



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

FY2026 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

[College of Arts and Sciences]

OPERATING BUDGET PROPOSAL NARRATIVE PROMPTS DUE 2/24/2025

Programmatic & Academic Vitality Narrative

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Where possible, you are encouraged to leverage published materials already created

- 1) Please list your operating budget priorities for the upcoming period (bullet format) and how your campus/unit is aligning available resources with strategic programmatic goals and university initiatives (e.g. Diversity Blueprint, Population Health, etc). *Word Limit 500 words*
 - ***Continue our “Rethinking Arts & Sciences” initiative’s efforts—launched in AY 2024-25---designed to align our expenses with revenues in order to achieve a sustainable financial model for the college;***
 - ***Continue efforts to centralize common administrative support services for both cost-savings and improved efficiency and effectiveness;***
 - ***Improve and enrich the experience of undergraduate students across the College while also exploring opportunities for increased revenue generation. Initiatives include the expansion of “Gesture” lab for improved college-to-career success, pedagogical innovation through the Rethinking the Academy/Futurists initiative, inclusive pedagogy workshops, and the design of a new undergraduate pre-health major/minor/certificate program in collaboration with the School of Medicine (among other things);***
 - ***Reimagine graduate education to account for both increased costs/reduced resources and to move towards pedagogical innovation across the college;***
 - ***Hire, support and retain excellent faculty – Launched faculty mentorship program in February 2025; Enhance research, scholarship and artistic excellence by dedicating net discretionary gift dollars to provide internal research support for faculty in areas of greatest need; New Associate Dean of Research meets with each department Chair/Director to determine road blocks to external funding and expand externally funded research activity across the college (depending of course on national funding availability)***
 - ***Enhance opportunities for our faculty to both lead and participate in cross-institutional initiatives as they emerge***



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Required Budget Development Consultative Process Summary – Faculty, Staff and Students

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-- If specific questions are not applicable to your unit, simply indicate n/a --

Consultation with your elected faculty councils, student councils and unit/campus staff, regarding your unit's/campus's budget proposal materials, including your proposed FY26 operating budget, narrative responses, tuition rate recommendations and fee-based rate recommendations are an important and necessary component of the UW's budget development process. Your responses to the questions below will be documented and included as part of the FY26 operating budget development review materials provided to Executive Leadership of the UW.

PLAN NOW to ensure that all unit/campus review and consultative processes are completed by the February 24, 2025 due date.

- 1) Please indicate the date that FACULTY leadership within your unit/campus was consulted and provided the opportunity to provide input as part of this budget planning exercise **February 10, 2025**
- 2) Please list a point of contact for your FACULTY leadership (name and UW email address). **Marianne Stecher-Hansen, marianne@uw.edu**
- 3) Please indicate the date that STUDENT leadership within your unit/campus was consulted and provided the opportunity to provide input as part of this budget planning exercise. **January 17, 2025**
- 4) Please list a point of contact for your STUDENT leadership (name and UW email address). **Lucy Nowicki, uwasacs@gmail.com**
- 5) Please discuss how you involved campus or unit staff in the consultative process. **The College produced and launched a website "Rethinking Arts & Sciences" that includes information on the College's finances and a budget video. The College's staff Director of Computing, Director of Facilities, Director of Advising, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, Associate Dean for Personnel and Associate Dean of Finance have all contributed to the financial discussions.**
- 6) Since submission of your tuition and/or fee-based rate recommendations on January 24, 2025, has your campus or unit received any additional feedback from students? If so, please summarize here. **There has been no additional feedback.**