



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.

College of the Environment CCH100043

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

There are two primary goals within the College's strategic plan:

Goal 1: Build a stronger, more connected community to enhance environmental knowledge and impact

Goal 2: Catalyze understanding of and solutions to environmental challenges through a systems-based approach.

In addition, there are several university-wide initiatives that the College of the Environment is actively engaged in. (e.g., Climate Action and Adaptation Initiative, AI@UW, Diversity Blueprint, Sustainability Action Plan)

Because of ongoing uncertainties in both the short- and long-term budget forecasts for the University and the College of the Environment, we prioritize the following types of activities within these overarching frameworks:

Maintenance of core academic activities – Given the significant uncertainty on our revenue forecasts, we are attempting to maintain our core teaching and research excellence, with the expectation that we will be facing sharp declines in the revenue that supports a significant fraction of our operations.

Short-term backstops of funding losses – We are prioritizing stability in the short-term as we navigate the current uncertainties. We are deferring investments in some areas where appropriate to ensure we have emergency backstop funding in order to mitigate short-term losses where we can. In addition, we are adjusting our hiring processes and are reviewing every new hire and reappointment to ensure that there is transparency and accountability for the revenue sources that may be needed to backstop any short-term loss in funding for these positions.

Investment in our revenue-generating activities – We continue to invest in activities that we know lead to revenue diversification. These activities include our undergraduate teaching, research proposals, auxiliary enterprises, masters programs, advancement, etc.

Our values have not changed. The importance of all we do across the UW College of the Environment remains, whether it's our essential work on understanding our changing planet and ecosystems, our work with the people and communities of the state of Washington and beyond, or our work broadening participation in all aspects of our research, service, and education. It is the scale at which we will be able to operate over the next several years that remains to be determined.



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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.

February 9, 2026 - Elected Faculty Council; February 12, 2026 - Unit Chairs/Directors - opportunity to discuss Budget Narrative Response

- 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.

Lorenz Hauser <lhauser@uw.edu>, Chair of the Elected Faculty Council; Dan Brown <danbro@uw.edu>, Director of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences

- 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.

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- 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.

Anna Fall <afall007@uw.edu>, Graduate co-chair of College's Student Advisory Council

- 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.

In addition to the development and consultation processes for the FY27 Adaptive Plans done by our individual departments and the ongoing college-wide conversations that were initiated in Summer 2025, a draft of the budget narrative was provided to faculty, staff, and student leadership in early February for their review and



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then discussed in meetings over the first few weeks of February. Feedback was solicited and incorporated into the final version.

- 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.

No

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