

Discovery

is at the heart of our university.

UW Vision and Values

The University of Washington educates a diverse student body to become responsible global citizens and future leaders through a challenging learning environment informed by cutting-edge scholarship. **Discovery is at the heart of our university.** We discover timely solutions to the world's most complex problems and enrich the lives of people throughout our community, the state of Washington, the nation, and the world.

integrity ~ diversity ~ excellence ~ collaboration ~ innovation ~ respect



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uniquely Washington

The University of Washington's vision and strategic priorities must consider the characteristics which make us great and unique, and must reflect our core values and culture.



UW Standard of Excellence

We recruit the best, most diverse, and innovative faculty and staff from around the world, encouraging a vibrant intellectual community for our students. We link academic excellence to cutting edge research through scholarly exploration and intellectual rigor. We hold ourselves to the highest standards of ethics, as a beacon for our community and the world.

Academic Community

We are educators and learners. We promote access to excellence and strive to inspire through education that emphasizes the power of discovery and the foundation of critical and analytic thinking. We foster creativity, challenge the boundaries of knowledge, and cultivate independence of mind through unique interdisciplinary partnerships.

World Leaders in Research

We have grown into the most successful public research university in the nation in attracting support for our research. Ours is a proud culture of innovation, collaboration, and discovery that has transformational impact.

Celebrating Place

The natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest envelops us. This is an important element of who we are, for this awe-inspiring place not only anchors us, it reaffirms our desire to effect positive change in the world around us. We accept gratefully our role in preserving and enhancing Washington: the place, the people, our home.

Spirit of Innovation

As Washingtonians, we are profoundly optimistic about our future. Based on our past and present, we find inspiration for the future. Ours is a culture with a determined persistence that engenders innovation and a belief that our goals can be realized.

World Citizens

We are compassionate and committed to the active pursuit of global engagement and connectedness. We assume leadership roles to make the world a better place through education and research. We embrace our role to foster engaged and responsible citizenship as part of the learning experience of our students, faculty, and staff.

Being Public

As a public university we are deeply committed to serving all our citizens. We collaborate with partners from around the world to bring knowledge and discovery home to elevate the quality of lives of Washingtonians. This measure of public trust and shared responsibility guides our decision-making as well as our aspirations and vision for the future.