



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.

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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

Finance, Planning & Budgeting (FPB) developed its FY27 operating budget with the following strategic initiatives in alignment with the broader UW strategic direction. Our resourcing plan for the coming year balances our tactical and strategic roles serving the University by maintaining the core business and financial infrastructure of the institution, advancing enterprise financial strategy and providing cross domain decision support to executive leadership of the UW. Areas of focus for FY27, and beyond, in our submitted plan include:

- *Transitioning the core academy to an incentive based budgeting model*
- *Evolving finance shared services across the university*
- *Material progress towards the sustained reduction in post award backlogs*
- *Continued optimization of grants administration (AIDE project)*
- *Responding to the rapid growth in external (federal, state and private entity) compliance requirements impacting all areas of the UW's financial operations*

FPB will continue to strategically deploy accumulated reserves in FY27 to support the Incentive Based Budgeting development team within the Institutional Analytics and Decision Support (IADS) division, post award backlog reduction and process optimization within Research Compliance and Operations (RCO), and financial compliance and system optimization work within the Controller's Office (UCO). Outside of strategic deployment of reserves to serve broad institutional priorities, our core and auxiliary operations are budgeted responsibly to operate at break even, though we face risk of the increasing pressures of externally driven operational complexities that may require additional investment or choices to redirect staffing away from campus facing initiatives to manage the administrative burden.

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



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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.

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

n/a

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

-> *Required for UWS Academic Units, UWB and UWT. Other units enter "n/a." Go to Question #17.*

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.

Cost center managers and their respective divisional or team leaders were involved in FPB's budget development process via a bottoms-up approach. Open office hours and follow-ups were conducted by the Shared Services Finance Team to ensure good progress and provide support where needed.

A budget overview was presented to all FPB staff on Thursday, February 19 providing context around the planning process, and information on planned sources and uses of funds as well as highlights of the our major initiatives for the upcoming year.

- 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