



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 Engineering CCH100058

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

Navigating Uncertain Financial Landscape at State and Federal Levels - efforts underway include:

- *Ongoing 5 and 10 percent reduction scenario planning for GOF and DOF funds.*
- *Engaging with local units to implement cost containment measures - from limiting discretionary spending to ongoing shifts to shared staffing in HR and IT functions.*
- *Partnering with college's Principal Investigators to realign and strengthen research proposals around emerging federal priorities.*
 - *Efforts include providing strategic guidance, sharing insights into agency expectations, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and connecting PIs across departments to help shape early ideas into competitive proposals.*
 - *College instituted teams to support realigning existing research work with federal priority areas—including AI, quantum science and engineering, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, robotics, semiconductors, and workforce development—across key agencies such as the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the United States Department of Defense (DOD).*

Faculty Hiring and Retention - prioritizing recruitment and retention of faculty to support core programs. Given continued uncertainty, the CoE significantly reduced faculty searches (from a five-year average of 46 to 36 requested searches for this 2026-27 cycle, which includes 15 new and 21 carryforwards).

Exploring and implementing new programs and partnerships – this is a multi-prong strategy aimed at the following goals:

- *Increasing revenue to the college through new and expanded Master's, post-graduate, and executive education offerings to upskill professionals in emerging technologies and priority technical areas.*
- *Pursuing new research opportunities to offset potential gaps given the evolving federal landscape.*
- *Workforce development – expanding partnerships with industry and global collaborators to provide students access to industry-embedded labs (e.g., BARC, Amazon Science Hub, Winbond Innovation Center), global learning opportunities, industry mentoring, and other applied experiences that prepare students for immediate and long-term workforce impact.*



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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.

January 27, 2026 and February 19, 2026

- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

The College's Dean office met with our elected College Council and Students to provide an overview of the process, the college budgetary framework and trend around revenue and expense drivers. The college's planning narrative and Adaptive entries reflect collaborative efforts and input from staff across cross functional areas spanning academic, finance, research, human resources, infrastructure and operations.

- 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.



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

No additional responses.

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