

# The Stanford Endowment Fact Sheet

Stanford has an endowment that provides long-term support for many activities at the university. The endowment comes from charitable gifts made by donors, and it is a major source of funding for student scholarships at Stanford. But there are many limits on how the endowment can be used.

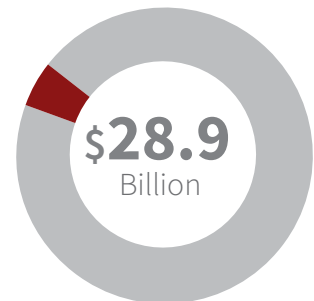
The endowment comes from charitable gifts to the university. When these gifts are given, they **often are designated for specific purposes that cannot be changed. About 80% of the endowment is restricted in this way.**



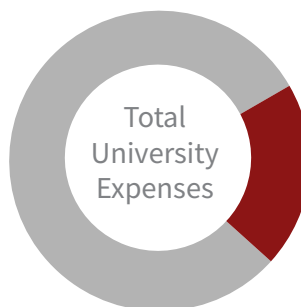
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The endowment exists to support the university for the long term. Like most universities, Stanford can **only spend about 5% of the total value of the endowment in any given year.**

**5%**  
Amount  
Stanford  
can spend  
in a year.

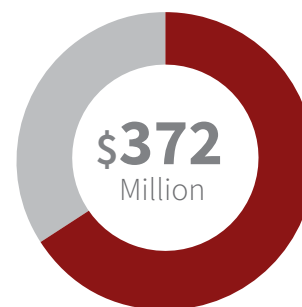


Payout from the endowment supports nearly every part of the university, including **faculty salaries, research, student services, libraries, athletics and student financial aid.**



**20%** =  
Funded by  
payout from the  
endowment.

Payout from the endowment is the **largest source of undergraduate and graduate student financial aid.**



**2/3**  
Comes  
from the  
endowment.

Financial aid for undergraduate and graduate students.

**\$52,000**

Average Stanford-funded scholarship received by need-based aid recipients in the Class of 2022. The endowment funds our commitment to **cover tuition for undergraduate families with incomes of \$150,000 and below**

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