



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.

Vice Provost of Research CCH100025

Section 2: Programmatic & Academic Vitality Narrative

Text submitted within this section **will be published** to FPB's publicly available Annual Budget Development website

- 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

Our operating budget priorities for the upcoming period advance our strategic programmatic goals and research-related university initiatives, including research resilience.

- *Enhance administrative efficiency and reduce burden: We aim to simplify, automate, and shorten cycle times across the research lifecycle. OSP expects to modernize agreement templates and revise GIM 40; ORIS plans to stabilize SAGE and improve alignment with Workday Finance; and ORC intends to streamline high volume Royalty Research Fund and Limited Submissions processing. Units expect to improve workload allocation through enhanced reporting and alignment with compliance expectations.*
- *Strengthen administrative infrastructure: To prepare for platform modernization, we intend to advance RFPs for SAGE, FIDS, IRB, and IACUC replacement systems.*
- *Strengthen data, reporting, and decision support: We seek to expand reporting and data analytics to support efforts to improve administrative efficiency and serve academic units in tracking sponsored research activity. ORIS plans to enhance BI Portal dashboards, EDW analytics, and visibility of proposal/award status; OSP anticipates incorporating Power BI into reporting; OAW expects to define new oversight metrics; and ORC intends to broaden internal reporting and web analytics standards. APL aligns with these efforts by advancing financial and operational analytics that support long-term sustainability.*
- *Ensure regulatory compliance: In response to evolving federal and accreditation requirements, we intend to update policies, tools, and practices; OSP expects to revise GIMs; and OAW plans to implement USDA/OLAW/AAALAC recommendations. APL anticipates strengthening physical and cybersecurity measures to meet expanding federal requirements, and aligning resources to maintain institutional integrity in research and administrative operations.*
- *Advance equity and accessibility: We plan to align systems and training with accessibility and UW Diversity Blueprint goals. ORIS will apply inclusive UX practices; OAW expects to expand accessible training; and ORC plans to convert synchronous courses to on-demand eLearning.*
- *Support collaboration: We aim to strengthen both research and administrative partnerships. Internal research funding will prioritize cross-disciplinary initiatives; OAW intends to bridge information silos within the animal care program; ORC will benchmark shared facility practices; and WaNBRC plans to expand industry and non-profit partnerships.*



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

FY2027 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

- *Integrate and elevate training: We intend to expand and streamline research training pathways. We plan to expand AIDE documentation and training; OAW plans to link CLATR/DCM/WaNBRC programs; OSP expects to develop training to support new research administration processes; and ORC anticipates developing PI training modules. APL expects to invest in professional development to build and retain technical expertise.*
 - *Enhance research unit sustainability: WaNBRC plans to diversify revenue, update rates and surcharges, and reduce costs of operations. APL plans phased facilities modernization to extend capital resources and support mission critical research capacity.*
 - *Invest in people and critical roles: We aim to upskill staff to support their use of AI-enabled tools and support discipline-specific professional development. APL's workforce priorities reinforce long-term talent retention.*
- By aligning these priorities with institutional goals, we strengthen research excellence, compliance, and operational resilience across the University.*

Section 5: Summary of Required Consultation with Faculty, Staff and Students

Text submitted within this section **will be published** to FPB's Annual Budget Development website

-- 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.*

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).



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

FY2027 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

-> 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.

N/A - we do not have an EFC

- 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

Do Not Submit This File