# FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST Form N-Q July 28, 2006

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05569

FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

CRAIG S. TYLE, ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY, SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 650 312-2000

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Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

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Date of reporting period: 5/31/06

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED)

.\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY LONG TERM INVESTMENTS 126.6% COMMON STOCKS 34.3% NON-ENERGY MINERALS 1.3% AngloGold Ashanti Ltd., ADR ...... South Africa Canada Barrick Gold Corp. ..... PRODUCER MANUFACTURING 0.0% a b Harvard Industries Inc. ...... United States b,c VS Holdings Inc. ..... United States UTILITIES 33.0% Alliant Energy Corp. ..... United States Ameren Corp. ..... United States American Electric Power Co. Inc. ..... United States United States Atmos Energy Corp. ..... CenterPoint Energy Inc. ..... United States Dominion Resources Inc. ..... United States United States DTE Energy Co. ..... United States Duke Energy Corp. ..... United States Edison International ..... Energy East Corp. ..... United States Entergy Corp. ..... United States Exelon Corp. ..... United States FirstEnergy Corp. ..... United States FPL Group Inc. United States NiSource Inc. ..... United States ONEOK Inc. ..... United States Pinnacle West Capital Corp. ...... United States Progress Energy Inc. ...... United States Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. ...... United States The Southern Co. ...... United States TXU Corp. ..... United States TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (COST \$45,552,404) ...... PREFERRED STOCKS 1.0% PROCESS INDUSTRIES 0.0% a c,d,e Asia Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., 12.00%, pfd., Perpetual ...... Indonesia TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$5,875,000) ......

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

	COUNTRY
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	
CORPORATE BONDS 89.2%	
COMMERCIAL SERVICES 5.7%	IInited Ctates
Corrections Corp. of America, senior note, 7.50%, 5/01/11  Dex Media West LLC, senior sub. note, 9.875%, 8/15/13	United States United States
JohnsonDiversey Inc., senior sub. note, B, 9.625%, 5/15/12	United States
R.H. Donnelley Corp., senior note, 144A, 8.875%, 1/15/16	United States
United Rentals North America Inc., senior sub. note, 7.75%,	
11/15/13	United States
COMMUNICATIONS 9.3%	
Dobson Cellular Systems Inc., senior secured note, 9.875%,	United States
11/01/12	United States United Kingdom
Inmarsat Finance II PLC, senior note, zero cpn. to 11/15/08,	oniteed Ringdom
10.375% thereafter, 11/15/12	United Kingdom
Intelsat Bermuda Ltd., senior note, 8.25%, 1/15/13	Bermuda
Millicom International Cellular SA, senior note, 10.00%,	
12/01/13	Luxembourg
Nordic Telephone Co. Holdings., senior note, 144A, 8.875%,	D =
5/01/16	Denmark
2/15/14	United States
Rogers Wireless Inc., senior secured note, 7.25%, 12/15/12	Canada
Wind Acquisition Finance SA, senior note, 144A, 10.75%,	
12/01/15	Italy
CONSUMER DURABLES 6.9%	
Ford Motor Credit Co., 5.625%, 10/01/08	United States
General Motors Acceptance Corp., 6.875%, 8/28/12	United States
General Motors Corp., senior deb., 8.25%, 7/15/23	United States
Jostens IH Corp., senior sub. note, 7.625%, 10/01/12 KB Home, senior note,	United States
6.25%, 6/15/15	United States
7.25%, 6/15/18	United States
Simmons Bedding Co., senior sub. note, 7.875%, 1/15/14	United States
Visant Holding Corp., senior note, 144A, 8.75%, 12/01/13	United States
William Lyon Homes Inc., senior note, 7.625%, 12/15/12	United States

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CONSUMER NON-DURABLES 4.1%	
f Reynolds American Inc., 144A, 7.625%. 6/01/16	United States
Smithfield Foods Inc., senior note,	
7.00%, 8/01/11	United States
7.75%, 5/15/13	United States
Spectrum Brands Inc., senior sub. note, 7.375%, 2/01/15	United States

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COUNTRY PRINC

\_\_\_\_\_\_ LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED) CONSUMER SERVICES 14.3% AMC Entertainment Inc., senior note, B, 8.625%, 8/15/12 ....... United States c,d Atherton Franchise Capital, 13.073%, 12/01/08 ...... United States Cablevision Systems Corp., senior note, B, 8.00%, 4/15/12 ...... United States DIRECTV Holdings LLC, senior note, 8.375%, 3/15/13 ..... United States f EchoStar DBS Corp., senior note, 144A, 7.125%, 2/01/16 ...... United States f Hertz Corp., senior note, 144A, 8.875%, 1/01/14 ..... United States Liberty Media Corp., senior note, 5.70%, 5/15/13 ..... United States LIN Television Corp., senior sub. note, 6.50%, 5/15/13 ...... United States f MGM MIRAGE Inc., senior note, 144A, 6.875%, 4/01/16 ...... United States f Quebecor Media Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 3/15/16 ...... Canada Radio One Inc., senior sub. note, 6.375%, 2/15/13 ...... United States Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., senior note, 8.00%, 5/15/10 ..... United States 6.875%, 12/01/13 ..... United States Station Casinos Inc., ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY 4.6% DRS Technologies Inc., senior sub. note, 7.625%, 2/01/18 ...... United States L-3 Communications Corp., senior sub. note, 6.375%, 10/15/15 ..... United States Sanmina-SCI Corp., senior sub. note, 6.75%, 3/01/13 ..... United States 8.125%, 3/01/16 ..... United States f Solectron Global Finance Ltd., senior sub. note, 144A, 8.00%, 

ENERGY MINERALS 5.5% Chesapeake Energy Corp., senior note, 6.25%, 1/15/18  f Mariner Energy Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.50%, 4/15/13  f Massey Energy Co., senior note, 144A, 6.875%, 12/15/13  Plains Exploration & Production Co., senior note, 7.125%,	United States United States United States
6/15/14  Pogo Producing Co., senior sub. note, 6.875%, 10/01/17	United States United States
HEALTH SERVICES 5.7%  DaVita Inc., senior sub. note, 7.25%, 3/15/15	United States United States United States United States

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY PRINC \_\_\_\_\_\_ LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED) INDUSTRIAL SERVICES 4.0% Allied Waste North America Inc., senior secured note, B, 5.75%, 2/15/11 ..... United States f Copano Energy LLC, senior note, 144A, 8.125%, 3/01/16 ..... United States Hanover Equipment Trust 01, senior secured note, B, 8.75%, 9/01/11 ..... United States Markwest Energy Partners LP, senior note, 6.875%, 11/01/14 ...... United States NON-ENERGY MINERALS 0.8% f Novelis Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.25%, 2/15/15 ..... Canada PROCESS INDUSTRIES 10.2% Abitibi-Consolidated Co. of Canada, senior note, 8.375%, 4/01/15 ..... Canada f Basell AF SCA, senior note, 144A, 8.375%, 8/15/15 ...... Germany United States BCP Crystal Holdings Corp., senior sub. note, 9.625%, 6/15/14 .... United States Buckeye Technologies Inc., senior sub. note, 8.00%, 10/15/10 ..... f Crown Americas Inc., senior note, 144A, 7.75%, 11/15/15 ...... United States JSG Funding PLC, senior sub. note, 7.75%, 4/01/15 ..... Ireland Nalco Co., senior sub. note, 8.875%, 11/15/13 ..... United States

Owens-Brockway Glass Container Inc., senior note, 6.75%, 12/01/14  b,c,e Pindo Deli Finance Mauritius Ltd., 144A, h FRN, 6.00%, 4/29/15  h FRN, 5.664%, 4/29/18  zero cpn., 4/29/25  Rhodia SA, senior note, 10.25%, 6/01/10	United States  Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia France	
PRODUCER MANUFACTURING 4.3% Case New Holland Inc., senior note, 9.25%, 8/01/11  f Invensys PLC, senior note, 144A, 9.875%, 3/15/11  Milacron Escrow Corp., senior secured note, 11.50%, 5/15/11  Nortek Inc., senior sub. note, 8.50%, 9/01/14  TRW Automotive Inc., senior note, 9.375%, 2/15/13	United States United Kingdom United States United States United States	
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)		
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LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED) REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS 1.6% Host Marriott LP, senior note, M, 7.00%, 8/15/12	COUNTRY United States	PI
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  CORPORATE BONDS (CONTINUED)  REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS 1.6%  Host Marriott LP, senior note,  M, 7.00%, 8/15/12  O, 6.375%, 3/15/15  RETAIL TRADE 2.9%  f GSC Holdings Corp., senior note, 144A, 8.00%, 10/01/12	COUNTRY  United States United States  United States	PI

	TRANSPORTATION 0.6%  Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., senior sub. note, 7.75%,  12/15/13	United States
d,e,f	UTILITIES 5.9% Aquila Inc., senior note, 14.875%, 7/01/12	United States United States United States United States United States United States
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (COST \$173,901,317)	
	FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES 2.1% GOVERNMENT BONDS 2.1%	
	Eskom, E168, 11.00%, 6/01/08	South Africa Mexico
	TOTAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES (COST \$3,512,872)	
	TOTAL LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$228,841,593)	
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	MENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 2006 (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)	
		COUNTRY
	SHORT TERM INVESTMENT (COST \$1,479,390) 0.8% MONEY MARKET FUND 0.8% Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio,	
	4.71%	United States
	NOTES PAYABLE (28.6)%	
	NET ASSETS 100.0%	
CURREI	NCY ABBREVIATIONS	

ZAR - South African Rand

SELECTED PORTFOLIO ABBREVIATIONS

ADR - American Depository Receipt

### FRN - Floating Rate Note

- a Rounds to less than 0.1% of net assets.
- b Non-income producing.
- c See Note 2 regarding restricted securities.
- d Defaulted security.
- e See Note 3 regarding other considerations.
- Security was purchased pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933 and may be sold in transactions exempt from registration only to qualified institutional buyers or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933. These securities have been deemed liquid under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. At May 31, 2006, the aggregate value of these securities was \$41,017,915, representing 21.35% of net assets.
- g The principal amount is stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.
- h The coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end.
- The Franklin Institutional Fiduciary Trust Money Market Portfolio is managed by the Fund's investment manager. The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield at period end.
- 8 | See Notes to Statement of Investments. | Quarterly Statement of Investments

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NOTES TO STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Franklin Universal Trust (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end investment company.

### 1. INCOME TAXES

At May 31, 2006, the cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for income tax purposes were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$ 230,541,225
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Unrealized appreciation	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 14,359,587

## 2. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

At May 31, 2006, the Fund held investments in restricted securities, valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees as reflecting fair value, as follows:

SHARES/		ACQUISITION	
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	ISSUER	DATE	COST
4,000,000	Asia Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd., 12.00%, pfd.,		ŀ
	Perpetual	2/14/97	\$ 4,000,000
728 <b>,</b> 696	Atherton Franchise Capital, 13.073%,		l
	12/01/08	4/28/94	728,696
339,219	Pindo Deli Finance Mauritius Ltd., 144A,		l
	FRN, 6.00% 4/29/15	4/29/05	78,821
882,036	Pindo Deli Finance Mauritius Ltd., 144A,		
	FRN, 5.664% 4/29/18	4/29/05	204,950
1,822,397	Pindo Deli Finance Mauritius Ltd., 144A,		
	zero cpn., 4/29/25	4/29/05	423,452
181,875	VS Holdings Inc	12/06/01	181,875
	TOTAL RESTRICTED SECURITIES (0.39% of Net Assets)		

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#### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Subject to certain terms and conditions, the Fund has agreed to sell its holdings in Asia Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd. and Pindo Deli Finance Mauritius Ltd. in November 2006. Until the completion of the sale, the transaction is being accounted for as a secured borrowing with a pledge of collateral and any preliminary sales proceeds or other interest and cash distributions received are deferred until the completion of the transaction and are recorded as part of the net sales proceeds.

Directors or employees of Advisers, as the Fund's Investment Manager, may serve as members of various bondholders' steering committees, on credit committees, or may represent the Fund in certain corporate restructuring negotiations. At May 31, 2006, such individuals serve in one or more of these capacities for Calpine Corp. As a result of this involvement, such individuals may be in possession of certain material non-public information. If the Fund's Investment Manager, while in possession of such information, seeks to buy or sell any of this security, it will comply with all applicable federal securities laws.

For information on the Fund's policy regarding valuation of investments and other significant accounting policies, please refer to the Fund's most recent semiannual or annual shareholder report.

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## ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES. The Registrant maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Registrant's filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified in the rules and

forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Registrant's management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, recognizes that any set of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings on Form N-Q, the Registrant had carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Registrant's management, including the Registrant's principal executive officer and the Registrant's principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(b) CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS. There have been no significant changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation in connection with the preparation of this Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings on Form N-Q.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

(A) Certification pursuant to Section 30a-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 of Jimmy D. Gambill, Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration, and Galen G. Vetter, Chief Financial Officer.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FRANKILN UNIVERSAL TRUST

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By /S/JIMMY D. GAMBILL

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Jimmy D. Gambill

Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration

Date July 27, 2006
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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By /S/JIMMY D. GAMBILL

Jimmy D. Gambill

Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration

Date July 27, 2006

By /S/GALEN G. VETTER

Galen G. Vetter
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Chief Financial Officer Date July 27, 2006

#### Exhibit A

#### I, Jimmy D. Gambill, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-Q of FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the schedules of investments included in this report fairly present in all material respects the investments of the registrant as of the end of the fiscal quarter for which the report is filed;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:
- (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, based on such evaluation; and
- (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of

directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

July 27, 2006

/S/JIMMY D. GAMBILL Chief Executive Officer - Finance and Administration

### I, Galen G. Vetter, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-Q of FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the schedules of investments included in this report fairly present in all material respects the investments of the registrant as of the end of the fiscal quarter for which the report is filed;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:
- (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, based on such evaluation; and
- (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

July 27, 2006

/S/GALEN G. VETTER Chief Financial Officer