

2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA CAPITAL BUDGET



The students, faculty and staff at the University of Washington are working to find solutions to our state's major challenges, including educating more health care professionals to serve in rural and underserved areas, helping address critical workforce shortages in computer science, engineering and other high-demand fields, and working on breakthroughs in clean energy and environmental sustainability. With campuses in Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma; a world-class academic medical center, including a medical school in Spokane; and extensive continuing education programs, the UW serves students and communities across the state.

Understanding that time and resources are limited in the supplemental session, the UW will focus on a narrow, yet vital agenda in 2018 that will reinforce the University's core public education mission:

Advance the bi-partisan biennial capital budget

The UW urges swift approval of the 2017–2019 biennial state capital budget that was negotiated and proposed in the summer of 2017. Bi-partisan proposals contain the following critical investments that span UW's three campuses:

- \$24.2 M** for the state's **New Burke Museum**
- \$15 M** for construction of the **Population Health building**, which would leverage over \$200 million in private philanthropic investment
- \$10 M** to design a **shared teaching center for the UW's six schools of Health Sciences** and replace the aging Magnuson Health Sciences "T-Wing" facility
- \$20 M** to support the **Center for Advanced Materials and Clean Energy Technology (CAMCET)**
- \$1.5 M** to plan for **new growth and soil remediation at UW Tacoma**
- \$3 M** to design a new **STEM education building at UW Bothell**
- \$10 M** to renovate the aging **Parrington Hall**, home of the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance

Without a capital budget, the UW has not been able to access student-supported Building Account funds, which would fund over \$70 million in preservation, maintenance and seismic improvements on campus buildings. In addition, these funds support over 100 employees who help maintain and operate public facilities utilized by thousands of students, faculty and staff each day.

The inability to access these funds has also compounded the UW's ongoing challenges with deferred maintenance across our three campuses. Moving forward, we ask that the Legislature consider converting Building Account funds to non-appropriated status, which would allow institutions to use such revenue for their historic and intended purpose.

Invest in facilities that produce high demand degrees, research and innovation

The UW requests \$600,000 in the supplemental capital budget for the College of Engineering for pre-design funding of a collaborative student-focused facility. This facility would provide much-needed space for experiential learning. UW Engineering has seen unprecedented demand from prospective Washington students and employers looking to hire local talent. This facility would accommodate growth, ensure learning experiences that create new opportunities for interdisciplinary research, and grow partnerships with private industry. All of the College of Engineering's 10 departments and students will benefit from this shared teaching and research facility.

UW FAST FACTS

A NATIONAL LEADER IN AFFORDABILITY + ACCESS

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UW students who borrow graduate with less debt than the national average



Nearly **10,000** current undergraduates from Washington are receiving the Husky Promise, which pays the tuition of students with financial need

> 50%

of UW undergraduate students graduate with no known debt



In 2017-18, **35%** of all domestic UW students entering college for the first time would be the first in their families to attain a bachelor's degree

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

74%

of undergraduates are residents of Washington state (FALL 2017)

FALL 2017 TOTAL ENROLLMENT				
	SEATTLE	BOTHELL	TACOMA	ALL UW
UNDERGRAD	31,843	5,370	4,457	41,670
GRAD/PROF	14,843	625	728	16,196
TOTAL	46,686	5,995	5,185	57,866

2,767 students transferred from Washington community and technical colleges, bringing the current undergrad transfer student population to 8,234 (Fall 2017)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$12.5 B

Total economic impact generated by the UW in the state of Washington

\$565.7 M

in tax revenue to state and local governments, including sales, property and business tax payments generated from UW-related activities

UW is one of the five largest employers in WA state, supporting

79,000+ jobs

NATIONAL LEADERS IN HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION + HIGH DEMAND DEGREE PRODUCTION

#1

UW School of Medicine's national ranking in primary care, rural medicine and family medicine

41%

of UW students were pursuing at least one STEM major (Fall 2017)

41%

of STEM students are women

6,203

STEM degrees awarded in 2016-17