

#### **Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program**

## **Large Blend Fund Search**

Second Quarter, 2025

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### **Search Criteria**

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### **Investment Option Criteria**

From Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program Deferred Compensation Board Investment Policy Statement (dated November 19, 2020)

# Minimum Criteria for Selecting and Evaluating Mutual Fund and Institutional Product Options

- Minimum 5-year operating history may be waived for index funds
- Manager Tenure not less than 3 years
- Expense ratio (internal expense charge plus any 12(b)1 fee) not greater than the mean for the appropriate peer group
- 5-year rolling average performance must equal or exceed appropriate benchmark or index
- Minimum total asset size of \$400 million may be waived for certain categories of funds
- Anticipated WDC assets not greater than 5% of total fund (determined by comparing current WDC asset levels in a comparable fund)

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- No loads of sales charges
- Not a sector fund



# Large Cap Blend

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### **Initial Criteria - per IPS**

1. Morningstar Category = Large Cap Blend

2. Inception Date <= 12/31/2019

3. Expense Ratio <= Category Average

4. 5 Year Total Return >= Category Average

5. Total Assets >= \$400 million

6. Manager Tenure >= 3 years

**Results: 140 Funds comprising 332 share classes** 

### **Additional Criteria**

| 1.         | Morningstar Category | =  | Large Cap Blend        |
|------------|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| 2.         | Inception Date       | <= | 12/31/2019             |
| <i>3</i> . | Expense Ratio        | <= | Category Average       |
| 4.         | 5 Year Total Return  | >= | Category Average       |
| <i>5.</i>  | Total Assets         | >= | \$400 million          |
| 6.         | Manager Tenure       | >= | 3 years                |
| 7.         | Index Fund           | =  | No                     |
| 8.         | 3 Year Total Return  | >= | Above Category Average |
| 9.         | 10 Year Total Return | >= | Above Category Average |
| 10.        | Sortino Ratio        | >= | 1.2                    |

**Results:** 

33 Funds comprising 106 share classes

### **Search Results**

Performance as of June 30, 2025

| Name                                  | Ticker | Morningstar<br>Category | Morningstar<br>Rating | Expense<br>Ratio | Total Ret<br>1 Yr | Total Ret<br>Annlzd 3 Yr | Total Ret<br>Annlzd 5 Yr | Total Ret<br>Annlzd 10 Yr |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alger Growth & Income Z               | AGIZX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.64             | 13.29             | 17.91                    | 16.75                    | 13.15                     |
| Allspring Disciplined US Core R6      | EVSRX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.41             | 17.13             | 21.10                    | 17.90                    | 13.58                     |
| Allspring Large Cap Core R6           | EGORX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.65             | 17.22             | 22.12                    | 17.95                    | 12.65                     |
| American Funds Fundamental Invs R6    | RFNGX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.28             | 20.20             | 22.42                    | 16.94                    | 13.28                     |
| American Funds Invmt Co of Amer R6    | RICGX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.27             | 21.19             | 23.46                    | 17.75                    | 13.21                     |
| American Funds Washington Mutual R6   | RWMGX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.26             | 16.90             | 17.30                    | 16.44                    | 12.76                     |
| BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core K  | MLRKX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.43             | 14.21             | 19.37                    | 15.99                    | 12.95                     |
| ClearBridge Appreciation IS           | LMESX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.56             | 14.62             | 18.14                    | 15.88                    | 12.83                     |
| Columbia Contrarian Core Inst3        | COFYX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.62             | 12.72             | 20.34                    | 16.95                    | 13.27                     |
| Columbia Disciplined Core Inst3       | CCQYX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.66             | 11.49             | 17.70                    | 15.38                    | 12.32                     |
| Columbia Large Cap Enhan Core Inst3   | CECYX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.42             | 12.73             | 18.71                    | 16.56                    | 13.03                     |
| Columbia Select Large Cap Eq Inst3    | CLEYX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.55             | 9.60              | 18.48                    | 15.68                    | 13.18                     |
| DFA US Core Equity 1 I                | DFEOX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.15             | 13.19             | 17.90                    | 16.45                    | 12.26                     |
| DFA US Large Cap Equity Institutional | DUSQX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.14             | 14.13             | 19.07                    | 16.37                    | 12.94                     |
| Goldman Sachs Enhanced U.S. Eq R6     | GFCUX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.56             | 13.00             | 19.66                    | 16.28                    | 13.22                     |
| Goldman Sachs Large Cap Equity R6     | GSPUX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.69             | 15.39             | 19.74                    | 15.73                    | 13.48                     |
| Goldman Sachs US Equity Insights R6   | GSEUX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.56             | 14.15             | 19.12                    | 15.53                    | 12.59                     |
| JPMorgan US Equity R6                 | JUEMX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.44             | 12.49             | 19.09                    | 16.74                    | 13.85                     |
| JPMorgan US Research Enhan Eq R6      | JDEUX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.25             | 13.25             | 19.99                    | 17.33                    | 13.23                     |
| MFS Blended Research Core Equity R6   | MUEVX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.41             | 12.83             | 20.49                    | 17.53                    | 12.67                     |
| PGIM Quant Sol Large-Cap Cor Eq R6    | PTMQX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.35             | 11.72             | 18.94                    | 16.24                    | 12.61                     |
| PIMCO StocksPLUS® Instl               | PSTKX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.79             | 14.85             | 19.34                    | 15.77                    | 13.05                     |
| Putnam Core Equity Fund R6            | PMYTX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.64             | 13.52             | 20.84                    | 18.62                    | 13.63                     |
| Putnam Focused Equity R6              | PGWTX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.73             | 16.22             | 21.07                    | 17.06                    | 13.48                     |
| Putnam Research R6                    | PLJMX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.49             | 13.16             | 21.17                    | 16.89                    | 13.75                     |
| SEI Dynamic Asset Allocation A (SIIT) | SDLAX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.03             | 17.33             | 18.84                    | 17.53                    | 13.24                     |
| SEI Large Cap Disciplined Eq A (SIIT) | SCPAX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.18             | 15.07             | 19.29                    | 16.91                    | 12.37                     |
| State Street US Core Equity Fund      | SSAQX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.14             | 12.58             | 20.33                    | 16.86                    | 13.62                     |
| T. Rowe Price U.S. Equity Research I  | PCCOX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.34             | 13.99             | 20.99                    | 17.49                    | 14.22                     |
| T. Rowe Price US Large-Cap Core I     | RCLIX  | Large Blend             | 3                     | 0.57             | 9.52              | 18.14                    | 15.75                    | 12.76                     |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Instl    | SCRLX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.71             | 15.27             | 18.33                    | 16.00                    | 13.77                     |
| Vanguard Growth & Income Adm          | VGIAX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 0.24             | 15.06             | 19.84                    | 17.04                    | 13.60                     |
| Wilmington Large-Cap Strategy Instl   | WMLIX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 0.25             | 15.35             | 19.35                    | 16.08                    | 13.13                     |

### **Performance Consistency**

Calendar Year Return - Peer Group Percentile

| reference                                | Annual<br>Ret % | Consistency-<br>Outperforming |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|  | 2024            | 2023            | 2022            | 2021            | 2020            | 2019            | 2018            | 2017            | 2016            | 2015            | Peers                         |
| Putnam Core Equity Fund R6               | 11              | 13              | 34              | 9               | 43              | 12              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 100%                          |
| Putnam Research R6                       | 11              | 9               | 41              | 73              | 23              | 9               | 25              | 12              | 49              | -               | 89%                           |
| T. Rowe Price U.S. Equity Research I     | 11              | 8               | 62              | 31              | 26              | 12              | 28              | 12              | -               | -               | 88%                           |
| JPMorgan US Equity R6                    | 37              | 17              | 63              | 22              | 3               | 14              | 53              | 32              | 46              | 28              | 80%                           |
| JPMorgan US Research Enhanced Equity R6  | 28              | 12              | 49              | 9               | 20              | 21              | 48              | 34              | 60              | 65              | 80%                           |
| PIMCO StocksPLUS® Instl                  | 23              | 22              | 88              | 33              | 35              | 11              | 51              | 22              | 22              | 41              | 80%                           |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Instl       | 62              | 40              | 43              | 65              | 7               | 43              | 11              | 13              | 33              | 29              | 80%                           |
| Vanguard Growth & Income Adm             | 13              | 44              | 42              | 18              | 41              | 51              | 31              | 54              | 24              | 16              | 80%                           |
| Columbia Select Large Cap Equity Inst3   | 35              | 12              | 71              | 12              | 26              | 60              | 46              | -               | -               | -               | 71%                           |
| Columbia Large Cap Enhanced Core Inst3   | 15              | 24              | 39              | 6               | 55              | 82              | 32              | 9               | 57              | 43              | 70%                           |
| DFA US Large Cap Equity Institutional    | 36              | 49              | 39              | 54              | 32              | 23              | 58              | 25              | 19              | 51              | 70%                           |
| Wilmington Large-Cap Strategy Instl      | 37              | 28              | 68              | 57              | 17              | 35              | 38              | 26              | 50              | 14              | 70%                           |
| Allspring Large Cap Core R6              | 12              | 41              | 23              | 7               | 89              | 67              | 79              | 12              | 25              | -               | 67%                           |
| BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core K     | 15              | 37              | 80              | 24              | 26              | 57              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 67%                           |
| PGIM Quant Solutions Large-Cap Cor Eq R6 | 5 14            | 20              | 38              | 14              | 80              | 50              | 72              | 13              | -               | -               | 63%                           |
| American Funds Fundamental Invs R6       | 46              | 26              | 37              | 84              | 59              | 68              | 59              | 13              | 17              | 5               | 60%                           |
| Columbia Contrarian Core Inst3           | 45              | 4               | 57              | 75              | 11              | 10              | 82              | 28              | 73              | 7               | 60%                           |
| SEI Dynamic Asset Allocation A (SIIT)    | 19              | 61              | 36              | 6               | 21              | 71              | 75              | 66              | 23              | 3               | 60%                           |
| SEI Large Cap Disciplined Eq A (SIIT)    | 38              | 49              | 31              | 10              | 77              | 69              | 65              | 66              | 47              | 13              | 60%                           |
| Allspring Disciplined US Core R6         | 3               | 23              | 46              | 8               | 51              | 58              | 77              | 51              | 24              | -               | 56%                           |
| Columbia Disciplined Core Inst3          | 13              | 47              | 62              | 4               | 64              | 87              | 19              | 9               | 78              | -               | 56%                           |
| Goldman Sachs Enhanced U.S. Equity R6    | 49              | 12              | 40              | 22              | 85              | 55              | 82              | 17              | 58              | -               | 56%                           |
| Goldman Sachs US Equity Insights R6      | 4               | 52              | 71              | 14              | 38              | 83              | 60              | 11              | 43              | -               | 56%                           |
| American Funds Washington Mutual R6      | 69              | 79              | 5               | 21              | 90              | 82              | 12              | 10              | 58              | 8               | 50%                           |
| ClearBridge Appreciation IS              | 50              | 71              | 17              | 78              | 60              | 45              | 8               | 64              | 65              | 16              | 50%                           |
| MFS Blended Research Core Equity R6      | 19              | 12              | 35              | 15              | 57              | 60              | 74              | 54              | 75              | 27              | 50%                           |
| Putnam Focused Equity R6                 | 3               | 43              | 2               | 55              | 94              | 69              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 50%                           |
| State Street US Core Equity Fund         | 19              | 11              | 53              | 55              | 8               | 14              | 14              | 59              | 56              | 64              | 50%                           |
| T. Rowe Price US Large-Cap Core I        | 49              | 58              | 30              | 64              | 55              | 51              | 16              | 47              | -               | -               | 50%                           |
| Goldman Sachs Large Cap Equity R6        | 54              | 19              | 76              | 70              | 9               | 45              | 52              | 20              | 56              | -               | 44%                           |
| Alger Growth & Income Z                  | 54              | 54              | 23              | 8               | 56              | 55              | 25              | 50              | 51              | 19              | 40%                           |
| American Funds Invmt Co of Amer R6       | 19              | 11              | 31              | 67              | 61              | 87              | 58              | 63              | 7               | 55              | 40%                           |
| DFA US Core Equity 1 I                   | 58              | 56              | 30              | 39              | 51              | 46              | 75              | 52              | 7               | 57              | 40%                           |

Funds in bold were in a different category in last 10 years.

### **Performance Correlation**

|  | Performance Correlation to<br>Contrafund (5 Year) |  | Performance Correlation to  Contrafund (5 Year) |
|--|---|--|---|
| Alger Growth & Income Z                | 0.92  | JPMorgan US Equity R6                    | 0.95  |
| Allspring Disciplined US Core R6       | 0.95  | JPMorgan US Research Enhanced Equity R6  | 0.95  |
| Allspring Large Cap Core R6            | 0.89  | MFS Blended Research Core Equity R6      | 0.93  |
| American Funds Fundamental Invs R6     | 0.92  | PGIM Quant Solutions Large-Cap Cor Eq R6 | 0.93  |
| American Funds Invmt Co of Amer R6     | 0.93  | PIMCO StocksPLUS® Instl                  | 0.95  |
| American Funds Washington Mutual R6    | 0.85  | Putnam Core Equity Fund R6               | 0.92  |
| BlackRock Advantage Large Cap Core K   | 0.94  | Putnam Focused Equity R6                 | 0.93  |
| ClearBridge Appreciation IS            | 0.93  | Putnam Research R6                       | 0.95  |
| Columbia Contrarian Core Inst3         | 0.94  | SEI Dynamic Asset Allocation A (SIIT)    | 0.93  |
| Columbia Disciplined Core Inst3        | 0.92  | SEI Large Cap Disciplined Eq A (SIIT)    | 0.92  |
| Columbia Large Cap Enhanced Core Inst3 | 0.93  | State Street US Core Equity Fund         | 0.95  |
| Columbia Select Large Cap Equity Inst3 | 0.95  | T. Rowe Price U.S. Equity Research I     | 0.95  |
| DFA US Core Equity 1 I                 | 0.90  | T. Rowe Price US Large-Cap Core I        | 0.93  |
| DFA US Large Cap Equity Institutional  | 0.93  | Touchstone Large Cap Focused Instl       | 0.93  |
| Goldman Sachs Enhanced U.S. Equity R6  | 0.94  | Vanguard Growth & Income Adm             | 0.95  |
| Goldman Sachs Large Cap Equity R6      | 0.94  | Wilmington Large-Cap Strategy Instl      | 0.94  |
| Goldman Sachs US Equity Insights R6    | 0.94  |  |   |

### **Potential Finalists**

| Name                               | Ticker | Morningstar<br>Category | Morningstar<br>Rating | Inception<br>Date | Manager<br>Tenure<br>(Longest) | Primary Prospectus<br>Benchmark | Fund Size USD  | Expense Ratio |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Vanguard Growth & Income Adm       | VGIAX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 5/14/2001         | 13.92                          | S&P 500 TR                      | 16,727,803,444 | 0.24          |
| Putnam Research R6                 | PLJMX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 6/29/2015         | 10.67                          | Russell 3000 TR                 | 614,394,557    | 0.49          |
| T. Rowe Price U.S. Eq Research I   | PCCOX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 11/29/2016        | 10.58                          | Russell 3000 TR                 | 15,353,274,176 | 0.34          |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Instl | SCRLX  | Large Blend             | 4                     | 12/23/2014        | 7.83                           | Russell 3000 TR                 | 3,582,412,142  | 0.71          |
| JPMorgan US Equity R6              | JUEMX  | Large Blend             | 5                     | 11/30/2010        | 11.00                          | S&P 500 TR                      | 34,655,415,340 | 0.44          |

#### Performance (as of June 30, 2025)

|                                  |                | Total Ret %   |                | Total Ret %   |                | Total Ret %   |                 | Total Ret %    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                  | Total Ret 1 Yr | Rank Cat 1 Yr | Total Ret 3 Yr | Rank Cat 3 Yr | Total Ret 5 Yr | Rank Cat 5 Yr | Total Ret 10 Yr | Rank Cat 10 Yr |
| Vanguard Growth & Income Adm     | 15.06          | 30            | 19.84          | 20            | 17.04          | 13            | 13.60           | 9              |
| Putnam Research R6               | 13.16          | 56            | 21.17          | 8             | 16.89          | 15            | 13.75           | 6              |
| T. Rowe Price U.S. Eq Research I | 13.99          | 47            | 20.99          | 9             | 17.49          | 8             | 14.22           | 4              |
| Touchstone Lg Cap Focused Instl  | 15.27          | 24            | 18.33          | 50            | 16.00          | 41            | 13.77           | 6              |
| JPMorgan US Equity R6            | 12.49          | 64            | 19.09          | 37            | 16.74          | 17            | 13.85           | 6              |

#### **Risk & Allocation**

|                                      | Std Dev 3 Yr | Std Dev 5 Yr | Sortino Ratio<br>3 Yr | Sortino Ratio<br>5 Yr | Asset Alloc Cash<br>% (Net) | Asset Alloc US<br>Equity % (Net) | Asset Alloc Non-US<br>Equity % (Net) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Vanguard Growth & Income Adm         | 15.89        | 16.29        | 1.57                  | 1.44                  | 1.21                        | 96.25                            | 2.54                                 |
| Putnam Research R6                   | 16.15        | 16.41        | 1.67                  | 1.43                  | 0.86                        | 95.48                            | 3.45                                 |
| T. Rowe Price U.S. Equity Research I | 15.87        | 16.51        | 1.69                  | 1.48                  | 0.13                        | 98.52                            | 1.35                                 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Instl   | 15.29        | 16.15        | 1.45                  | 1.37                  | 1.58                        | 96.11                            | 2.31                                 |
| JPMorgan US Equity R6                | 15.75        | 16.49        | 1.48                  | 1.41                  | 0.77                        | 96.67                            | 2.56                                 |



# **Appendix**

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