

# UVA's Endowment Supports Excellence

s a public institution, UVA's mission is to educate students who have earned a place in the class based on their academic merit, regardless of their financial situation. The University is consistently lauded by national publications as one of the nation's best values in higher education. It has also been commended for graduating students on time with lower-than-average debt coupled with higher-than-average earning potential.

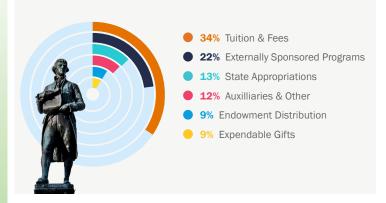
## An essential source of permanent support

Philanthropic gifts have a profound effect on the quality of education, research and patient care at the University, and they enhance affordability for our students. Donors may restrict gifts to a particular school, department, program or scholarship or leave gifts unrestricted to meet general University needs as they arise. Many gifts are set aside in the University's endowment with the intention that the principal itself will not be expended but will remain invested to provide future investment returns. Spending from the endowment's investment return is essential to provide a reliable, predictable and sustainable source of professorships, scholarships and fellowships. This spending also supports resources for students and faculty that enhance education, research and patient care at UVA.

This year, the spending from the endowment's investment return will provide 13% of UVA's Academic Division budget, the equivalent of \$7,400 per student. For the last 15 fiscal years, earnings from the endowment has increased, becoming a vital funding stream.

#### **Academic Division Budget 2024-25:**

\$2.4 Billion



### Investing responsibly to ensure steady growth

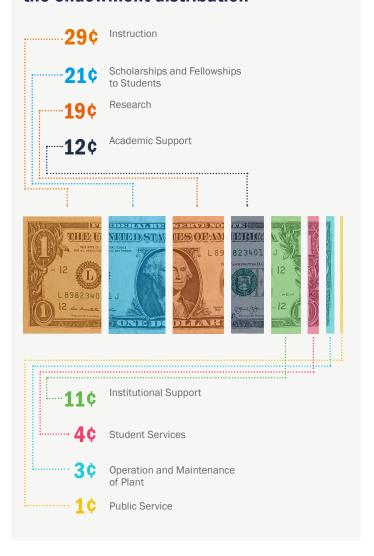
UVA sustains a long-term investment strategy so that our endowment's value grows steadily over time, providing a reliable income stream. In our case, we maintain a 6.5 to 7.5% long-term return on our investment, carefully managed through UVIMCO, the University of Virginia Investment Management Company. This rate of return ensures that when balanced with a 2 to 3% annual inflation rate, we can count on an annual distribution rate of 3 to 5%.



# Spending to support excellence & affordability

UVA distributes approximately \$200 to \$250 million of the expendable endowment funds per year. The difference between the long-term investment return and the spending rate is re-invested so the endowment will provide a sustainable level of support after inflation to students, faculty and patients in the future. The balance between spending and re-investing is an important decision as we consider inter-generational equity: how much to spend today versus how much to preserve for future students.

### Dollar-by-dollar, how we spend the endowment distribution





#### \$6,300 per student

For every dollar spent from the endowment distribution, 74 cents goes directly into our instructional mission, which means that the University doesn't have to pass these costs along to the students in the form of tuition and fees. In essence, because of this portion of the endowment spending, each UVA student receives a "hidden scholarship" of over \$6,300 per student.



#### \$14+ billion

The total investments in the long term pool is over \$14 billion, with \$11 billion held by the Rector and Visitors and \$3 billion owned by University Affiliated Organizations.

The endowment distribution works in tandem with tuition and fees and state appropriations to allow UVA to be excellent. The distribution from our endowment allows us to fund the strategic priorities outlined in the Great and Good 2030 plan, recruit world-class faculty and researchers, fund the best undergraduate financial aid program among public institutions (AccessUVA), and incentivize even greater philanthropy through matching programs.

