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FY2026 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

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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*

Our operating budget priorities for the upcoming period align with our strategic programmatic goals and university initiatives to foster excellence in research and scholarship.

Seed New Initiatives and Strengthen Programs

- Expand education and training for the “3 Rs” (replacement, refinement, and reduction) in biomedical animal research.
- Support the UW strategic initiative in AI by improving research cyberinfrastructure (partnering with UWIT), expanding training opportunities, and promoting responsible AI through discussions and policy convenings.
- Continue supporting new research initiatives through internal funding programs.

Facilitate Collaborative Research Partnerships

- Partner with CoMotion to develop policies around sponsored research, IP, and risk management, opening avenues for innovative research and expediting agreement processing.
- Launch two new collaborative research pilot initiatives and expand collaborations with biotech firms.
- Support faculty networking events to facilitate idea sharing, identify potential collaborators, and build strategic partnerships.

Promote the Breadth and Impact of UW Research

- Enhance research.uw.edu to showcase the impact of UW research regionally and globally, and expand the collaboration section to include university initiatives.
- Develop a research impact communication program with Advancement and External Affairs to increase faculty participation in public engagement and improve science communication skills.
- Expand public outreach on the use of animals in biomedical research, highlighting the value of animal research and UW’s commitment to the 3 Rs.

Provide Administrative Infrastructure to Minimize Burdens

- Enhance research administration system infrastructure and functionality (SAGE and SAGE-adjacent systems) for OSP, GCA, and campus; develop a new financial conflict of interest system; and streamline processes for researchers to share information about their Centers, Institutes, and Shared Facilities.
- Introduce dedicated support services for research and data security, develop AI for regulatory compliance reviews, and continue building the new Research Security Office.



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- Reimagine OAW's Scientific Liaison Program, enhance data reporting and analytics, and expand post-approval monitoring and researcher education.
- Prepare for the transition to a new IRB e-submission system, address new accessibility requirements, and integrate OR systems to improve efficiency and compliance for campus.

Strengthen Research Infrastructure

- At WaNPRC, integrate new tools like virtual reality and AI into training programs, invest in novel medical and training equipment, and enhance environmental monitoring.
- Continue developing new tools and reporting functions to improve process efficiency within OR units to support campus research administration needs.
- Expand OR training programs, streamline workflows, and improve training resources and communications for research teams; build resources for training grant PIs; and invest in professional development opportunities to retain staff.
- Modernize laboratory facilities at the Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) through renovations and refresh cycles.
- Strengthen physical and cybersecurity measures at the APL to align with evolving Federal compliance requirements. For other campus units, partner with UWIT to provide infrastructure that meets federal cybersecurity requirements.

Build Tri-Campus Connections

- Contribute to building a community network for shared facility directors to share best practices and staff expertise.
- Launch a university-wide research administrator mentoring program and peer-to-peer forum.

By aligning our budget priorities with these strategic goals, we aim to enhance our research capabilities, foster collaboration, and ensure compliance and efficiency across our operations.



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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. – N/A
- 4) Please list a point of contact for your STUDENT leadership (name and UW email address). – N/A
- 5) Please discuss how you involved campus or unit staff in the consultative process. – **Unit directors, AVPs, and budget administrators were consulted for all steps of the process (narratives, PRFs, and Adaptive budgeting)**
- 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