Public higher education provides the greatest opportunity for prosperity and well-being for individuals and our communities, so it must be both affordable and of the highest quality. At the University of Washington, that belief is at the forefront of all we do. Our 2019 legislative agenda focuses on investments that are critical to our ability to provide both access and excellence to students and communities across our state.

**2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**$70M** to construct a new **health sciences education building** in Seattle

The building will allow interdisciplinary team-based learning for all six health science schools (Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Dentistry, Public Health, Social Work), which are ranked among the highest in the nation.

Will serve 8,000 students with 17 percent projected enrollment growth, in addition to continuing education for current health-care professionals across the state.

**$35M** to construct a new **STEM education facility at UW Bothell** in partnership with Cascadia College

Will add ~40,000 square feet in a building shared with Cascadia College, focused on science, technology, engineering and math enrollment growth.

Will enable an additional 500 student FTEs with a planned open date of Fall 2021.

**$4M** to design a new **academic innovation building at UW Tacoma**

The ~50,000-square-foot building will serve the School of Engineering and Technology and the Milgard School of Business.

Will support an additional 500 student FTEs with planned construction using cross-laminated timber (CLT).

**$5M** to design a new **interdisciplinary teaching and research facility for the College of Engineering** in Seattle

The request includes a new 85,000-square-foot interdisciplinary teaching and research building and a partial renovation of the existing Mechanical Engineering Building.

The UW College of Engineering has grown 40 percent in the last 10 years, with only a 15 percent increase in square footage.

Will serve over 7,000 students, with 40 percent projected growth.

**$1M** in pre-design funds to plan replacement needs for the **Magnuson Health Sciences Center** in Seattle

Originally built in 1972 and currently operating well beyond capacity, with mostly original infrastructure and an inflexible learning environment.

Competitive compensation for UW faculty and staff is essential to our state’s success because these employees generate a talented and qualified workforce for the state’s economy and an excellent education for Washington students of all income levels, and they are critical to the continued excellence of the University by ensuring that our students complete their degrees and enter the state’s workforce. In recent biennia, the state has relied too heavily on student tuition dollars to cover the majority of rising costs for compensation and other decisions, despite historic resident-undergraduate tuition reductions, freezes and caps. In order to recruit, retain and replace our valued faculty and staff who live in the costly central Puget Sound region, we are requesting:

- Four percent compensation increases for UW faculty and professional staff in FY20 and FY21
- That the $6 million in one-time funding provided in the 2018 supplemental budget to cover 50 percent of compensation and central service expenses in FY19 be carried forward as ongoing annual funding
- That future incremental compensation and central service expenses, in 2019–21 and beyond, be funded at least at a 50 percent state funding share
- That collective bargaining agreements with our valued represented UW workforce be approved and appropriately funded, including full funding for our locality pay request for employees on our campuses and at UW Medicine
State support to produce more STEM degrees for Washington students and employers

At the UW, we are experiencing unprecedented student demand in STEM degree programs, which are more expensive to produce. At the same time, our state’s local industries need engineers and scientists to drive innovation in aerospace, biomedical technology, infrastructure, health, computer technology, clean energy and other critical sectors. With the following proposed state investments, the UW is poised to add enrollment slots for Washington’s high school graduates and community and technical college transfers in engineering and other STEM disciplines across all three of our campuses.

**Bothell:** $1.5M over the biennium to add degree capacity to support the robust and growing biomedical Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) near the Bothell campus. This would add 310 enrollments and 70 graduates per year by FY25.

**Seattle:** $8M over the biennium for the College of Engineering to add 466 enrollments and 133 engineering graduates per year by FY25, and $1 million over the biennium to maintain the highly successful and impactful STARS program, supporting 30 students per cohort (150 total per year).

**Tacoma:** $1.81M over the biennium to establish Bachelor of Science (B.S.) programs in mechanical engineering and civil engineering. This would add 180 enrollments and 90 graduates per year by FY25.

Additional UW priority requests

**UW health-care safety net support**

UW Medicine and the UW School of Dentistry play major roles as “safety net” health-care providers for low-income Washingtonians at Harborview Medical Center, UW Medical Center and UW Dentistry Clinics. We are requesting state support to help continue our mission of caring for a disproportionate share of Medicaid, Medicare and uninsured patients from across the state.

**Data science education for non-STEM majors**

We request $4 million over the biennium to enable the College of Arts & Sciences to teach data science and analytics to 1,200 non-STEM students per year beginning in FY21.

**UW Center for Human Rights**

We request $375,000 over the biennium to support faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students from multiple campus units who are working in collaboration with human rights advocates and policymakers to improve human rights outcomes in Washington state.

**Center for Advanced Materials and Clean Energy Technology (CAMCET)**

We request $2 million over the biennium to ensure that CAMCET has the necessary professional staff and quality user spaces needed to operate as the nation’s premier open-access facility for sharing academic and industry-relevant clean energy research instrumentation and technology.

UW FAST FACTS

**A NATIONAL LEADER IN AFFORDABILITY + ACCESS**

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The UW’s 2018–19 resident undergraduate tuition and fee rate of $11,207 is below the mean and median of our U.S. News & World Report Top 25 Public Research University peers.

In 2018–19, more than 32% of all incoming domestic UW students entering college for the first time are the first generation in their families to attain a bachelor’s degree.

**60%** of UW undergraduate students graduate with no known debt, and those who borrow graduate with less debt than the national average.

Since the start of the Husky Promise in 2007, more than 40,000 students have received support from the program across UW’s three campuses.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

$12.5B+

in total economic impact generated by the UW in the state of Washington.

$565.7M

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

The UW is one of the five largest employers in Washington state, supporting 79,000 direct and indirect jobs.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE**

8,204

undergraduate students across the three campuses transferred from the WA community college system, including 2,709 first-year transfers (Fall 2018).

**WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH FOR WASHINGTON**

The UW receives more federal research dollars than any other public university in the nation.

$1.35B

in total research awards received by the UW in FY18 (federal and non-federal sources).

**FALL 2018 TOTAL ENROLLMENT**

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39 counties in Washington state are represented with students at the UW.