

SJSU | TOWER FOUNDATION

ENDOWMENT REPORT

JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

A Message from the Tower Foundation of SJSU

Thank you for supporting San José State University! For nearly two decades, the Tower Foundation of San José State University has been championed by donors like you who believe in the university and its ability to shape a brighter future. We are deeply grateful for your role in expanding opportunities for future generations of Spartans.

Across the university, we see the impact of endowed funds in immediate and lasting ways. Endowments sustain programs that spark innovation, support scholarships that empower talented students to discover their full potential and fuel research that drives breakthroughs. At Silicon Valley's public university, this enduring support – anchored in our vision for tomorrow – demonstrates how philanthropy shapes the future of our campus.

As San José State University's nonprofit 501(c)(3) auxiliary organization, the Tower Foundation is honored to steward the philanthropic gifts entrusted to us. The pages that follow offer a detailed review of the endowment's financial position, investment performance and annual distributions.

On behalf of our students, faculty and university community, thank you for ensuring that one generation's generosity continues to welcome new possibilities for the next.



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Endowment Financial Highlights

as of June 30, 2026

The Tower Foundation endowment is invested in a diversified portfolio with a **market value of approximately $271.4 million.**

Over the previous fiscal year, the Tower Foundation **endowment grew by $40.3 million.**

Annual distributions from the Tower Foundation endowment **totaled more than $8 million** across 852 funds.

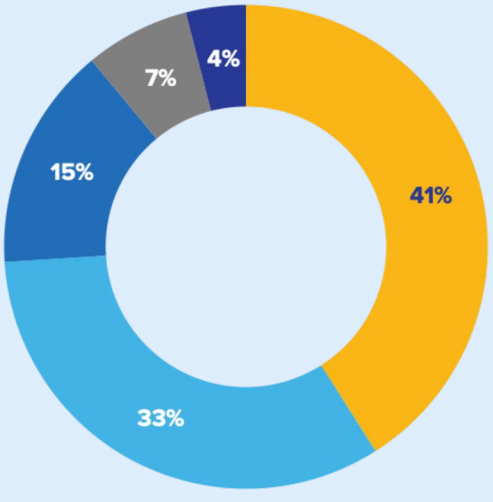
2025–26 Endowment Snapshot

Endowment at a Glance

$271.4M
Endowment market value
as of June 30, 2026

852
Total endowment funds

Endowment Purpose



Scholarships	41%
Academic Support & Programs	33%
Faculty Support & Research	15%
Facilities, Labs & Equipment	7%
Athletic Scholarships & Programs	4%

A Year of Growth

$11.1M
New gifts to all endowed funds

36
New endowment funds

Together, these investments expand permanent resources available to support SJSU students, faculty and programs for years to come.

Financial Overview

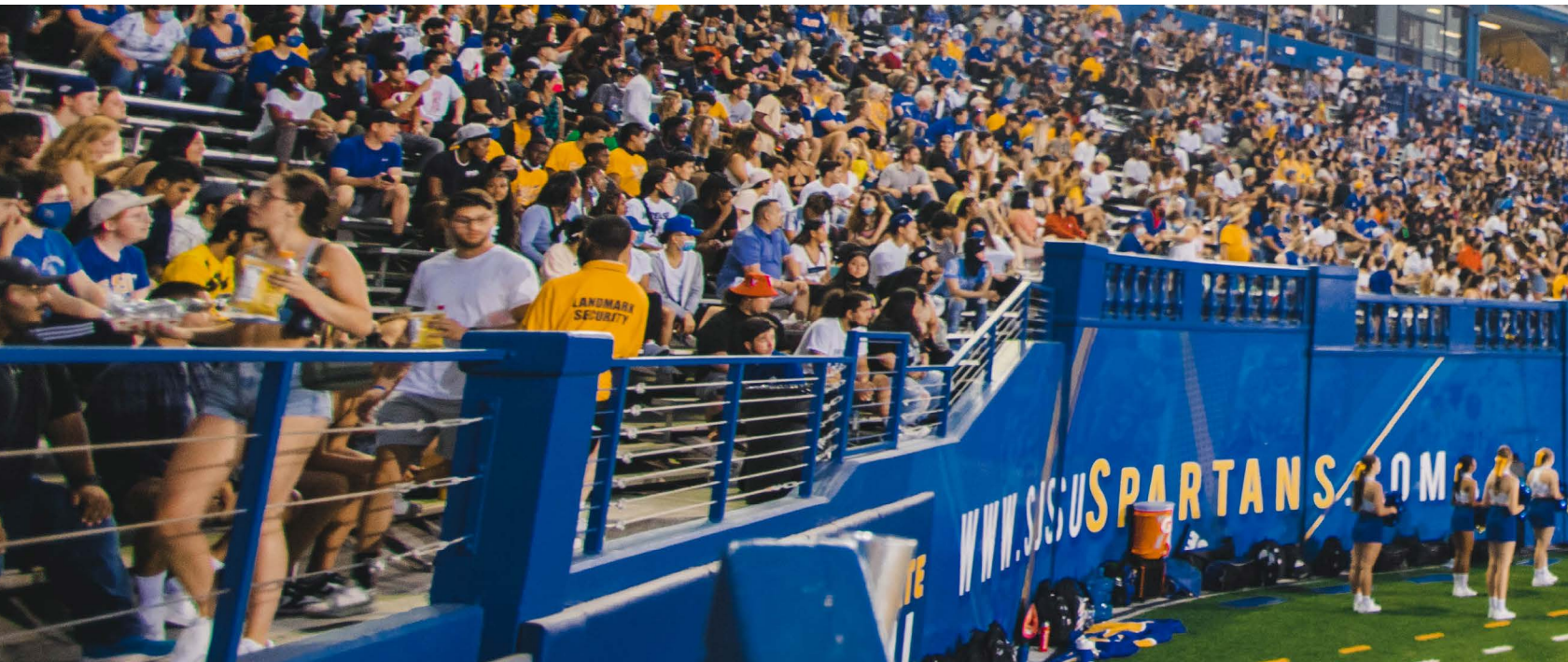
Investment Performance

The Tower Foundation's investment portfolio is managed to generate long-term total returns that support annual distributions, preserve purchasing power and grow endowment capital over time. This approach balances current support for San José State University with the need to sustain funding for future generations of Spartans.

For the year ending on June 30, 2026, the investment portfolio generated an annual return of 15.4% net of investment fees, compared with 11.6% for the year ending on June 30, 2025, an increase of 3.8 percentage points. The portfolio's diversified structure and long-term investment horizon are intended to help manage risk and support performance across full market cycles.

Annualized Rate of Return
as of June 30, 2026

15.4%	12.8%	7.4%	9.0%
Last Year	Last 2 Years	Last 5 Years	Last 10 Years



Financial Overview

Endowment Market Value



$271.4M
2025–26 Market Value

+89%
Growth
over 10 years



Financial Overview

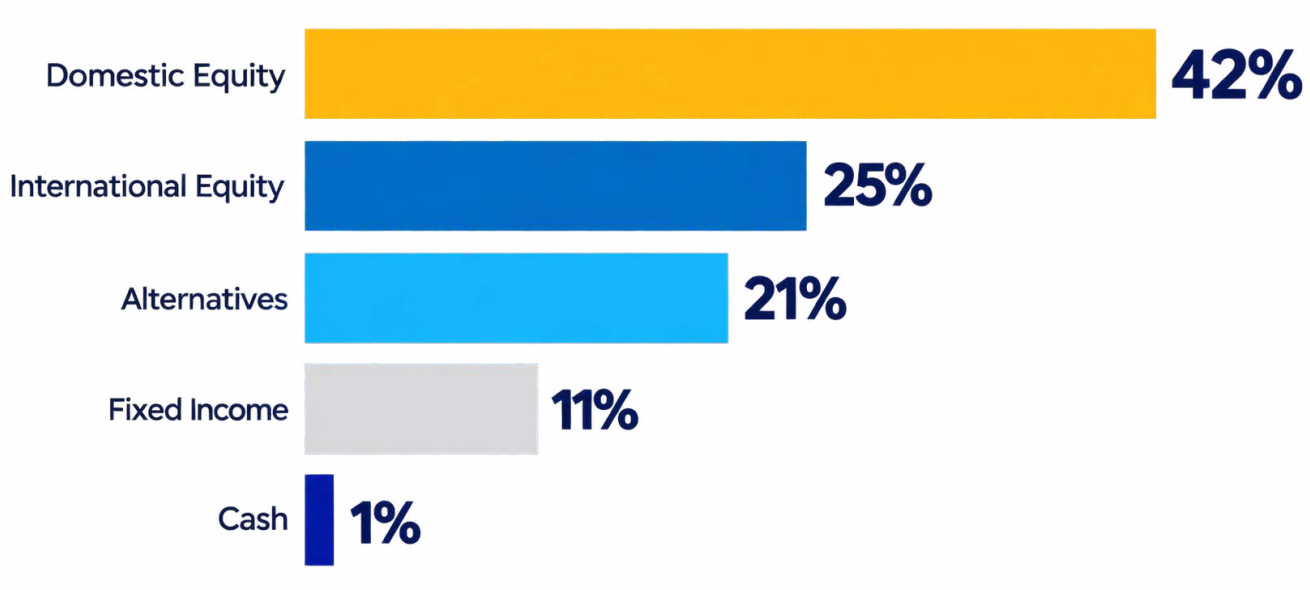
Investment Details

The Tower Foundation Board of Directors operates with a primary fiduciary obligation to protect, grow and responsibly steward its endowment assets with sound judgment and foresight. To guide these efforts, the Board of Directors and its Finance and Investment Committee works with Beacon Pointe Advisors, a registered independent investment advisory firm, to design and execute a disciplined investment strategy aligned with the benchmarks and parameters defined in the Tower Foundation's Investment Policy Statement.

Our strategic asset allocation is structured to achieve long-term capital growth and preserve purchasing power while managing risk through diverse market cycles. Guided by our institutional values, the Tower Foundation actively incorporates Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles as well as Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) criteria into our risk management and investment evaluation processes. Portfolio positions and asset allocations are continuously monitored by Beacon Pointe Advisors and the Tower Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee, with tactical adjustments recommended as needed to maintain target ranges and uphold long-term objectives.

Central to our governance is a steadfast commitment to financial accountability and transparency. To support this commitment, the Tower Foundation provides quarterly updates on the aggregate performance and overall composition of its investment portfolio, including fund manager holdings. This information can be found on the Tower Foundation's website.

Endowment Portfolio Asset Allocation
as of June 30, 2026



Financial Overview

Endowment Distribution

The strength of an endowment lies in its ability to provide current support while preserving its capacity to serve San José State University in perpetuity. Annually, distributions from the endowment flow directly to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to fund student scholarships and to Tower Foundation-managed operating accounts to advance academic and campus programs. This essential support is made possible through the lasting generosity of our donors paired with long-term strategically managed investments and fiduciary stewardship.

Each year, the Tower Foundation Board of Directors reviews and approves the endowment distribution rate. The distribution is calculated using a trailing 36-month average market value as of December 31, helping to moderate the effects of short-term market volatility and provide more predictable annual funding. For the 2026–27 spending period, endowments in a positive position as of December 31, 2025, distributed 4.0%, while underwater endowments distributed 2.0%.

Annual Endowment Distribution to San José State University
for student, faculty and program support

Five–Year Total
$34.21M

Ten–Year Total
$61.05M



Grow Your Endowment

Endowments are designed to provide support for San José State University in perpetuity. The strategies below can help you increase your fund's principal, fulfill a pledge or make a future gift. Please consult your tax advisor for advice on making tax-smart gifts.

Outright Gifts

You can make a secure online gift with a credit or debit card, or mail a check. Please make checks payable to Tower Foundation of SJSU. Make a gift today!

Matching Gifts

Multiply your generosity through employer matching programs. Many companies double or even triple contributions made by current employees, spouses and retirees at no extra cost to you. Check your employer's matching-gift policy to see whether your contribution can provide additional support for your endowment.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are 70½ or older, you may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA directly to the Tower Foundation. It will count toward required minimum distributions and will be excluded from taxable income.

Donor Advised Fund (DAF) Gifts

Utilize your DAF account to recommend grants to support an existing fund or to establish a new fund. This flexible giving vehicle combines immediate tax deduction advantages with your strategic, long-term philanthropic goals.

Gifts of Stock and Real Estate

An appreciated asset can make a meaningful gift. When you donate eligible stock or real estate to the Tower Foundation before selling it, you can support your endowment while also receiving potential tax benefits. Tax treatment varies depending on the asset and your individual circumstances. Consult your tax adviser before making a gift.







Planned Gifts

Leaving a gift through your will or estate plan costs nothing today and allows you to retain use of your assets during your lifetime. You can designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the residual balance and create a lasting legacy in your honor at San José State University.

Life Income Gifts

Create a generous gift for your endowment while securing guaranteed revenue streams for yourself or a loved one in one of two ways. With a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), you can make a gift to establish or grow an endowment while receiving fixed, predictable payments for life. A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) allows you to place cash, real estate or appreciated assets into a trust and receive either fixed or variable income, with the remaining assets ultimately directed to your endowment fund after your lifetime.

Cryptocurrency

You can make an immediate impact with a donation of cryptocurrency. The IRS classifies cryptocurrency as a form of property for tax purposes. When you donate cryptocurrency, you may avoid the capital gains tax on the donated cryptocurrency and still claim a deduction for your gift. Consult your tax advisor before making a cryptocurrency gift.

Ready to explore your giving options?

Our team can help you find an approach that aligns with your goals and the impact you want to make.

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Left to Right: SJSU President Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Sammy Spartan and Associated Students president Ma'Kayla Akin, '28 Political Science, participated in a flag raising at the City of San José to kick off the fall semester.

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