

Why is tuition increasing?

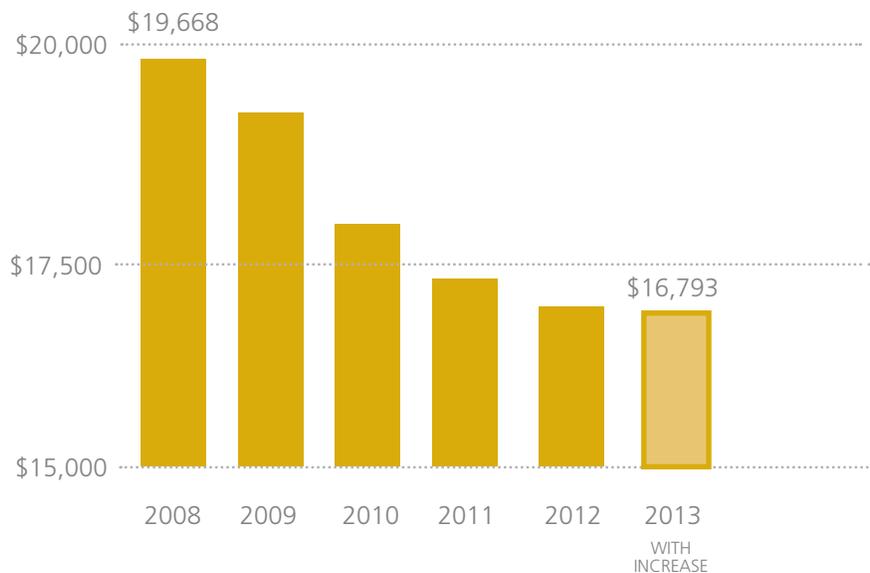
The University of Washington and all Washington public higher education institutions have seen a gradual decline in state funding over the past 20 years with a dramatic drop in the past few years. State funding for the University of Washington has decreased by nearly 50 percent since 2009.

Last year, the Legislature adopted a higher education budget for the 2011-13 biennium that included a \$217 million cut in state funds for the University of Washington compared to the prior biennium. The budget also assumed that the University of Washington would increase tuition by 16 percent a year for the next two years to partially offset these cuts.

When the legislature passed a supplemental budget in April 2012 to deal with additional projected revenue shortfalls, the budget included no additional major cuts to higher education. This was a pivotal step toward stabilizing the UW's budget situation and prevented even greater impacts on UW students, faculty and staff. However, the budget did not reduce the cuts that were enacted last year. Thus, the planned second-year tuition increase of 16 percent is now being considered for adoption.

Even with a legislatively authorized 16% tuition increase, funding per student at the UW will still be \$3,000 lower than it was in 2008.

TOTAL FUNDING PER STUDENT



How much will it cost to go to the UW if tuition is increased?

Tuition rates for the 2012-13 academic year are currently under consideration by the Board of Regents. Budget recommendations are being presented in May, and the Board will formally adopt new tuition rates in June. It is anticipated that the 16 percent legislatively authorized increase will be a starting point for resident undergraduate tuition rates (see table below), although a range of tuition rate increases is being presented for discussion.

2011-2012 Tuition + Fees	Dollar Increase	2012-2013 Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total 2012-13 Tuition + Fees
\$10,574	\$1,559 (16%)	\$11,305	\$1,080	\$12,385

How will the tuition increase help students?

8,500

Continue the 8,500 low-income resident Washington undergraduate student paying no tuition and fees next year through preservation of the Husky Promise.

2,000

Continue the 2,000 middle-income students who will see increases in their grant awards to help mitigate the impacts of a new tuition increase.

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Increase funding for writing and tutoring centers to ensure students have the help they need to succeed in their classes.

More student slots in engineering and computer science programs to ensure qualified students have access to these important majors.

Increase the number of "gateway" courses in biology, math, chemistry, physics and English to help students graduate on time.

How does UW tuition compare?

National trends indicate that public universities will increase tuition as state funding declines. Despite a 16 percent tuition increase, the University of Washington 2012-2013 rates are expected to be about at the average of its peers.

2012-2013 Proposed Tuition + Fees

University of Washington (with 16% increase)	\$12,385
Global Challenge State Peer Average (est.)	\$12,450

Peer projections are based on a 5% increase

UW tuition rate includes: State Operating Fee and State Building Fee.
 UW mandatory fees include: Student and Activity Fee, IMA, Hall Health, Technology Fee.
 The U-PASS was also added as a new, mandatory fee in 2011-12.