

UNC SECTION 457(B) PLAN - WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Investment Performance as of 12/31/2023

The performance data quoted represents past performance, and is no guarantee of future results. Your returns and the principal value of your investment will fluctuate so that your mutual fund shares and annuity account accumulation units, and shares or units of the investment vehicles in your model-based accounts, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. The net asset values used to calculate the hypothetical account performance for model-based accounts are compiled using values for underlying funds as of the prior business day and current business day for fixed annuities. For performance current to the most recent month-end, call 800-842-2252 or visit TIAA.org/planinvestmentoptions and enter your plan ID. Performance may reflect waivers or reimbursements of certain expenses. Absent these waivers or reimbursement arrangements, performance results would have been lower. Since Inception performance shown is cumulative for periods less than one year.

UNC Risk-Based Models

Multi Asset - Non-Registered	Morningstar Category	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Total Annual Operating Expenses (%/Per \$1000)		Fee Waiver Expiration	Shareholder Fees & Restrictions*
			3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year/ Since Inception	Gross	Net		
UNC - Aggressive Growth ^{1,2}	-	01/31/15	11.75%	20.87%	20.87%	5.01%	11.65%	9.10%	0.45% \$4.50	0.45% \$4.50	-	-
Benchmark: Morningstar Aggressive Target Risk TR USD			11.14%	18.30%	18.30%	5.27%	10.72%	-				
UNC - Capital Preservation ^{1,2}	-	01/31/15	5.59%	7.32%	7.32%	-0.42%	2.70%	2.13%	0.19% \$1.90	0.19% \$1.90	-	-
Benchmark: Morningstar Conservative Target Risk TR USD			7.45%	7.74%	7.74%	-1.46%	3.15%	-				

Investment products, insurance and annuity products and investments based on Models: are not FDIC insured, are not bank guaranteed, are not deposits, are not insured by any federal government agency, are not a condition to any banking service or activity, and may lose value.

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UNC - Growth ^{1,2}	-	01/31/15	10.84%	18.34%	18.34%	3.38%	9.62%	7.56%	0.39% \$3.90	0.39% \$3.90	-	-
Benchmark: Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk TR USD			10.40%	15.98%	15.98%	3.78%	9.30%	-				
UNC - Moderate ^{1,2}	-	01/31/15	9.43%	14.96%	14.96%	2.06%	7.42%	5.87%	0.33% \$3.30	0.33% \$3.30	-	-
Benchmark: Morningstar Moderate Target Risk TR USD			9.50%	13.22%	13.22%	2.07%	7.38%	-				

The model's underlying investments' performance can be found under the appropriate asset class. Please refer to the RetirePlus Pro Model Portfolio Target Allocations section of this document for information on the model's current target allocations and other important information about your investment through the RetirePlus Pro Model program.

RetirePlus Pro Model Portfolio Target Allocations

Underlying Investment	UNC - Aggressive Growth	UNC - Capital Preservation	UNC - Growth	UNC - Moderate
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund® Class R-6	11.0%	1.0%	9.0%	6.0%
Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares	6.0%	3.0%	5.0%	4.0%
John Hancock Funds Disciplined Value Fund Class R6	12.0%	5.0%	10.0%	9.0%
MassMutual Mid Cap Growth Fund Class I	6.0%		5.0%	3.0%
MFS International Intrinsic Value Equity CIT Class 4	11.0%	1.0%	8.0%	6.0%
MFS Mid Cap Value Fund Class R6	7.0%		5.0%	4.0%
T. Rowe Price Large-Cap Growth Fund I Class	11.0%	4.0%	10.0%	8.0%
T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund	6.0%		4.0%	2.0%
Vanguard Extended Market Index Trust	6.0%		6.0%	4.0%
Vanguard Institutional 500 Index Trust	12.0%	4.0%	10.0%	8.0%
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Trust	12.0%	2.0%	8.0%	6.0%
JPMCB Core Bond Fund-CF		10.0%	5.0%	8.0%
TCW MetWest Total Return Bond C		10.0%	5.0%	9.0%
Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund Investor Shares		20.0%		3.0%
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Institutional Plus Shares		20.0%		3.0%
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Trust		20.0%	10.0%	17.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RETIREPLUS PRO MODELS

The TIAA RetirePlus Pro® Models are asset allocation recommendations developed in one of three ways, depending on your plan structure: i) by your plan sponsor, ii) by your plan sponsor in consultation with consultants and other investment advisors designated by the plan sponsor, or iii) exclusively by consultants and other investment advisors selected by your plan sponsor whereby assets are allocated to underlying mutual funds and annuities that are permissible investments under the plan. Model-based accounts will be managed on the basis of the plan participant's personal financial situation and investment objectives (for example, taking into account factors such as participant age and risk capacity as determined by a risk tolerance questionnaire).

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Variable annuity accounts that invest in real estate securities are subject to various risks, including fluctuation in property values, higher expenses or lower income than expected, and potential environmental problems and liability.

Guaranteed investments offer a guaranteed rate of return but such guarantees are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

More detailed information on risks applicable to a particular investment option can be found in the prospectus or other product literature.

Fees and Expenses

*Some Plans may allocate plan costs to participants to offset the cost of recordkeeping and other plan services. When the Plan allocates these costs at the investment-level there may be a plan services fee or credit displayed in the "Shareholder fees & restrictions" column. If the costs are allocated at the plan-level (regardless of investment) it is not displayed on the Quarterly Investment Update.

Fee and expense information for the variable return investment options include the Total Annual Operating Expenses expressed as a percentage and a dollar amount based upon a \$1,000 accumulation both as net (after) and gross (before) of expenses. Total Annual Operating Expenses is a measure of what it costs to operate an investment, expressed as a percentage of its assets, as a dollar amount or in basis points. These are costs the investor pays through a reduction in the investment's rate of return. Expense information shown is based on the most recent information available, but may not reflect all updates and may differ slightly from the prospectus due to rounding. Please consult the most recent prospectus or offering document for more detailed information.

For more information on the impact of fees and expenses associated with your plan, please visit TIAA.org/fees. Fees are only one of many factors to consider when making an investment decision.

About the Benchmark

A benchmark provides an investor with a point of reference to evaluate an investment's performance. One common type of benchmark used to compare investment performance is called an index. Indexes are unmanaged portfolios of securities designed to track the performance of a particular segment of the market. For example, a large cap stock fund or account will usually be compared to an index that tracks a portfolio of large-cap stocks. Conversely, a bond fund or account is typically compared to an index that tracks a portfolio of bonds that is comparable to the fund or account's portfolio in terms of credit quality, maturity and liquidity. Each mutual fund or account shown in the table includes performance information for an index that the advisor determined provides a fair comparison of the fund or account's investment performance. Indexes are for comparison purposes only. You cannot invest directly in any index. Index returns do not reflect a deduction for fees or expenses.

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and has no portfolio, Morningstar estimates where it will fall before assigning a more permanent category. When necessary, Morningstar may change a category assignment based on current information.

Important Information

1 Model Strategy, Model Fees and Expenses and Target Allocations information provided by the Plan Sponsor. Neither TIAA nor its affiliates has independently verified the accuracy or completeness of this information.

2 Model performance shown is based on the performance of the underlying investments that were present in the Model's lineup as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter. If a Model's lineup has changed since then, no adjustments have been made to the Model's performance shown here to reflect the revised lineup, and the investments (and their performance) removed from the lineup no longer appear in the fund performance table. However, all the investments (and their performance) in the Model's lineup as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter may continue to be viewed on the fact sheet available on your employer's microsite.



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Before making your investment choices and completing your enrollment form, you should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully. Please call 877-518-9161 for paper copies of the product and fund prospectuses and disclosure documents that contain this and other information. Please read the prospectuses and disclosure documents carefully before investing.

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