Boston University Retirement Plan and the Supplemental Retirement and Savings Plan

Vanguard Intermediate-Term Bond Index Fund Institutional Shares

VRS Code: 78088  
Ticker: VBIMX

Objective: The investment seeks the performance of a market-weighted bond index with an intermediate-term dollar-weighted average maturity.

Strategy: The fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Barclays U.S. 5-10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index. This index includes all medium and larger issues of U.S. government, investment-grade corporate, and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds that have maturities between 5 and 10 years and are publicly issued. All of the fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the index.

Risk: In general the bond market is volatile, and fixed income securities carry interest rate risk. (As interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa. This effect is usually more pronounced for longer-term securities.) Fixed income securities also carry inflation risk and credit and default risks for both issuers and counterparties. Unlike individual bonds, most bond funds do not have a maturity date, so avoiding losses caused by price volatility by holding them until maturity is not possible. Additional risk information for this product may be found in the prospectus or other product materials, if available.

Short-term Redemption Fee Note: None

Who may want to invest:
- Someone who is seeking potential returns primarily in the form of interest dividends rather than through an increase in share price.
- Someone who is seeking to diversify an equity portfolio with a more conservative investment option.

Footnotes: This description is only intended to provide a brief overview of the mutual fund. Read the fund's prospectus for more detailed information about the fund.

The Barclays 5-10 Yr Gov't/Cr Index includes U.S. Treasury and agency obligations, as well as investment-grade (rated Baa3 or above by Moody's) corporate and international dollar-denominated bonds, all having maturities of 5 to 10 years.

Weighted average maturity (WAM) is the weighted average of all the maturities of the securities held in a fund. WAM for money market funds can be used as a measure of sensitivity to interest rate changes. Generally, the longer the maturity, the greater the sensitivity. WAM for money market funds is based on the dollar-weighted average length of time until principal payments must be paid, taking into account any call options exercised by the issuer and any permissible maturity shortening devices, such as demand features and interest rate resets. For bond funds, WAM can be used as a measure of sensitivity to the markets. Generally, the longer the maturity, the greater the sensitivity. The WAM calculation for bond funds excludes interest rate resets and only takes into account issuer call options if it is probable that the issuer of the instrument will take advantage of such options.

Except for Life of Fund returns, the analysis on these pages may be based, in part, on adjusted historical returns for periods prior to the class's actual inception of 01/26/2006. These calculated returns reflect the historical performance of the oldest share class of the fund, with an inception date of 03/01/1994, adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses of this share class (when this share class's fees and expenses are higher.) Please refer to a fund's prospectus for information regarding fees and expenses. These adjusted historical returns are not actual returns. Calculation methodologies utilized by Morningstar may differ from those applied by other entities, including the fund itself.