



MEETING THE
GLOBAL CHALLENGE

The Future of the State of Washington and the University of Washington

THERE IS BROAD STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR INCREASING FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Governor Gregoire's Washington Learns Report (November 2006)

"We recommend that the 2007 Legislature establish a minimum system-wide goal to have all colleges and universities reach at least the 60th percentile of total per-student funding at comparable institutions in the Global Challenge States within ten years."

Governor Gregoire's Global Competitiveness Council Report (March 2006)

"We recommend increasing support for research, especially at universities. This would include increasing state funding for research and research institutions; bridging funding for the Life Sciences Initiative; and recruiting "star" academic researchers."

Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association – The Future of Life Sciences in the State of Washington Report (October 2006)

"We recommend Increased funding for our research universities by bringing funding for the University of Washington and Washington State University to parity with the best research universities across the country within six years."

Prosperity Partnership Annual Report (November 2006)

"According to the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington ranks 36th out of the 50 states in per capita production of bachelor's degrees. We recommend the state fund current capacity in high-demand, high-impact bachelors and associates fields in 2007."

Washington Roundtable, Association of Washington Business, Technology Alliance, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Puget Sound Regional Council, Columbia River Development Council, Tri-City Development Council, Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance, Spokane Intercollegiate Research, and Technology Institute

"We believe Washington State must make progress in 2007 to enhance state support for our public research universities. We call on the Legislature to target additional investments toward increasing commercialization of academic research, attracting leading scientists to our public research universities, and strengthening graduate degree programs in science and engineering."