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Dear colleagues:

Every even-numbered calendar year, all state agencies must submit to the Governor's Office of Financial Management (OFM) a suite of materials that includes operating budget requests in advance of a new biennial budget process. The University's biennial operating budget requests to OFM are selected through an internal consultative process that involves reviewing proposals from across all three campuses and discussing those proposals with UW leadership, faculty, and students. This letter is to announce that we will be accepting proposals for state operating budget requests for the upcoming 2025-27 biennium, encompassing FY26 and FY27. We have taken steps to enhance our process to increase transparency and accountability in communicating our shared priorities to Olympia.

While there is no requirement or expectation that you submit a proposal, all legislative funding requests must be vetted through this process. Unless a proposal is submitted through this process **and** selected for inclusion in the UW's submission to the state, it will not be part of the UW's legislative agenda. University staff in Finance, Planning & Budgeting (FPB) and State Relations will not spend University resources supporting non-official requests in Olympia and will communicate clear priority for official agency requests.

If you choose to submit a request, the first step is to review and complete the Word and Excel templates on [this page](#) and submit your proposals to Jed Bradley at jedbrad@uw.edu in FPB by **Friday April 26th, 2024**. Our hope is to increase transparency to the broader UW community during this year's process. To that end, our team is exploring options for units to speak to their proposals in a community setting. Proposals will also be evaluated by University-wide collaborative bodies including faculty, staff, and students.

This process is meant to identify the most critical and compelling candidates for state funding in the next biennium and is separate and distinct from the "Annual Review" process. Proposals you have submitted previously for Provost Reinvestment Fund requests may not be compelling candidates for state funding. In addition, capital budget priorities (including priorities for state funding) are set through a separate process. If you have any questions about what may or may not be appropriate, FPB's Policy, Planning and State Operations team and the State Relations teams will hold a 2024 session debrief and internal state request Q&A session in early April.

President Cauce and I intend to be strategic about what we propose for state consideration, focusing on mandatory investments that benefit the entire University community and efforts that align priorities of the University and state leaders. Since competitive compensation for our dedicated faculty and staff continues to be the highest priority for President Cauce and me, the University's top priority and largest request items will be for salary increases in FY26 and

FY27. In addition, we expect that requests for enrollments in high-demand fields and academic and student support programs could be compelling candidates for state funding.

After the consultative process, President Cauce and I will review proposals and make decisions about which proposals will be submitted to OFM in September 2024 for review by the Governor and the legislature. Should your proposal be selected to become part of the UW's state budget submission, you will be notified by FPB and asked to develop the request for submission to the state in September.

Thank you very much for participating in this important planning activity.

Sincerely,



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