

UW Contributions and Highlights



- ❖ Applications for early admission to the UW were up 20 percent over the previous year and at this time, the UW expects **applications for the overall freshman class of Fall 2009 to be up by 5 to 10 percent** over the previous year. This will make admissions even more competitive than in the Fall of 2008 when about 20,000 students competed for a little more than 5,000 state-funded enrollment slots.
- ❖ The **UW has the lowest undergraduate resident tuition and fees of peer institutions in the Global Challenge states**. In 2008-09, UW tuition and fees of \$6,802 per year is about **\$2,000 BELOW the average** of these institutions. Kiplinger's consistently ranks the UW as one of the **best bargains in higher education** in the nation.
- ❖ Close to **one third of entering UW freshmen come from families whose income is below the state median** and one third of all freshmen will be the first in their families to attend college. Last year, **more than 5,000 UW undergraduates (20 percent) benefited from the Husky Promise program** which through a combination of state, federal and UW local funds provides free tuition for low- to lower-middle income students.
- ❖ **More than half of all UW undergraduates complete their degrees with zero debt**, compared to the national average of about 65%. For UW students who must borrow, the **average debt load is \$3000 or 18% below national averages**.
- ❖ **Smart Money magazine recently ranked the UW number five among public schools included in the survey that provide the best payback to students**. The UW outranked the "payback ratio" of all of the liberal arts and Ivy League schools included in the rankings.
- ❖ **77 percent of all entering freshman graduate from the UW within six years**. This is the highest percentage of any public university in the state and is comparable to graduation rates for other universities around the nation of the UW's caliber. **The UW's average time to degree is 4.4 years**.
- ❖ In 2007-08, the UW awarded over **12,000 bachelor, graduate, and professional degrees -- 44 percent of those awarded by public universities in Washington State**. The UW awarded 8,167 bachelor's degrees (38 percent of the state total), 2,902 master's degrees (62 percent), 840 doctoral degrees (74 percent) and 691 professional degrees (73 percent).
- ❖ In fall 2007, 35 percent of UW students were enrolled in course-work in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. **In 2007-08, the UW awarded 2,900 degrees in high-demand areas of study – 54 percent of the statewide total for public universities**.
- ❖ The **UW receives more federal research dollars than any other public university** in the nation. In 2008, this amounted to **more than \$1.0 billion which supports almost 7,000 direct jobs in the local economy**. The UW is the largest employer in the city of Seattle, with over 27,000 benefits eligible faculty and staff.
- ❖ The UW operates two major metropolitan medical centers – **UW Medical Center and Harborview Medical Center – which combined provide 25% of the total charitable medical care in Washington State**.
- ❖ 244 companies have been started by UW faculty and students or with UW developed technology.
- ❖ UW is one of the top public universities in the nation in the **number of students who have received premier national awards** such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright and Goldwater scholarships and fellowships.