For the nine months ending March 31, 2019, the University of Colorado Foundation’s Long Term Investment Pool (LTIP) returned 1.92%, which compares to 2.73% for our policy benchmark. These returns reflect the recovery the markets have made since the end of 2018. The LTIP includes endowments the Foundation holds for the benefit of the University of Colorado. The LTIP’s longer-term results show a consistent track record of investment growth, in line with the Foundation’s goal of maximizing returns over an extended time period while effectively managing risk. Achieving this objective is critical given CU’s long-term educational mission. Faculty, students and programs on all four university campuses rely on consistent funding streams from the LTIP for years to come.

CU investments vs. policy benchmark

As of March 31, 2019, the LTIP’s 3-year annualized investment performance was +9.52%, its 5-year performance was +6.40%, and its 10-year performance was +9.78%.

Current LTIP value:
$1.72 billion

As of March 31, 2019, the LTIP was valued at $1.72 billion. The value of endowments invested for the benefit of CU is a subset of the LTIP, totaling $1.38 billion. Note that increases/decreases of these funds over time do not precisely mirror investment performance, due to increases reflecting fundraising inflows and decreases reflecting distributions made to university programs.

LTIP asset allocation as of March 31, 2019

The LTIP’s $1.72 billion is invested in a diverse portfolio of asset classes with a long-term strategic investment horizon. Here is the proportion of investment by asset class.