



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.

UW Information Technology CCH100040

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

- Modernization of Information and data security and capability in support of systems the University relies upon to achieve virtually all goals.
- Policy alignment with administrative orders, APS, and departmental standards.
- Execution on Together We Thrive and Operational Excellence, including software consolidation, shared services development, and preparation for IBB.
- Financial Risk Mitigation, including review of non-essential service contracts, reduction in non-core activities.
- Radical collaboration, including partnership with City of Seattle, with Microsoft, with units across campus for shared services; and with a dozen governance boards for consensus building on change.
- Supporting student and academic success by leading the transformation of digital educational materials to accessible formats and collaborating on the transformation of student systems and adoption of Slate as a student CRM.
- Advancing AI by supporting the Vice Provost for Artificial Intelligence and with the build-out of AI-enabled platforms and infrastructure.
- Student Database cloud migration in preparation for SIS modernization, strengthening resilience, scalability, and long-term sustainability.
- Stabilization and risk reduction of critical enterprise systems housed in the 4545 Data Center.
- Advancement of the UW cybersecurity program through modernization of controls, NIST-aligned governance, and enterprise-wide risk reduction.

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.

Information and Technology Governance (I&TG) is a broadly representative framework for policy and investment consideration and prioritization. The body includes executive administrators, faculty leadership, as well as staff and faculty SMEs who participate in the following boards: Academic Services, Digital Accessibility, Enterprise Technology, Information Security & Privacy Board, Research Cyberinfrastructure, HR & Finance, and Data Governance. This governance structure links all relevant domains to unified executive leadership, working at multiple levels to direct strategy and decisions, evaluate proposed changes, and connect people with guidance and peer experiences for better decision-making. Essential functions of I&T Governance are to:

- *DIRECT enterprise shared strategies, standards, and principles, and funding with broad impact*
- *EVALUATE and prioritize or advise on information & technology opportunities, projects, and services to maximize value and reduce risk*
- *CONNECT distributed decision-makers to guidance and peer knowledge to influence better decisions across the UW*
- *MONITOR outcomes of information & technology to improve services, projects, and decision-making.*



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Together, with the executive committee, chaired by the University CIO and CFO, the I&TG has articulated enterprise technology priorities, which are reflected in UWIT net position spending, consolidation, planning, partnerships, and PRF requests.

- 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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