PROFILE

- The University of Washington’s three campuses offer more than 636 degree options across 312 programs.
- The UW’s FY2020 budget is $8.25 billion, including $1.09 billion in the General Operating Fund, which supports the University’s academic mission.
- Tuition revenue makes up 63% of the UW’s General Operating Fund; the remainder comes from state funds. Twenty years ago, the proportions were the reverse — 29% from tuition and 71% from the state. These amounts have changed due to the ongoing effects of state funding cuts during and after the Great Recession.

ENROLLMENT AND DEGREES

The UW’s average time to degree is just under four years, and 81% of entering freshmen graduate within six years — the highest percentage of any public university in the state.

The UW educates Washington’s most promising students:

- 73% of UW undergraduate students are residents of Washington.
- Freshman applications to all three campuses increased by 1.7% this year.
- All 39 Washington counties have students at the UW.

In fall 2019, 41% of UW students were pursuing at least one science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM) major. In 2018–19, the UW awarded 7,223 STEM degrees, 11% more than in 2017–18. Overall, 44% of students who have declared STEM majors are women.

UW Continuum College (formerly Educational Outreach) educates more than 50,000 students annually through UW Professional & Continuing Education, International & English Language Programs, Summer Youth, Summer Quarter, UW in the High School, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

• Since before the recession, the number and proportion of underrepresented-minority students at the UW have increased; underrepresented-minority students now make up 21% of the 2019–20 domestic freshman class.

• Over 32% of incoming UW freshmen from the U.S. will be the first in their families to attain a bachelor’s degree; 41% of UW Bothell students and 60% of UW Tacoma students are first generation.

• Approximately 60% of all UW undergraduates graduate with no known debt, and those who borrow still graduate with less debt than the national average.

• In 2019–20, 26% of UW undergraduates are eligible for Federal Pell Grant funding. As of the most recent data (2017–18), more than 11,000 UW undergraduates received Pell Grants — more than at all the Ivy League schools combined.

• In 2019–20, 32% of UW undergraduates from Washington (approximately 10,100) are eligible for the Husky Promise, which covers the tuition and fees* of students with financial need.

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

• In 2019–20, about 55% of UW undergraduates are receiving some form of financial aid, totaling more than $424 million.

• In 2019–20, the UW is awarding more than $102 million in institutional grants and scholarships to Washington residents.

• In 2019–20, approximately 10,200 UW students will receive funds from the Washington State Need Grant, 3,800 from the College Bound Scholarship and 2,200 from the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship.

• Through a combination of state, federal and UW local funds.

AWARDS AND HONORS

• The UW is one of the best universities in the world, ranked No. 10 globally and No. 2 among U.S. public institutions by U.S. News & World Report, and No. 14 globally by the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

• The UW has 18 graduate programs that are in the U.S. News & World Report top five for their fields, and more than 40 UW graduate programs (including more than 20 STEM programs) among the nation’s top 10 in their fields.

• The UW’s Seattle campus is ranked the No. 1 public university in the country on CNBC Make It’s list of schools that “pay off the most.” UW Bothell is No. 2. Washington Monthly ranks UW Tacoma No. 4 in its “Best Bang for the Buck — West” rankings.

• The UW has been home to 7 Nobel Prize winners; 17 MacArthur Fellows; 177 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine; and 183 fellows in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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RESEARCH AND SERVICE

• The UW receives more federal research dollars than any other U.S. public university; in FY19 it received $1.58 billion in total research awards (federal and nonfederal sources).

• The UW is ranked by National Taiwan University as the No. 1 U.S. public university for scientific papers.

• According to the 2019 UW Economic Impact Report, the UW supports or sustains a total of 100,520 jobs — one out of every 37 jobs in the state, with an annual economic impact of $15.7 billion.

• Over the last five years, CoMotion (the UW’s innovation hub) launched 77 new startups and spinoffs — and the UW is ranked the No. 1 most innovative public university in the world by Reuters, which examines scholarly articles and patent applications.

• Since the Peace Corps’ founding, more than 3,000 UW alumni have volunteered for service — the third highest rate in the U.S.

• In 2017, Entrepreneur reported the UW as the most common alma mater on résumés of employees at the top 100 tech companies.