Annual Endowment Distribution Overview

An endowment is a gift to support CU that provides benefits forever. To maximize the long-term growth of an endowment, the CU Foundation prudently invests endowments and, year after year, a percentage of each endowment’s market value is distributed to the CU program designated by the donor.

This overview details how annual distributions from endowment funds support your CU program.

Here are important details and dates.

**How will the endowment distributions be calculated this year?**
Distributions will be an amount equal to 4% of an endowment’s trailing 36-month average fair market value as of December 31 of the year prior to the distribution.

**How much will your distribution account receive?**
The Foundation will provide information about fiscal year distributions to our CU partners by mid-March each year.

**When will you receive it?**
Annual distributions will be made on July 1 each year.

**Please note:** Distributions from an endowment that is less than three years old are calculated based on the average fair market value during the time the endowment has existed. Visit giving.cu.edu/fundmanager for details.

Do you have questions or want to learn more about endowment distributions?
For more information about the distribution formula and other details, visit giving.cu.edu/fundmanager or email the CU Foundation at accounting@cufund.org.

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