**What are underwater endowments?**

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1. An underwater endowment is a permanent endowment where the market value (MV) is less than the historic dollar value (HDV or accumulated original gifts adjusted for amounts required to be added to it either by the donor or by law).

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