



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.

Executive Office - Strategic Initiative Office

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

The Strategic Initiative Office's operating budget priorities for next fiscal year is aligned with the strategic and tactical goals necessary to move the institution closer to realizing its vision for strategic initiatives in the areas of AI, behavioral health, civic health, climate action & adaptation, community engagement, and population health, as well as ongoing work with the University's new strategic plan. Budget priorities include the following:

- *Staffing – The Office's programmatic is staffed by a small team of core positions that are funded primarily by the institution. The Office is requesting two staffing increases for the coming year. The first, and highest priority, is a 10% salary increase to retain and promote our education and events specialist in recognition of an assumption of responsibilities that go well beyond her current job description. Our second priority is a new, 50% FTE professional staff member who will design and implement a new metrics and evaluation strategy for the University's strategic initiatives, while also supporting implementation and ongoing assessment of key performance indicators for the UW's new strategic plan.*
- *Programs – The Office will continue to offer a mix of catalytic programming, including convening, facilitation, program design, and strategic planning support; planning and pilot grants to launch new research projects; curricular offerings, fellowships, and other student-facing programs; and grant writing and related efforts intended to scale the reach of researcher projects. All activities will be funded from existing non-discretionary gift funds with the exception of continuation of the nominal amount of GOF/DOF funding that has been allocated for the last several years.*
- *Research Projects – The Office will continue to support an interdisciplinary sponsored research portfolio, primarily through the Population Health Initiative, that focuses on areas such as health disparities, community well-being, disaster science, and more. No institutional funds are requested for this work, with the Office to continue pursuing extramural research funding during the next fiscal year to sustain this portfolio.*

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 --



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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

- 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.

SIO budget development process was managed by SIO management leadership and in close collaboration with the Executive Office.

- 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