



# UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

## FY2027 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

OPERATING BUDGET PROPOSAL NARRATIVE PROMPTS DUE MONDAY 2/23/2026

### Section 1

- 1) Please select your unit or campus.

Libraries CCH100016

### Section 2: Programmatic & Academic Vitality Narrative

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- 2) In bullet format, please list your operating budget priorities for the upcoming period and describe how your campus/unit is aligning available resources with strategic programmatic goals and university initiatives such as the Diversity Blueprint, Population Health, etc. (Where possible, you are encouraged to leverage published materials already created) **Word Limit: 500**

-> Required, after answering go to Next Section, Question #3

#### 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

##### Advance Research for the Public Good

Invest \$1 million+ of endowment funds to initiate Phase One of the Libraries Digital Strategy and \$106,000 in operational funds for open research infrastructure. This includes modernizing our digital infrastructure to increase capacity for digitization of UW's collections, streamline workflows, and improve the discovery of digital materials. This will also strengthen the University's infrastructure around open scholarship and data services, ensuring that UW researchers are able to meet requirements of open access/open science and the Faculty Senate's Open Access Policy.

University Alignment: Creating a robust digital and open scholarship infrastructure is a major catalyst for the University's Innovative Imperative and accelerates advances in interdisciplinary research across all fields. As a central campus unit serving all UW, this work advances the University's Research Resilience initiative. Digitization efforts directly support the Diversity Blueprint, enabling the University to tell the stories of traditionally underrepresented communities and provide diverse learning opportunities.

##### Enrich the Student Experience

Enhancement of student learning and wellness through ongoing space development. The Libraries will continue to develop innovative user spaces to address University-wide needs, such as the Odegaard Wellness Room, Suzzallo recording studio and Open Scholarship Commons, the Engineering Library refresh, and zoom pods supporting hybrid learning.

University Alignment: Creating innovative spaces, learning opportunities, and outreach in support of student success aligns with Diversity Blueprint goals of attracting, retaining, and graduating a diverse student body and creating an accessible and inclusive campus climate.

##### Enhance Equitable Environments for Research, Learning and Working

Invest in workforce development and training to continue meeting UW's teaching, learning, research, and clinical needs. This includes investments in training, workforce planning, and professional development to allow staff to flex into new positions and provide support for emerging areas, such as AI literacy for students and faculty.

University Alignment: Investments in evaluating workplace structures and ways of working will help the Libraries improve long-term workforce planning, build organizational resilience, and prepare to meet the challenges identified in Together We Thrive.



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*Accelerate Scholarship and Learning through Responsive Collections*

*Improve collection services by investing in technology that improves faculty and student access to research material, and leveraging partnerships like the Big Ten Academic Alliance to expand collaborative collection management and operationalize the Libraries' approach to collections as service.*

*University Alignment: Expanding access to collections through partnerships and technology advances UW's mission, the "preservation, advancement, and dissemination of knowledge" while enabling us to identify Together We Thrive aligned opportunities that support services with less administrative overhead.*

*University of Washington Press*

*The Press promotes UW's academic reputation and brand through a globally successful publishing program and continues to support the University's mission by publishing vital new works. See also UW Press In Action*

*<https://uwpressblog.com/2024/01/31/your-university-press-in-action-uw-press-releases-new-report/>*

*We also lead the publishing industry in DEI work through a successful and transformative University Press Diversity Fellowship program, and publication of books centering historically underrepresented voices in alignment with the Diversity Blueprint.*

### Section 5: Summary of Required Consultation with Faculty, Staff and Students

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*-- If specific questions are not applicable to your unit/campus, 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 FY27 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 FY27 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 23, 2026 due date.**

- 14) 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

*-> Required for UWS Academic Units, UWB and UWT. Other units enter "n/a." Go to Question #15.*

N/A

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

*-> Required for UWS Academic Units, UWB and UWT. Other units enter "n/a." Go to Question #16.*

N/A

- 16) Please indicate the date that STUDENT leadership within your unit/campus was consulted and provided the opportunity to offer input as part of this budget planning exercise.

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N/A



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

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N/A

18) Please discuss how you involved your campus or unit faculty EFC, how you consulted with students, and how you engaged with staff in the budget development process.

*Unit staff across Libraries departments were consulted by Directors and/or Associate Deans as needed to identify core operational and strategic needs and to discuss how to align our operating budget with those needs.*

*Directors and staff were involved in planning key expenditure areas such as student hourly, operations funds, gift/endowment planning, and net position strategy.*

19) Since submission of your tuition and/or fee-based rate recommendations on January 30, 2026, has your unit/campus received any additional feedback from students? If so, please summarize here.

-> Required for all units/campuses. Go to Question #19.

N/A

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