Baylor’s Endowment hit an all-time high of $1.31 billion in Fiscal Year 2018.

Approximately 5% of the Endowment’s value is distributed to the University each year, providing more than $67 million for scholarships, academic programs and professorships in Fiscal Year 2018.

Baylor’s Endowment returns are strong and continue to outperform the average of U.S. endowments by a wide margin.
Fund Managers

The Endowment portfolio is invested across the globe with 84 fund managers evaluated by the Office of Investments as the best and brightest in their various areas of expertise. In coordination with these proven investment managers, the Office of Investments ensures strategic oversight of the University's diverse portfolio.
Lynda and Robert Copple
With an appreciation for the impact great educators make upon our world, Lynda (BS Ed.’79) and Robert Copple (BBA’80, MPA’81) share a passion for cultivating Christian leadership in the field of education. The couple invested in a lasting legacy by establishing an endowed Chair in Christian School Leadership in Baylor’s School of Education. Housed in the Center for Christian Education (CCE), the Chair will pave the way for growth in programs and interdisciplinary initiatives that cultivate skills across private and public schools. The Copples’ generous gift will greatly expand the reach and impact of the Center and provide vital research, resources and professional development for educational leaders.

“Our vision is to provide an avenue to assist educators in realizing their full potential. Our experience has shown us there is a great need for more training and professional development to be made available to Christian educators, especially those in private schools. We want to change that, and we believe Baylor is the answer.”
Pat and Thomas R. Powers

Pat (BBA '62) and Tom Powers (BBA '60) both relied on scholarships to attend Baylor, and they remain committed to the University through their growing legacy of support. In addition to generous scholarship donations, in 1987, the couple established The Pat and Thomas R. Powers Chair in Investment Management in the Hankamer School of Business. This endowed fund was designed to attract, retain and support the scholarly research of a business leader. From their initial gift, they’ve seen the value of that investment grow and provide distributions far exceeding the original contribution—supporting Baylor now and in the future.

“We all have a responsibility to plant trees that we may never sit under. ...It’s an investment in the future and you may never sit under the shade of the tree that you plant, but somebody will. Whatever you have, you’ve got to give back to keep Baylor alive. We continue to strive to fulfill that promise and leave Baylor, and this world, a better place.”

**Uses of Endowment Distributions**

- **14,325 students** received scholarships in 2018
- **10.5% increase** in student mission trip participation
- **$15 million** for academic programs across campus
- **76 faculty chairholder positions**
- **$300 million** goal to fund future growth thru *Illuminate*, our Academic Strategic Plan.
A Look at the Baylor Fund

Generous donors establish a permanent legacy in the area(s) of their interest through a new endowed fund or contributions to existing funds.

4,500 existing endowed funds

Baylor’s well-diversified investment portfolio outperforms benchmarks returns.

Investment returns exceeded $100 million each of the last two years.

Distributions of 5% annually

Fund distributions support today’s students by providing scholarships, professorships and other University initiatives.

Growth of gifts through strong investment returns benefits tomorrow’s student with increasing distributions.

Students benefit in perpetuity.
This 2018 Overview describes the Endowment, the investment strategies employed by the Office of Investments, the recent performance of the portfolio and the market conditions within which the Endowment operates. A more in-depth description of the Endowment is available at the Office of Investments website at www.baylor.edu/investments.