



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

FY2026 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

Seattle / School of Law

OPERATING BUDGET PROPOSAL NARRATIVE PROMPTS DUE 2/24/2025

Programmatic & Academic Vitality Narrative

Text submitted within this section will be published to FPB's Annual Budget Development website

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***

Our priorities focus significantly on excellence – fortifying the faculty-student relationship and amplifying the student experience. Delivery of the foundational and innovative curriculum, both in our doctrinal classrooms and experiential learning opportunities, emphasizing the skills, training, and professional identity formation necessary for our graduates to impact the legal market as leaders in law. These priorities are consistent with our mission to be the best law school measured by impact. Toward these objectives, we work to recruit students with impressive credentials and a demonstrated commitment to community service and the pursuit of justice.

To support our students, we employ a 360-degree approach, including pre-orientation resources, scholarships, bar exam preparation, professional well-being, advising and career development. Our program supports the whole person and nurtures each individual student's journey and successful transition into the legal profession.

Recruiting and retaining a world-class faculty is essential to our student excellence focus. Therefore, it is critical that we continue to support our faculty in the areas of teaching, research, scholarship and service. We continue to bolster our faculty by providing resources for their research with a goal of continuing to increase these resources to remain competitive in retaining top faculty engaged in cutting edge research and policy development. Also, we continue to prioritize rebuilding the strength of our faculty due to a series of retirements.

Operating budget priorities include competitive resources for student excellence, faculty development, all bar licensure pathways, career development, as well as building renewal.

Investments include: Student Scholarships and Fellowships, Bar Exam Awards, Financial Aid, DRS Coordinator; locally funded unit adjustment to address compression and competitive compensation; technology and classroom upgrades.



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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

Our Faculty Executive Council was consulted on 12/11/2024 and 1/31/2025 regarding the budget and locally funded unit adjustment. Additional information was shared via email in February.

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

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- 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.

We met with student leadership of the Student Bar Association which represents our entire student body. We discussed the state of the budget and tuition increases. We went over, in detail, why the increases are needed and what the increases would cover. Students were encouraged to share their input.

Date of meeting: 1/21/2025 2:30 pm via Zoom

- 4) Please list a point of contact for your STUDENT leadership (name and UW email address).

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- 5) Please discuss how you involved campus or unit staff in the consultative process.

Units are asked to complete budget questionnaires and give their input on the budget and needs for their budget in the future.

- 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.

No additional input has been received.