

# How do I fund my investment account?

You must first deposit money into your investment account to fund any investment purchases. In Quicken, this transaction is recorded as a transfer of cash into the investment account.

You can either record the transfer as a lump sum to establish a cash balance, or [handle the transfers incrementally](#) as you enter each Buy transaction.

It is also possible to fund an investment account by [transferring shares from another investment account](#). These shares can then be sold to raise cash to fund new purchases.

1. Open the account you want to use.
2. Click **Enter Transactions**.
3. In the **Enter Transaction list**, choose **Cash Transferred into Account**.
4. Use this dialog to [record a transfer of money into this investment account](#).
5. Transferring cash into your investment account establishes a cash balance which can then be used to buy stocks, mutual funds, and other securities.

## Notes

Recording a transaction in Quicken does not execute a real-world trade, transfer, or other transaction. Contact your broker to execute trades or transfers, and then manually record the transactions in Quicken—better yet, [download them directly from your participating financial institution](#).