



# Western's Endowment 2021/22 Annual Report

## Thanks to you – Western thrives

One of the great pleasures of being Western's President is seeing our campus community come together and help one another—time and again.

I see this generosity of spirit in our students who support one another personally, academically, and through their involvement in clubs, sports, and countless other extracurriculars.

I see it in our faculty members whose collaboration and discoveries are changing the world for the better.

I see it in our staff members, who are true team players and are always willing to go the extra mile.

***And I see it within our donor community, whose steadfast commitment to Western ensures we continue to thrive—even in challenging times.***

As we work to fulfill Western's teaching and research mission, we steward your gifts and contributions thoughtfully and responsibly.

In this package, you will find information about Western's endowment and investment performance. I thank you for your donations that continue to provide a steady source of income for Western.

Graphs and charts paint a positive fiscal picture, but we also want you to see first-hand how your generosity enhances our students' well-being and success. Please watch our short video about engineering student Favour Okpali and the life-changing support she has received.

Thank you for believing in Western and advancing our efforts to create an even brighter, bolder future—for all.



Sincerely,

Alan Shepard



To watch a short video of Favour at Microsoft in downtown Toronto, click the QR code!

## Financial highlights: April 30, 2022

### Fiscal 2022

**\$1 billion**  
Total endowment

**\$30 million**  
Expenditures

**6.4%**  
Investment return

### Total endowment designated by purpose

**43%**  
Student awards

**36%**  
Chairs and professorships

**4%**  
Research

**17%**  
Academic enrichment



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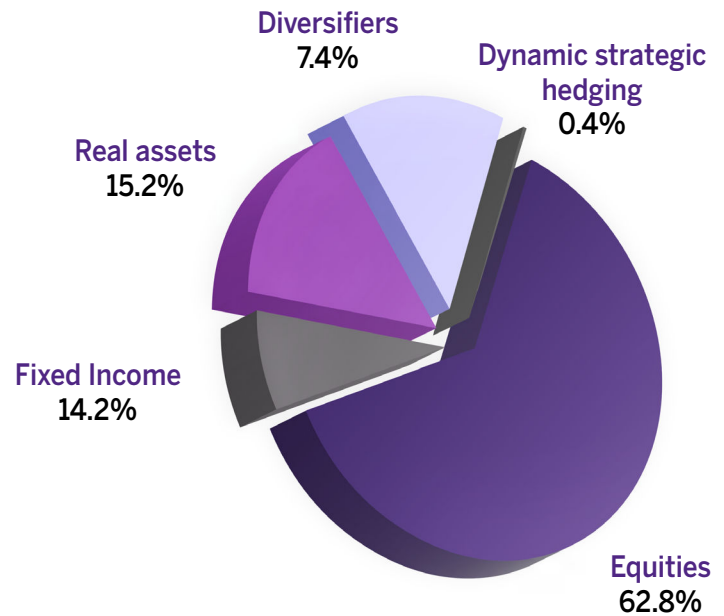
## Investment management

at December 31, 2021

Western's investments are managed carefully by the Investment Committee who ensures the university maximizes the support students and faculty receive. The investment objective of the endowment portfolio is to maintain the purchasing power of donated capital and generate a long-term return to meet the payout rate established by the Board of Governors, which then funds endowed chairs, scholarships and other university needs.

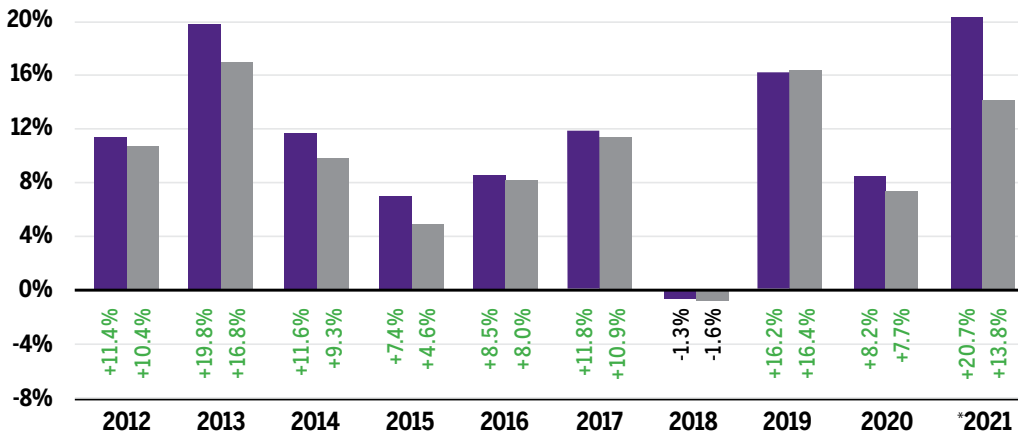
The Investment Committee annually reviews the asset mix policy to maintain, over the long term, the best balance between investment returns and an acceptable level of risk.

To learn more about Investment Management at Western and members of the Investment Committee please click this QR code.



## Investment performance

Investment returns to December 31, 2021



### Annualized Returns

	Portfolio	**Benchmark
5 year	10.9%	9.3%
10 year	11.3%	9.5%

\*\*Benchmark is a weighted factor of asset class policy weights and market index returns. It represents a passive investment alternative.

\*Please note, these figures are representative of the returns until December 31, 2021 only.

## Investment payout rates and timing

The total return earned by the endowment portfolio, net of investment management costs, is allocated proportionately to the capital of each endowment fund at April 30 each year. For the period May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 investment returns were 6.4 per cent (net of investment management costs of approximately .92 per cent). Balances in the expendable account are credited with interest income based on the 30-day Canada T-Bill rate net of costs.

An amount equal to 4.0 per cent of the ending capital averaged over the five most recent years is allocated for expenditure each year. The five-year average is used to level the effect of market fluctuations. The allocation for expenditure is reflected as a transfer from the capital account to the expendable account on your fund report.