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TORIIS at a glance

TORIIS.earth is an organization that makes transparent the University of Illinois Systems corporate bond portfolio and visualizes this data through an



environmental lens. Throughout TORIIS, you can explore in depth the University of Illinois Systems' [corporate bond portfolio ↗](#), understand the scope and impact of its [investments in the fossil fuel industry ↗](#), and take action by [signing our open letter ↗](#) requesting fossil fuel divestment from the University of Illinois.

As of Fiscal Year 2022, the University of Illinois System, comprising campuses in Chicago, Urbana-Champaign, and Springfield, have [\\$4.15 billion assets under management ↗](#), with corporate bond ownership making up around \$978 million of those assets. Of these corporate bonds, the University of Illinois System has over [\\$120 million invested ↗ that profit from the extraction, transportation, or combustion of coal, petroleum, or natural gas.](#)

In conjunction with the University of Illinois System, the [University of Illinois Foundation ↗](#), the official fundraising and private gift-receiving agency for the University of Illinois, has a [reported 5% of their portfolio ↗](#), around \$110 million, invested in fossil fuel companies. The University of Illinois Foundation's private status prohibits TORIIS from making transparent its portfolio and auditing these claims.

The University of Illinois must begin [the immediate removal of all investments currently held in fossil fuel corporations and the complete cessation of further investment into these industries](#) in order to [uphold its stated values ↗](#) and become the institutional leader that we know it can be.



Assets Per Sector

Our Requests



We request Chancellor Jones, University of Illinois System President Tim Killeen and University of Illinois Foundation CFO Jim Moore publish explicit language detailing fossil fuel divestment by the University of Illinois.

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We request that the University of Illinois Foundation release a comprehensive and publicly-accessible financial plan regarding fossil fuel divestment.

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We request the University of Illinois System incorporate fossil fuel divestment into their Investment Policy Statement.

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We request that both UIF and UIS work with a third-party auditor to carbon grade its portfolio.

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We request that the University of Illinois Foundation and the University of Illinois System make transparent their progress in fossil fuel divestment.

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TAKE ACTION

Sign the Open Letter →

Institutional Divestment

- 1 Reducing exposure to financial risks from the decline of the fossil fuel industry and the carbon bubble,
- 2 Being responsible financial stewards for the long-term health of both portfolios and the planet,
- 3 Revoking support from fossil fuel companies and promoting a transition to a green energy future.

[Institutional Divestment Links](#)

What is Fossil Fuel Divestment

Two economies collide: Competition, conflict, and the financial case for fossil fuel divestment

1000 Divestment commitments and counting

Unburnable Carbon 2013: Wasted capital and stranded assets

Unburnable Carbon – Are the world's financial markets carrying a carbon bubble?

Responding to Pushback

When faced with calls for fossil fuel divestment in the past, the University of Illinois has responded with a litany of excuses. We would like to take time now to respond to those main talking points.

CLAIM:

University of Illinois graduates will be less desirable candidates in the energy sector if the university divests from fossil fuels.

RESPONSE:

The University of Illinois *has already* announced a [divestment plan](#) ↗ from fossil fuels, which could very well warrant retribution from the sector, yet none has arrived. Furthermore, the University of Illinois' programs in business, science, math, and engineering are some of the strongest in the world. Universities with other top programs, such as UCLA, UC Berkeley, and Georgetown, [have put into place divestment policies](#) ↗, but they are still [top ranked schools in the nation](#) ↗, with divestment leaving no noticeable impact on their national prestige.



About Us

TORIIS.earth is a website that aims to promote environmental awareness and inspire action for fossil fuel divestment via interactive data visualizations of the University of Illinois Systems [public investment portfolio](#) ↗.

TORIIS is run by University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign students and alumni and was created by [Students for Environmental Concerns](#) ↗ and [Hack4Impact UIUC](#) ↗ as a result of a grant from the Illinois Green Fund awarded by the [University of Illinois Student Sustainability Committee](#) ↗. You can reach us by email at info@toriis.earth, [check out our codebase](#) ↗, and connect with us [on our socials!](#) ↗

Divestment History

2009

Beyond Coal started as a branch of the Sierra Club

2013

2011

Beyond Coal merged with Students

Through a Student Government referendum 86% of the student body voted to divest from COAL

2015 mental Concerns

Student Senate passed a resolution to divest from coal

2016

Faculty Senate passed a resolution to divest from coal AND to create a socially responsible investment committee called the Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment

2017

Chancellor Jones was formally advised to divest from coal, and the Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment changed its name to the Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing and Naming Rights

2019

Student Senate passed Fossil Free UIUC urging Board of Trustees to divest from ALL fossil fuels. 75% of the student body voted to divest from ALL fossil fuels by 2020.

2020

The Illinois Sustainable Investing Act is passed. Illinois Climate Action Plan published, fiscal divestment from fossil fuels by 2020 included as item 9.1.

2022

Comprehensive divestment letter was sent to UIS and UIF

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