



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.

School of Law CCH100017

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 following are key operating budget priorities for the School of Law in FY27:

Developing Lawyer-Leaders for the Future - Our forward-looking program in leadership, wellness, professional identity formation and culturally proficient lawyering prepares our graduates to lead with purpose, navigate complexities and serve a broad range of communities. To support law students in their journey, UW Law has increased resources for scholarships, fellowships, licensure preparation, and career opportunities.

National Leader in Innovative Student-Centered Programs - UW Law continues to pioneer pathways to legal education and the profession through innovative programs such as the Jurispath admissions option. This program includes the Law Dawg Pathway which is funded by the Garvey Scholarship as well as the Law & Leadership Pathway also supported by a distinct scholarship. Also, our William H. Gates Public Service Law Program that provides the most competitive support for law students committed to public law careers, and the Gregoire Fellows Program, providing students with financial resources and practice experience during their law school training. Governor Christine Gregoire is an active mentor and partner in this program, in addition to local law firms, corporations, and government agencies. The Gates program provides the law school with programming, a culture and community around supporting public interest law such that all our students have exposure, awareness, and engagement with the needs of community lawyering. We perform above our peers in public interest law career paths.

Global Legal Impact – Our mission is “to be the best law school measured by global impact”, and our faculty are living that mission. Our faculty are highly respected in their fields. Not only do they teach in our rigorous programs but also produce research and scholarship that is impactful for global discourse. Our faculty are regularly cited in the media and in other publications as experts <https://www.law.uw.edu/news-events/news/faculty-scholarship>.

In addition, UW Law continues to engage in a collective effort to teach and model the fundamental values of our profession through our global Rule of Law Initiative encompassing training, programming and clinical advocacy. Our Global Business Law Institute, Barer Institute for Leadership in Law & Global Development, Native American Law Center and Asian Law Center have global impact that amplifies student opportunities worldwide.

Distinctive Interdisciplinary Programs - Today's complex challenges demand cross-disciplinary solutions. UW Law's distinctive interdisciplinary programs - The Tech Policy Lab, Center for an Informed Public and the Health



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Law & Policy Program bring the power of legal analysis and strategic thinking to interdisciplinary problem-solving <https://www.law.uw.edu/academics/programs>.

Real-World Legal Experience for Community Engagement—The distinct clinical law programs at UW Law provide each student with real-world legal experience assisting communities by providing legal services to underserved populations. Our twelve clinics increase access to justice. One example, the Tribal Court Clinic is a national model for providing tribal public defender services. Another example, the Civil Rights and Justice Clinic secured a \$34 million wrongful conviction verdict. Our students work alongside faculty lawyers in these impactful cases in invaluable training <https://www.law.uw.edu/academics/experiential-learning/clinics>.

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 20, 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.

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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.

We had a detailed conversation with our EFC regarding our tuition and budget needs for the School. In addition, we worked across our unit with cost managers and program staff to review budgets and get justifications and future needs via a budget development process. We shared prior spending and asked for estimate spending and needs for the future.

Our Dean of Students met with student leadership of the Student Bar Association which represents our entire student body. We discussed the budget and tuition increases. We went in detail over why the increases were needed and how the funds would be spent.

- 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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