

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
SHORT TERM FUND
INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

Purpose

The Short Term Fund (the "STF") was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System (the "Board of Regents") as a pooled fund for the collective investment of operating funds and other short and intermediate term funds held by U. T. System institutions and System Administration with an investment horizon of less than one year.

STF Organization

The STF functions like a mutual fund in which each eligible account purchases and redeems STF units as provided herein. The ownership of STF assets shall at all times be vested in the Board of Regents. Such assets shall be deemed to be held by the Board of Regents, as a fiduciary, regardless of the name in which the assets may be registered.

STF Management

Article VII Section 11b of the Texas Constitution authorizes the Board of Regents, subject to procedures and restrictions it establishes, to invest the Permanent University Fund (the "PUF") in any kind of investment and in amounts it considers appropriate, provided that it adheres to the prudent investor standard. This standard provides that the Board of Regents, in making investments, may acquire, exchange, sell, supervise, manage, or retain, through procedures and subject to restrictions it establishes and in amounts it considers appropriate, any kind of investment that prudent investors, exercising reasonable care, skill, and caution, would acquire or retain in light of the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the fund then prevailing, taking into consideration the investment of all the assets of the fund rather than a single investment. Pursuant to Section 51.0031(c) of the *Texas Education Code*, the Board of Regents has elected the PUF prudent investor standard to govern its management of the STF.

Ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the STF rests with the Board of Regents. Section 66.08, *Texas Education Code*, as amended, authorizes the Board of Regents, subject to certain conditions, to enter into a contract with a nonprofit corporation to invest funds under the control and management of the Board of Regents.

Pursuant to an Investment Management Services Agreement between the Board of Regents and The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company ("UTIMCO"), the STF shall be managed by UTIMCO, which shall: a) recommend investment policy for the STF, b) determine specific Asset Class targets, ranges and

performance benchmarks consistent with STF objectives, and c) monitor STF performance against STF objectives. UTIMCO shall invest the STF assets in conformity with this Policy Statement.

UTIMCO may select and terminate unaffiliated investment managers subject to the Delegation of Authority Policy approved by the UTIMCO Board, as amended. Managers shall be monitored for performance and adherence to investment disciplines.

STF Administration

UTIMCO shall employ an administrative staff to ensure that all transaction and accounting records are complete and prepared on a timely basis. Internal controls shall be emphasized so as to provide for responsible separation of duties and adequacy of an audit trail. Custody of STF assets shall comply with applicable law and be structured so as to provide essential safekeeping and trading efficiency.

Funds Eligible to Purchase STF Units

No account shall be eligible to purchase units of the STF unless it is under the sole control, with full discretion as to investments, by the Board of Regents and/or UTIMCO.

Any account whose governing instrument contains provisions which conflict with this Policy Statement, whether initially or as a result of amendments to either document, shall not be eligible to purchase or hold units of the STF.

The funds of a foundation structured as a supporting organization described in Section 509(a) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, which supports the activities of the U. T. System and its institutions, may purchase units in the STF provided that a contract between the Board of Regents and the foundation has been executed authorizing investment of foundation funds in the STF.

STF Investment Objectives

The primary investment objective shall be to maximize current income consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of adequate STF liquidity. The STF shall seek to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00.

Achievement of this objective shall be defined as a fund return in excess of the average gross return of the median manager of an approved universe of institutional only money market funds.

Asset Class Allocation and Policy

Asset Class allocation is the primary determinant of investment performance and subject to the Asset Class allocation ranges specified herein is the responsibility of UTIMCO. Specific Asset Class allocation targets may be changed from time to time based on the economic and investment outlook.

STF assets shall be allocated to the following broad Asset Class:

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and which are subject to a relatively small risk of changes in value.

Performance Measurement

The investment performance of the STF will be measured by an unaffiliated organization, with recognized expertise in this field and reporting responsibility to the UTIMCO Board, and compared against the performance benchmarks of the STF. Such measurement will occur at least quarterly.

Investment Guidelines

The STF must be invested at all times in strict compliance with applicable law.

Investment guidelines include the following:

General

- All investments will be U.S. dollar denominated assets.
- Investment guidelines for index, commingled funds, limited partnerships, and corporate vehicles managed externally shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the respective investment management contracts, partnership agreements or corporate documents.
- Investment guidelines of all other externally managed accounts as well as internally invested funds must be reviewed and approved by UTIMCO's Chief Investment Officer prior to investment of STF assets in such investments.
- No securities may be purchased or held which jeopardize the STF's tax-exempt status.
- No internal investment strategy or program may purchase securities on margin or use leverage unless specifically authorized by the UTIMCO Board.

- No internal investment strategy or program employing short sales may be made unless specifically authorized by the UTIMCO Board.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Holdings of cash and cash equivalents may include the following:

- unaffiliated liquid (Money Market Funds) investment funds, subject to Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended from time to time, rated AAA_M by Standard & Poor's Corporation or the equivalent by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO),
- securities of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies and their instrumentalities with maturities of 397 days or less,
- separately managed accounts with investment guidelines equivalent to, or more stringent than, unaffiliated liquid investment funds, subject to Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended from time to time, rated AAA_M by Standard & Poor's Corporation or the equivalent by a NRSRO,
- the Custodian's late deposit interest bearing liquid investment fund,
- municipal short term securities,
- commercial paper rated in the two highest quality classes by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. (P1 or P2) or Standard & Poor's Corporation (A1 or A2 or the equivalent),
- negotiable certificates of deposit with a bank that is associated with a holding company whose short-term rating meets the commercial paper rating criteria specified above or that has a certificate of deposit rating of 1 or better by Duff & Phelps,
- floating rate securities, if they meet the single security duration criteria and are based on a spread over or under a well known index such as LIBOR or a Constant Maturity Treasury index. No internally leveraged floating rate securities are permitted (i.e., a coupon equivalent to a formula that creates a multiplier of an index value). The following types of floating rate securities are not eligible for investment: inverse floaters, non-money market based floaters, interest only or principal only floaters, non-dollar based floaters, and range note floaters, and
- repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements transacted with a dealer that is approved by UTIMCO and selected by the Federal Reserve Bank as a Primary Dealer in U.S. Treasury securities and rated A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent:
 - Each approved counterparty shall execute the Standard Public Securities Association (PSA) Master repurchase agreement with UTIMCO.
 - Eligible Collateral Securities for repurchase agreements are limited to U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. Government Agency securities with a maturity of not more than 10 years.

- The maturity for a repurchase agreement may be from one day to two weeks.
- The value of all collateral shall be maintained at 102% of the notional value of the repurchase agreement, valued daily.
- All collateral shall be delivered to the STF custodian bank. Tri-party collateral arrangements are not permitted.
- The aggregate amount of repurchase agreements with maturities greater than seven calendar days may not exceed 10% of the STF's total assets.
- Overnight repurchase agreements may not exceed 50% of the STF's total assets.

Compliance

Compliance with this Policy will be monitored by UTIMCO's Chief Compliance Officer. UTIMCO's Chief Executive Officer, the UTIMCO Board, and the UTIMCO Audit & Ethics Committee will receive regular reports on UTIMCO's compliance with this Policy. All material instances of noncompliance, as determined by UTIMCO's Chief Compliance Officer and the Chair of the UTIMCO Audit & Ethics Committee, will require an action plan proposed by UTIMCO's Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Chairman of the UTIMCO Board with timelines for bringing the noncompliant activity within this Policy.

STF Distributions

Distributions of income from the STF to the unitholders shall be made as soon as practicable on or after the last day of each month.

STF Accounting

The fiscal year of the STF shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st. Market value of the STF shall be maintained on an accrual basis in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements, industry guidelines, or state statutes, whichever is applicable. Significant asset write-offs or write-downs shall be approved by UTIMCO's Chief Investment Officer and reported to the UTIMCO Board. Assets deemed to be "other than temporarily impaired" as defined by GAAP shall be written off and reported to UTIMCO's Chief Investment Officer and the UTIMCO Board when material.

Valuation of Assets

Institutional prime money market funds are valued using a floating net asset value. Investments other than institutional prime money market funds are stated at amortized cost, which in most cases approximates the market value of securities. The objective of the fund is to maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value; however, the \$1.00 net asset value is neither guaranteed nor insured by UTIMCO.

The STF's net assets shall include all related receivables and payables of the STF on the valuation date. Such valuation shall be final and conclusive.

Purchase of STF Units

Purchase of STF units may be made on each business day upon payment of cash to the STF or contribution of assets approved by UTIMCO's Chief Investment Officer.

Redemption of STF Units

Redemption of units may be made on each business day.

Securities Lending

The STF may not participate in a securities lending contract with a bank or nonbank security lending agent.

Investor Responsibility

The UTIMCO Board shall discharge its fiduciary duties with respect to the STF solely in the interest of STF unitholders and shall not invest the STF so as to achieve temporal benefits for any purpose, including use of its economic power to advance social or political purposes.

Amendment of Policy Statement

The Board of Regents reserves the right to amend the Investment Policy Statement as it deems necessary or advisable.

Effective Date

The effective date of this policy shall be September 1, 2016.