$15.7 billion generated in economic impact in FY 18

$752.7 million generated in state & local tax revenues

100,520 jobs created and sustained

$328.1 billion generated by alumni over their careers

5th largest employer in Washington

$1.351 billion in sponsored research

Nearly 17,000 degrees conferred in 2017–18

1 out of every 37 jobs in the state

“The positive ripple effect of the UW generates a tremendous impact on the lives of all Washingtonians. These numbers are a testament to the economic engine fueled by the University of Washington, and the stories behind those numbers reflect the power of the people, businesses, research and innovation that contribute to and are supported by the UW and will continue to impact our state for generations.”

GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE
As the state of Washington’s flagship university, the University of Washington drives regional prosperity and champions economic opportunity. Whether empowering young people to pursue a boundless future or confronting the grand challenges of our time through research and scholarship, the impact of the UW on individuals, the region and the world is profound.

In April 2019, the UW engaged Parker Philips Inc. to measure the economic contribution of its operations on the state of Washington. The economic impact of the UW in FY 18 totaled $15.7 billion. This contribution to the local and statewide economies is a point-in-time snapshot depicting how the expenditures of the UW and its faculty, staff, students and visitors make an impact.

"The University of Washington’s mission is to serve the public, a commitment that we honor in countless ways — by creating access to excellence for all Washington students and families, by attracting some of the world’s most talented educators, innovators, health-care providers and researchers to advance discovery, and by bettering communities across the state. We are proud to contribute to Washington’s thriving innovation economy, and we seek to be measured by the positive impact that we create in the world."

UW PRESIDENT ANA MARI CAUCE

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