

Ethical Investment Policy

The University invests funds on a daily basis with various third party organisations through the investment of surplus funds and endowments. It also makes investments in spin-out companies and other related parties as these opportunities arise.

It is the intention of the University to make investments in ways that are consistent with the values of the University as expressed in the current Strategic Plan:

http://www.lboro.ac.uk/admin/policy/strategic_plan.pdf

In deciding on counterparties and companies in which to invest, the University aims to remain consistent with the ethical values it champions in pursuit of its mission statement and ethos:

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/admin/ar/calendar/mission/index.htm>

In order to achieve these aims, the University will not invest in companies whose activities could be seen to endanger individuals or groups of people, or whose activities are inconsistent with the mission and values of the University, its community and its wider stakeholder network.

In order to ensure compliance with this policy the University will:

- Consider the ethical implications of all future investments alongside the commercial opportunities.
- Allow members of the University community and other relevant stakeholders to engage with the ethical investment policy by posting the policy on the University webpages with appropriate contact details
- ensure that fund managers responsible for the University's investments are operating to socially responsible objectives consistent with those of the University
- review this policy on an annual basis as part of the University's Treasury Policy

Loughborough University – Specific Investments

Short Term Deposits

The bulk of the University's Investments are invested through money market deposits with UK and EU Banks and Building Societies as approved by the Treasurer's Committee.

BTG plc

The only equity investment held by the University is with BTG plc. The University has held shares in the company since its privatisation in 1992. The initial investment was instigated due to the University's involvement with CVCP (now Universities UK).

BTG is an international specialty pharmaceuticals company that is developing and commercialising products targeting critical care, cancer, neurological and other disorders.

Information on BTG plc is available at:

www.btgplc.com/view.aspx

Endowed Funds

The cash element of the Endowed Funds are held, separately to general funds, with a bank from the University's list of approved counterparties.

The capital element of the Endowed Funds are managed with the aim of investing 50% of the balance in two funds operated by Black Rock, Charishare Tobacco Restricted and Charinco. Information on the two funds, including information on major holdings, is available at:

<http://www.blackrock.co.uk/Charities/index.htm>

Other Investments

The University, and its subsidiary LU Enterprises, have further investments in various spinout and other related companies. They are listed, with a short description as to the nature of the company, in the University's annual accounts, available at:

www.lboro.ac.uk/admin/financial/pages/statements.htm

Pension Scheme Investments

The pension schemes used by the University are constituted as separate corporate bodies with their own boards of trustees. Consequently, the schemes' funds are invested entirely separately from those of the University.