

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

Colorado State University Foundation (the Foundation) is a private, not-for-profit corporation, established to receive, manage and invests gifts for the benefit of Colorado State University (the University). Private donations from individuals, businesses and foundations are invested in accordance with the Foundation's Investment Policy and Guidelines as approved by the Foundation's governing board of directors. Assets managed by the Foundation are not the property of Colorado State University nor are they under the control of Colorado State University. Tuition revenue is not received by the Foundation.

The Foundation recognizes there are social and environmental issues that have adverse impacts to humanity and the world. The Foundation acknowledges and respects the passion of various interest groups embracing the many issues that exist. However, due to the multitude of different and sometimes opposing stances surrounding these world issues, the Foundation refrains from making investment decisions based solely on social causes. Just as the University is an institution serving the needs of the public without exclusion, the Foundation adopts that same premise in its investment philosophy by not excluding certain investments.

The Foundation has a fiduciary responsibility to its donors and the University to provide prudent investment and management of each gift. To fulfill its fiduciary and legal obligations, the Foundation utilizes highly regarded professional investment consultants and managers to enhance the purchasing power of the endowment and to provide the maximum return on funds consistent with preservation of principal.

The Foundation invests with the best investment managers to provide the highest possible returns with minimal acceptable risk. The result of the Foundation's successful investing is more money to the University for research, programs, and scholarships. This additional funding in turn produces better and brighter students who inherently produce a socially responsible environment as they pursue productive lives and are responsible, enlightened members of society following their graduation from the University.

Proxy Voting Guidelines

Due to the nature of certain investment vehicles (mutual fund type investments), most funds do not afford the Foundation the ability to submit a proxy vote. However, occasionally the ability to vote arises. The management and staff of the Foundation, where possible, have been given the charge to vote proxy votes in a manner in which the environment and other socially responsible initiatives are supported.