
Endowment Report

2022–2023



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“We are pleased to provide you with this report on endowed giving at the University of Toronto. Endowed gifts from our alumni and friends give our students life-changing opportunities to pursue their dreams and transform the world around them. These generous gifts also fuel U of T’s vision for inclusive excellence and empower us to address global issues at scale—from health to climate change to mass technological change.”

David Palmer

Vice-President, Advancement



The University of Toronto's standing as one of the world's most prestigious institutions of higher education relies on generous endowed gifts that provide a permanent source of funding to attract the best students, researchers and scholars to our campuses. These gifts support groundbreaking research and deliver transformative education across almost every field of endeavour, making a lasting, positive impact on our communities and beyond.



86,146
contributors
to U of T's
endowment



\$1.40 billion
in endowments
for student
support



\$1.86 billion
in endowments
for faculty support
and research



\$896 million
in endowment
distributions over
the past 10 years

Student Biographies



“I am excited about the opportunity to be mentored and learn from world-class professors and leading experts in health equity research.”

Equity and opportunity

Damilola Iduye, PhD student,
Dalla Lana School of Public Health

Damilola Iduye moved to Truro, Nova Scotia, from her native Nigeria to study nursing. A decade later, she arrived at U of T to start a PhD in public health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. “I saw this as a unique opportunity to work with faculty from various disciplines in a supportive, interdisciplinary, research-oriented learning environment,” says Damilola, a recipient of a **C. David Naylor University Fellowship**, donated through the Irving Family. “This award has made it possible to pursue my education without worrying about how to pay for rent, childcare and other needs,” she notes. Beyond the financial support, Damilola says she is honoured to be recognized by this prestigious fellowship. “It gave me the confidence and motivation to continue advocating for equitable healthcare for people of African descent in Nova Scotia and across Canada. I am excited about the future possibilities as a public health scientist, policy expert, leader and advocate.” She aims to become an expert in equity-informed health services research and policies nationally and globally, focusing on how social and structural determinants of health shape the experiences of Black people in Canada with type 2 diabetes.

Global ambition

Foti Vito, Faculty of Law

For law student Foti Vito, studying at U of T is a global affair. He graduated from Trinity College with an international relations and political science degree. He was recognized as a Global Scholar for his studies in peacebuilding in Pristina, Kosovo and for his fieldwork in Tbilisi, Georgia. Now, at the Faculty of Law, he is focused on advancing access to justice. A first-generation immigrant from Albania and the first in his family to attend university, he is deeply grateful for the support from the **Ronald S. Yu Memorial Bursary** and the **Hosinec Family Scholarships**. “I am so grateful for this support; it has made a world of difference during a very uncertain time for myself and my loved ones.” Last summer, Foti had the opportunity to work at the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals in The Hague, Netherlands. “I supported a team of international attorneys in preparing a large investigative dossier on international crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia to help bring justice for victims and survivors,” he says.

As Foti continues his legal education, he says he's most excited to help advance access to justice and human rights. Passionate about mentorship and community engagement, Foti also wants to continue his extracurricular work as a Justice Education Fellow with the Ontario Justice Education Network and as an executive for the First Generation Network at the faculty. “Receiving this financial support has allowed me to focus on my studies while contributing to my communities.”



“I hope to advance access to justice and equal opportunity for all.”



“I hope to inspire Indigenous youth to prioritize their education.”

An artful journey

Iakoiehwáhtha (Iako) Patton, Art History

Iako Patton is in the final year of her undergraduate degree, studying art history, anthropology and Renaissance studies. A Kanien'kehá:ka First Nations community member, Iako approaches her scholarship on the Northern Renaissance at the intersection of gender, colonialism and their artistic representations. She is a recipient of the **Olga and Guido Pugliese Award for Study in Italy**, the **Rosalind Murray Bradford Scholarship** and the **Hosinec Family Scholarships**. “I’m passionate about my studies, and this award has allowed me to focus on my scholarship, research and leadership by alleviating financial stress.”

Among her many accomplishments, Iako is particularly proud of her work for the History of Art Students’ Association (HASA). “It has been my goal to increase undergraduate student engagement in the art history department through events, workshops and lectures,” she says. Iako was also awarded a Rhodes Scholarship—she is the first Canadian Indigenous woman to receive the prestigious award. “I am also incredibly honoured to have been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, an accomplishment that I believe wouldn’t have been possible without my work on HASA.” Iako hopes that her path inspires other Indigenous youth to prioritize their education. “I know I have been the first in the many positions I hold, but that means I won’t be the last.”

Studying biodiversity without barriers

Meti Dawit, Environmental Science, U of T Scarborough

Ever since seventh grade, Meti Dawit has dreamed of pursuing a career that would help make a positive impact on the environment. She says U of T Scarborough is the way to achieve that goal. “I’m extremely passionate about climate change and global warming,” she says. “I’m taking every opportunity to learn more, including embarking on a research expedition to study biodiversity in Mexico next summer as a research assistant.” A first-generation student from Ethiopia, Meti says financially, it was difficult to even consider going on the expedition. “I had hoped to participate in the research this summer, but with a lack of financial stability it wasn’t possible,” she says. “With the **Bennett Scholars Award**, I will be able to do it next year and pursue the thing I love most, studying our planet Earth.”

After graduating, she hopes to work in a field that will help fight the climate change crisis, with a focus on reducing single-use plastic consumption and saving marine wildlife.



“I’m able to do what I love most—studying our planet Earth.”



“This bursary
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Life-changing opportunities

Erkhesh Bayan-Altai, Management, U of T Mississauga

Erkhesh Bayan-Altai is in his fourth year of study in the management specialist program at U of T Mississauga. Originally from Mongolia, Erkhesh came to Canada at age 10 without knowing a word of English. “I have a large family, including two younger brothers, one of whom is also in university,” he says. “This support eases the financial burden for my family greatly, giving me and my siblings the opportunity to pursue higher education. It has changed our lives forever.”

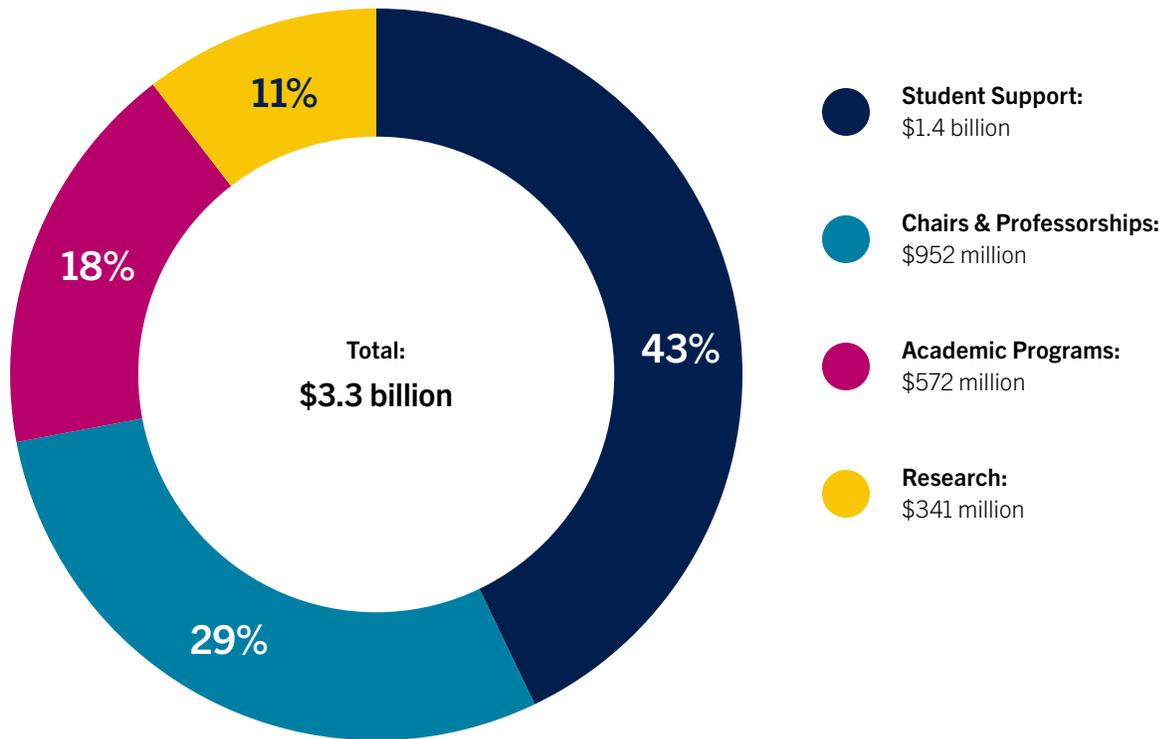
A recipient of the **David Scott Bursary**, Erkhesh has achieved the Dean’s List honours for two years. His extracurricular interests include basketball, volleyball and debating, along with mentoring other Mongolian students who wish to pursue higher education. In the future, he hopes to start his own company. “I would like to train and teach professionals the right and correct way to conduct business that leads to social and economic gains for everyone involved, not just the company.”

Endowment Performance to April 30, 2023

Trevor Rodgers
Chief Financial Officer

Endowed gifts are indispensable to U of T's pursuit of inclusive excellence, accessibility, and global impact. They provide a permanent and stable source of funding for scholarships, chairs, and other vital priorities. The following is a summary of the endowment's performance in fiscal year 2022–2023.

Endowment Commitments at April 30, 2023



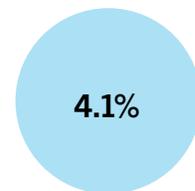
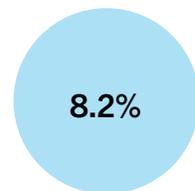
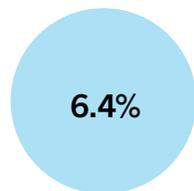
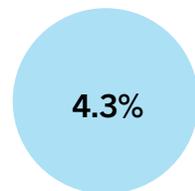
Performance Summary

One-year return*

Five-year average*

10-year average*

Endowment distribution for spending**

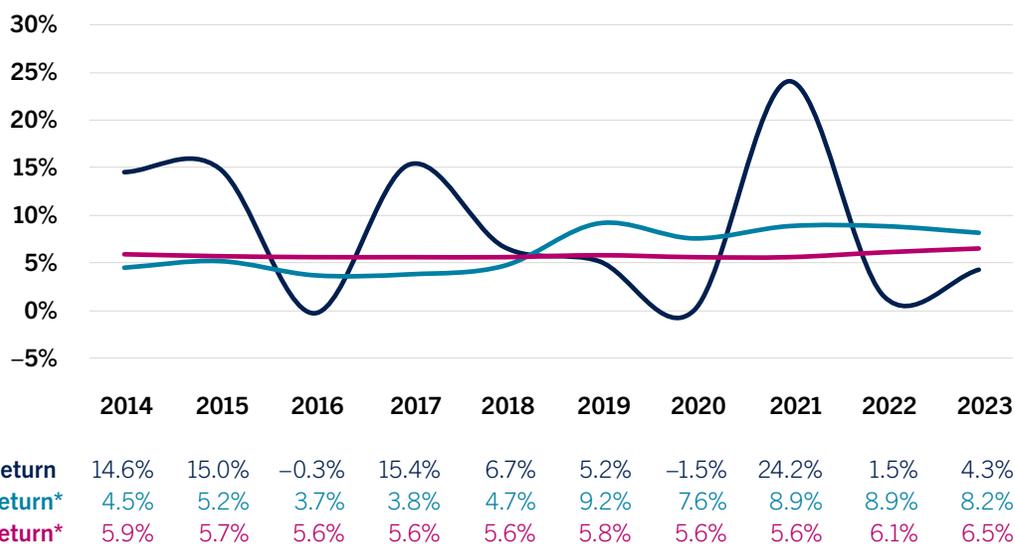


U of T's endowment totalled **\$3.3 billion** at April 30, 2023 and included **over 7,100** individual endowment funds.

*Based on average balance, net of fees and expenses

**Based on 10-year average fair market value

Long-Term Capital Appreciation Pool (LTCAP): One-Year Annual Rates of Return



*The 10-year rolling returns are geometric average returns.

Thanks to your support, endowments grew from \$1.0 billion to \$3.3 billion over the last 10 years and provided \$896 million of spending for much-needed student aid, chairs and professorships, research, and other academic programs.

To ensure your endowment will provide the same level of economic support and impact for future generations as it does today, the university aims to grow the capital value of the endowment while allowing spending to increase over time. To this end, our strategy is to not spend everything earned in years when investment markets are good. In favourable years, earnings over the spending allocation are reinvested into the endowment funds. This enables protection against inflation and builds up a reserve within each fund so we can continue to make distributions in years when investment markets are poor.

The target spending allocation is within a range of 3–5% and the actual endowment spending allocation for 2022–23 was 4.1% of the endowment’s 10-year average market value. To fund this spending allocation and to preserve capital against inflation over time, the university has established an investment target of a real return (after taking inflation into account) of at least 4% over 10-year periods, net of all investment fees and expenses, while taking an appropriate amount of risk to achieve this target without undue risk of loss. The actual annual return net of fees and expenses in 2023 was 4.3%. The 10-year average return was 8.2%, well above the 10-year target return of 6.5%.

Investment in the university’s endowment funds is managed by the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM) under the direction of the university. Endowments are managed in a unitized pool. Almost all of the university’s endowments hold units in this unitized investment pool, entitled the Long-Term Capital Appreciation Pool (LTCAP). Each endowment account holds units in LTCAP that reflect the number of dollars contributed and the unit value as of the dates of contribution. In 2022–23, the market value of each unit changed as follows:

Unit market value at May 1, 2022	\$264.12
Investment earnings per unit	\$14.40
Fees and expenses	\$(3.05)
Endowment spending allocation	\$(9.55)
Unit market value at April 30, 2023	\$265.92

The amounts pertaining to a particular endowment account are obtained by multiplying the value per unit by the number of units in the endowment account. For example, if an endowment account holds 750 units, the market value of the endowment at April 30, 2023 was 750 times \$265.92 or \$199,440.

A detailed review of last year’s investment performance, which is managed and measured on a calendar-year basis by UTAM, is available in UTAM’s 2022 Annual Report at www.utam.utoronto.ca. More information on endowments is available on the university website at www.finance.utoronto.ca/alerts/endowrpts.htm.



Investing in Advancement at the University of Toronto

At U of T, gifts from generous donors have propelled groundbreaking research and attracted talented new faculty. These gifts have also expanded endowed funding for student financial aid and scholarship programs to \$1.36 billion. This is foundational to U of T's commitment to our students: our access guarantee states that no student offered admission is ever turned away for financial reasons.

As government funding for post-secondary institutions continues to decline, philanthropy is essential to sustaining and expanding U of T's globally vital work. In scaling our philanthropic impact, we recognize the importance of investing in implementing, managing and stewarding generous donor gifts and must look to reduce pressure on our mostly tuition-supported operating budget to fuel fundraising programs.

That is why the University of Toronto is reintroducing an advancement investment model that will set aside a very modest portion of existing endowment payouts and new expendable gifts to invest in our fundraising and engagement programs. This model will allow us to expand our capacity to receive, manage and steward donations at the highest possible standard and multiply the impact of every donation. Over the past 10 years, U of T has exceeded a 10:1 return on every new dollar invested in advancement in the form of additional philanthropy across the university.

U of T will apply the advancement investment model in two ways, depending on whether a gift is endowed or expendable. On endowment funds, the university will implement an advancement investment fee of 0.26 per cent of our 4% target annual endowment distribution (beginning April 30, 2024), leaving the remaining 3.74% of distribution for the purposes of the fund. On expendable funds, we will implement a 2 per cent fee on new expendable gifts (beginning May 1, 2024). The fee on annual endowment payouts is capped at \$25,000 per year and at \$100,000 for expendable gifts.

The advancement investment model was developed and enacted with unanimous support from U of T's campaign leadership, the university's governance authorities, the president, the provost, and principals and deans.





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