



# UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

## FY2026 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

### Graduate School

#### 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).

*We are excited to move forward to enact our newly created strategic plan. Given the current state of financial uncertainty, we will cut back on some of our projects (e.g. the PhD taskforce). However, we plan to deploy our resources in the four key areas we identified for investment. Examples are below:*

- *Provide leadership on the future of graduate education*
  - *Ensure the Office of Academic Affairs can fulfill its mission (per EO 20.4 and NWCCU requirements) to review all academic units, including graduate and undergraduate degree programs, at least every ten years*
  - *Gather data and provide reports to academic units to assist in local decision-making about cohort size, curricular requirements, time-to-degree issues, etc.; ensure leaders in academic units know how to run their own reports*
- *Increase our visibility on campus, in the community and nationwide*
  - *Hire a full-time web manager to make our website more user friendly, accessible and compliant with federal and state regulations*
  - *Capitalize on the fact we have a full-time director of Advancement to grow our ability to support students and graduate programs*
- *Improve the quality of experience for Graduate School staff*
  - *Work to ensure we offer competitive salaries to prevent turnover (as much as possible)*
- *Improve the quality of experience for graduate students*
  - *Grow our capacity to provide various programming for the graduate student body, particularly around wellbeing and professional development*
  - *Reorganize "student affairs" in the Graduate School to better serve graduate students*

*Our strategic goals align with the Diversity Blueprint, specifically around cultivating an accessible, inclusive and equitable climate; attracting, retaining and graduating a diverse and excellent student body; and developing place-based education and engagement to advance access, inclusion and equity.*



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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 N/A
- 2) Please list a point of contact for your FACULTY leadership (name and UW email address). N/A
- 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.

*In the past, the Graduate School has not consulted with student leadership given our hybrid status as primarily an administrative unit that also is home to a diverse array of interdisciplinary academic programs. This year, we are consulting with GPSS as our representative student group. Richard Schure, GPSS President, is a member of our monthly Graduate School Executive Staff meeting. In addition, we presented our budget plan to the GPSS Executive Committee on February 26 (originally this scheduled for February 12 but required rescheduling due to illness).*

- 4) Please list a point of contact for your STUDENT leadership (name and UW email address). [gpss@uw.edu](mailto:gpss@uw.edu); [gpsspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpsspres@uw.edu)
- 5) Please discuss how you involved campus or unit staff in the consultative process.

*Individual unit leaders were consulted in the development of the plan throughout January/February to assess whether they expected to deviate from programmatic plans in the coming year.*

- 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. N/A