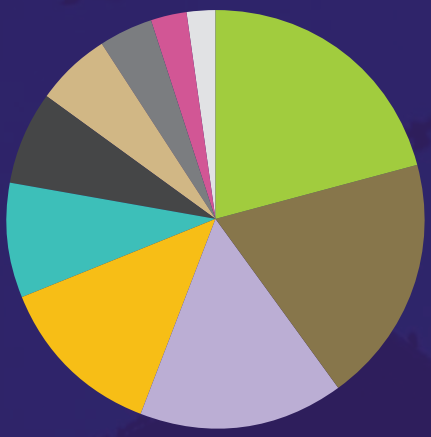
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Market value (in millions)	$4,678	$4,940	$5,457	$5,963	$6,707
Return	-5.5%	6.0%	11.3%	12.4%	17.1%
Number of endowments	5,572	5,691	5,803	5,924	6,011
Distributions to campus (in millions)	$146	$161	$173	$185	$196
New endowments	161	126	112	126	87

CEF Distributions

The impact is felt year after year, generation after generation.



Endowments provide opportunities for students and faculty in their quest for excellence and innovation.



- UW Medicine 21%
- Operating funds 19%
- Other Colleges, Schools & Programs 16%
- College of Arts and Sciences 13%
- College of Engineering 9%
- Centerally Administered 7%
- Foster School of Business 6%
- School of Law 4%
- College of the Environment 3%
- Intercollegiate Athletics 2%

Over the past 10 years

Added

1,505

New endowments

Distributed

$1.6

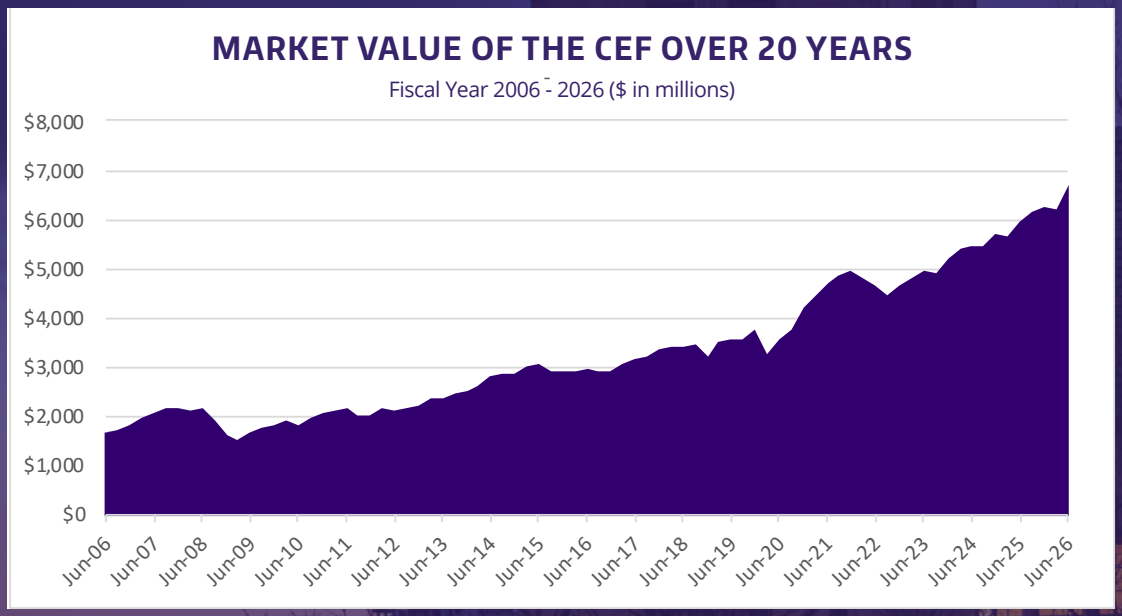
Billion in campus support

CEF Market Value

Endowed gifts coupled with investment returns resulted in the growth of the CEF

7.9%
Return over the last 20 years

$5.02
Billion in growth over the last 20 years



TOTAL ENDOWMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

$6.7

Billion since the first $400 cash endowed gift in 1905

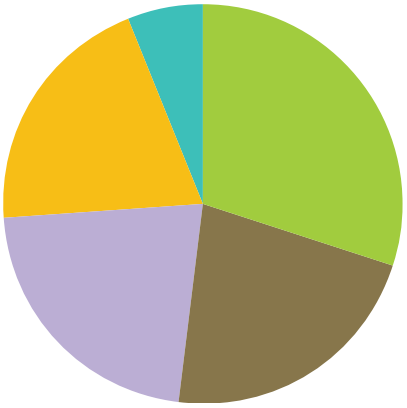
Impact

The impact of endowment gifts is evident in every corner of the University of Washington, from the inspiring faculty members who hold endowed professorships to the extraordinary students who choose the UW because of the scholarships and fellowships.

Endowment Support by Purpose

- Student support 30%
- Academic support 22%
- Faculty support 22%
- Other University activities* 20%
- Research activities 6%

** A portion of the university's operating funds is invested in the CEF. Distributions benefit campus-wide programs.*





IMPACT ON

Husky experience

Nia Brice pursues hands-on experience at the Burke Museum and explores her passion for research. Learn more: **washington.edu/uaa/nia-brice**



IMPACT ON

Faculty research

UW researchers develop new ways to monitor whales and better understand their behavior and communication.

Learn more: **uwb.edu/news/2025/10/15/using-light-to-hear-the-whales**



IMPACT ON

Student research

UW students like **Greg Rahouja** are contributing to research that protects threatened languages and the knowledge they contain.

Learn more: **artsci.washington.edu/news/2026-05/supporting-threatened-language**

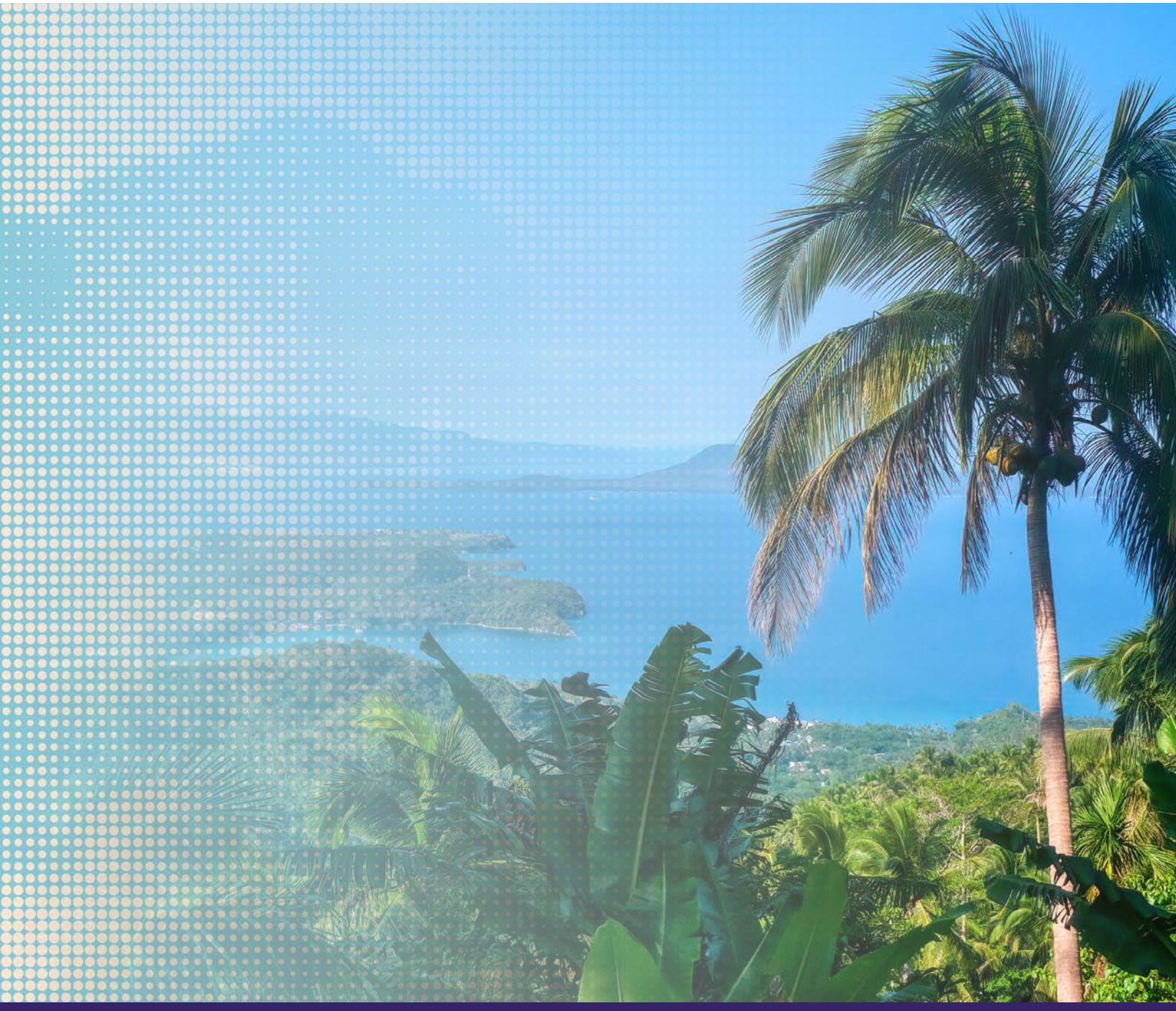


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Global impact

The Barer Institute prepares legal leaders to advance good governance, human rights and responsible business in their communities.

Learn more: **magazine.washington.edu/feature/the-uws-barer-institute-is-a-valued-resource-for-lawyer-leaders-around-the-world**



Investment

Performance

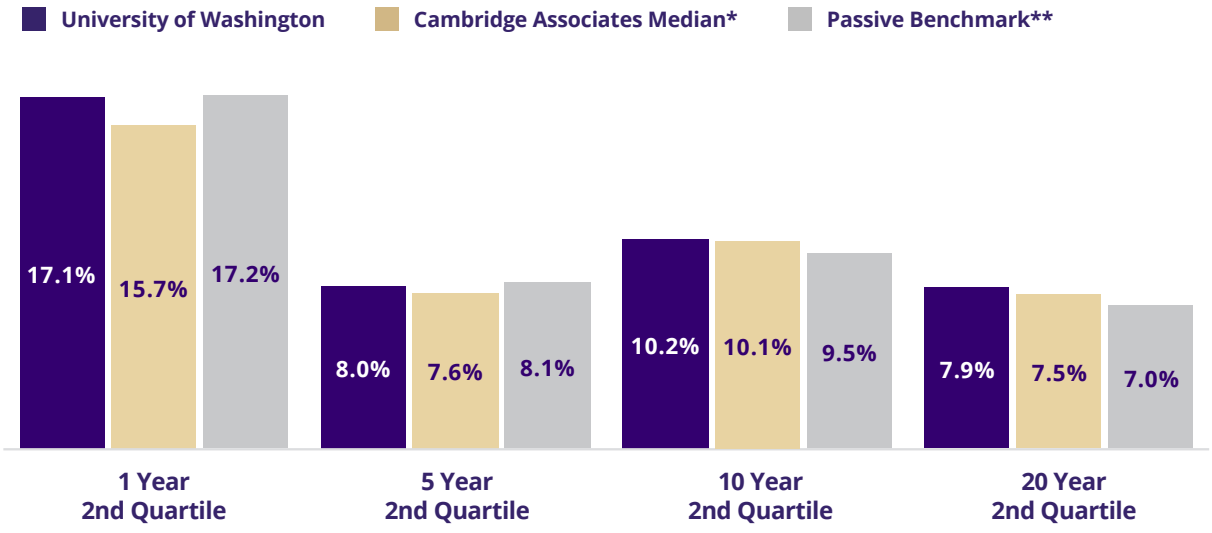
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 (FY26) the University of Washington's CEF returned +17.1% versus +17.2% for the passive benchmark and +15.7% for the preliminary public university peer median. Global public equity markets experienced their third consecutive year of strong returns in FY26 driven by robust earnings growth and the artificial intelligence (AI) buildout. While markets remain heavily concentrated, performance continued to broaden beyond US mega-cap tech stocks with AI-related infrastructure and hardware companies as the primary beneficiaries.

The CEF performed well with solid returns across all strategies and nearly in line with the passive benchmark. Our public equity strategies drove absolute performance, and our Capital Preservation portfolio also did well, boosted by historically high returns in Absolute Return.

Our focus remains on long-term results, where the CEF has maintained solid relative performance. The CEF returned 8.0%, 10.2%, and 7.9% for the 5-, 10- and 20-year periods, respectively, and exceeds the passive benchmark for the 10- and 20-year periods. The UW's preliminary performance relative to public peers is above median across all time periods.

CEF RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

As of June 30, 2026



** Preliminary Cambridge Associates Quarterly Survey of Public University Endowments of $1+ billion*

*** Passive Benchmark: 70% MSCIACWI (net) + 30% Bloomberg Intermediate Government Bond Index*

Investment

Strategy

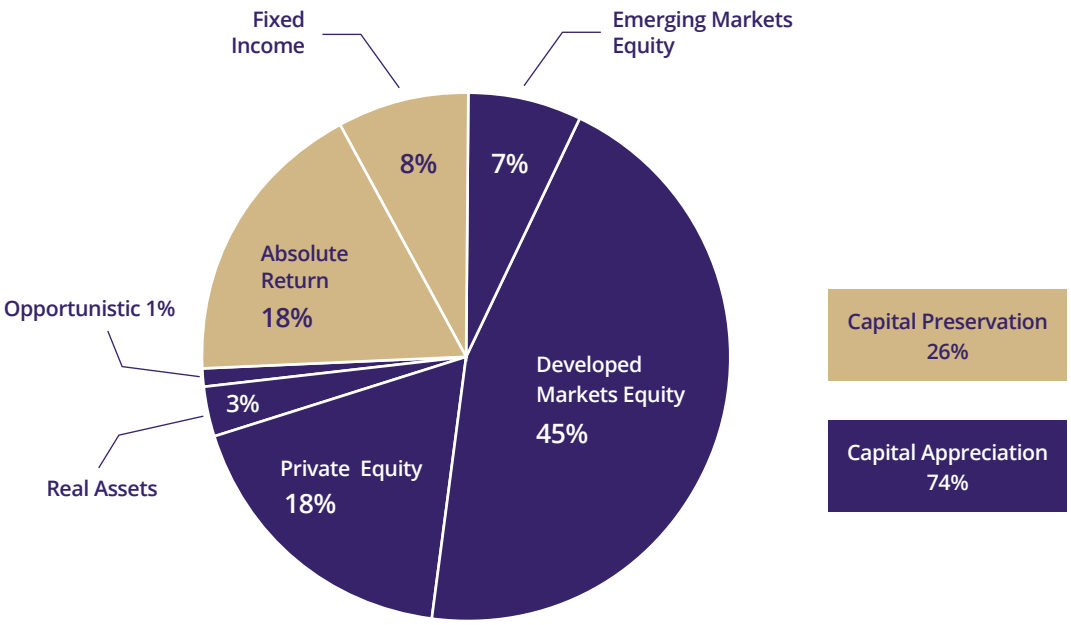
The 20-year picture also highlights remarkable growth for the endowment. The CEF grew from $1.7 billion to $6.7 billion during this time. In addition to new gifts totaling $1.3 billion (net of fees), over $2.9 billion of investment returns were distributed, primarily to support scholarships, faculty innovation, and programmatic excellence.

The CEF's $6.7 billion portfolio is diversified across two distinct investment categories: Capital Appreciation and Capital Preservation. Capital Appreciation investments are growth oriented and support the purchasing power of distributions over time. Capital Preservation investments are stability oriented and facilitate liquidity. As of June 30, 2026, 74% of the CEF was invested in Capital Appreciation and 26% in Capital Preservation.

Our long-term strategy is to favor an equity-oriented portfolio and we plan to continue to increase our equity exposure over time with a focus on private investments. We continue to target ample liquidity within Capital Preservation to meet the CEF's funding requirements.

CEF ASSET ALLOCATION - $6.7 BILLION

As of June 30, 2026



Investment

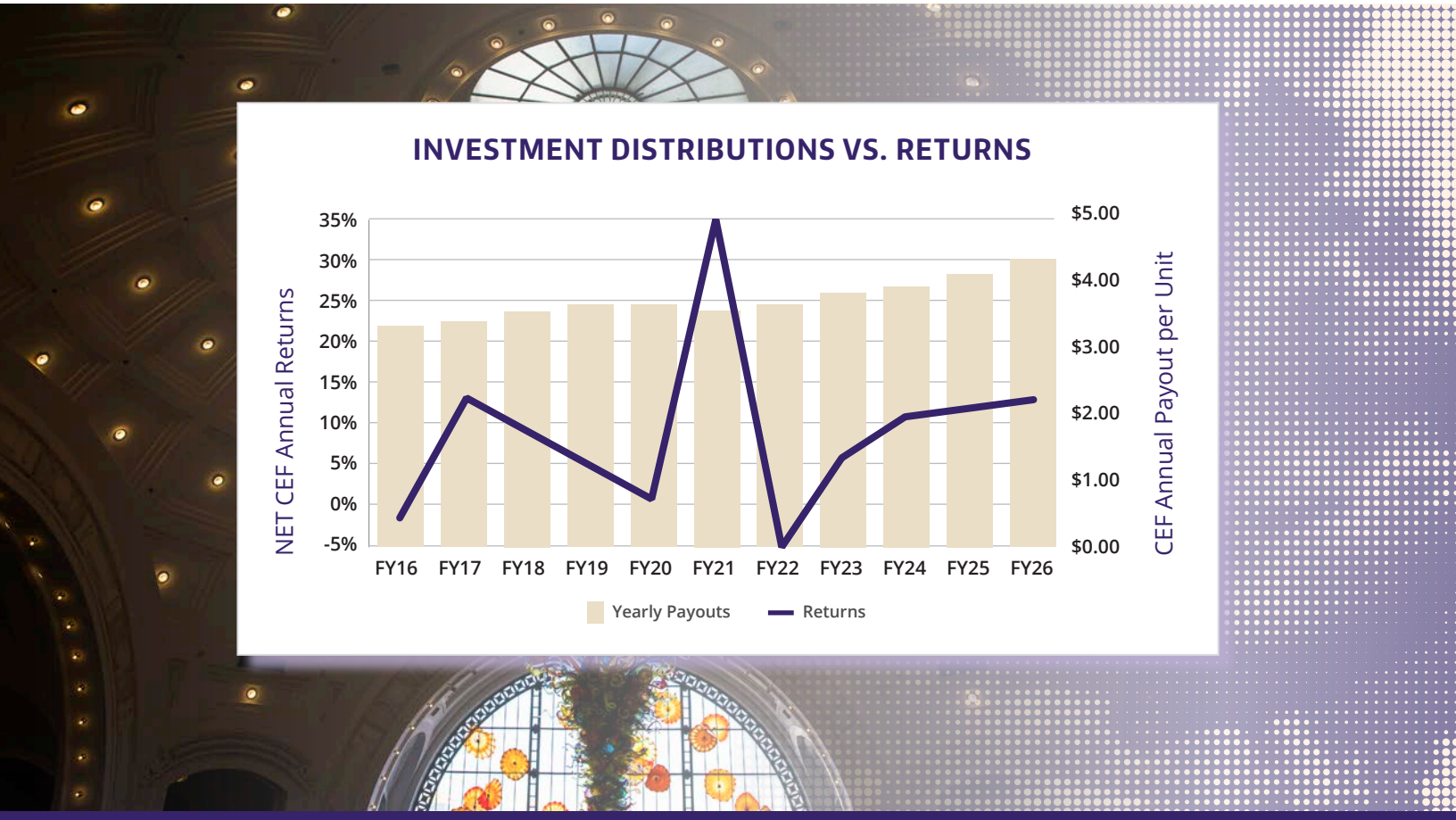
Spending Policy

The CEF Investment Policy's spending rate distributes quarterly to programs based on an annual percentage rate of 3.6%, applied to the 20-quarter (5-year) rolling average of the CEF's market value. Additionally, the CEF Investment Policy allows for an administrative fee of 0.90% supporting campus-wide fundraising and stewardship activities and offsetting the internal cost of managing endowment assets.

In June 2025, the University of Washington Board of Regents approved a change to the University's CEF spending policy effective July 1, 2026. This update will allow for greater support of the UW's mission while continuing to safeguard the long-term health of the endowment pool. The distribution rate will change from 3.6% to 4.0% to increase support for campus programs. To ensure a smooth transition the changes will be implemented gradually over several years. This means more funding will be available for student scholarships, faculty excellence, research and academic programs, in line with each fund's purpose. The administrative fee will be reduced from 0.90% to 0.75%, ensuring more of each endowment dollar goes directly to its intended purpose. The reduced fee will continue to support University-wide fundraising, stewardship activities, and the costs of managing the CEF. The timing and administration of these spending policy changes will be finalized by the Board of Regents in spring 2026.

Absent a major market correction or prolonged downturn, endowment distributions are still projected to increase at least into FY26, as FY21 performance (+35.1%) continues to factor into the 20-quarter rolling average spending formula. University of Washington Investment Management Company (UWINCO), along with Senior Administration and the regents, will continue to closely monitor spending to ensure alignment with projected longer-term returns and best practices.

To learn more about the upcoming changes to the spending policy and the impact of the 20-quarter rolling average, please visit **uw.edu/giving/cef-faq**



Investment

Power of Investment Returns & Prudent Spending Policy

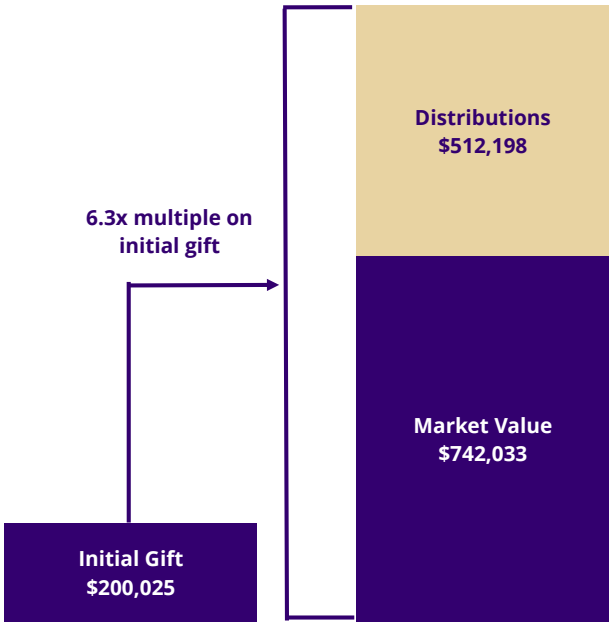
The generous $200,025 gift from Samuel and Althea Stroum, invested in 1995, has provided powerful long-term impact. This fund has distributed over $490,000 in support of students with disabilities and still has a market value five times more than its original value.

UW Endowment Impact

As of June 30, 2026

Samuel and Althea Stroum Endowed Fellowship in Business Administration

Endowment value creation since April 1, 1995 inception



Endowment Purpose

The Stroum fellowship was established to ensure the Foster School could attract and support graduate students to become future leaders within private and public sector roles where business training is vital. Since its inception, the fellowship has provided academic year funding to more than 70 high-achieving students.

Endowment Current Impact

Currently supports three full-time MBA students who are actively engaged in rigorous coursework, while also gaining hands-on experience through internships with local technology-driven companies, and contributing to the UW community through various student organizations.

Establish an Endowment

If you are interested in learning more about establishing an endowment, please visit the Donor Services website at https://www.washington.edu/giving/endowments/ or contact them at 877-UW-GIFTS (877-894-4387) or steward@uw.edu

Contribute to an Existing Endowment

Contact Donor Services to identify an existing endowment where your gift will provide intergenerational support to students, faculty, academic, research or operational activities at 877-UW-GIFTS (877-894-4387) or steward@uw.edu



Further Information

For further information on the University's investment programs, please visit:

uwinco.uw.edu

For endowment information, please visit:

finance.uw.edu/treasury/CEF

www.washington.edu/giving/cef-faq/

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