

The Wellesley

ENDOWMENT

Wellesley's endowment is the cornerstone of the College's financial strength—providing 45% of the operating budget in FY25—and is essential to the College's investment in students, faculty, and programs. Gifts made to Wellesley's endowment are considered to be made in perpetuity and are carefully invested to ensure the College has a strong foundation to support new knowledge discovery for current and future generations.

On June 30, 2025, the endowment had a market value of $3.169 billion. This was an increase of $178 million from the previous year, when the endowment ended fiscal year 2024 at $2.991 billion.

$3.2B
ENDOWMENT VALUE

12.2%
FY25 RETURN

$23.8M
NEW GIFTS AND PLEDGES

FY25

Operating REVENUE

Total: $289M

$128.8M
Endowment distributed for operations

$24.8M
Government and private gifts and grants

$16.7M
Other

$118.7M
Tuition, fees, room and board, net of financial aid



Our Students TODAY

Wellesley students today represent a remarkable range of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. By living and learning together, and immersing themselves in the Wellesley experience, they are able to realize their full potential.

2,285
students enrolled in fall 2025

65%
identify as people of color

292
students hail from abroad

26.7%
identify as underrepresented minorities

468
are first-generation college students

54.1%
declared at least one STEM major

Financial AID

55%
of students received financial aid in FY25

$91M
total financial aid awarded to students in FY25

49%
increase in aid over the last 10 years

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