

Affordability and Access at the UW

The University of Washington is proud to be a public University.

The UW is open to ALL academically qualified Washington students.

- ▶ Over 48,000 students are enrolled in classes.
- ▶ The UW enrolls nearly half of all students pursuing public undergraduate and graduate degrees in Washington state.
- ▶ 83% of UW undergraduate students are from the state of Washington. This is a high percentage compared to other public university peers: (69% University of Virginia; 65% University of Michigan).
- ▶ UW's Professional & Continuing Education program is one of the largest in the country and provides continuing and workforce development for more than 45,000 students seeking undergraduate, graduate, professional and certificate programs.

College is not just a four-year experience. It set's people on a path that provides a lifetime of benefits for themselves, their families and our communities.

- ▶ A person with a bachelor's degree will earn on average 60% more in their lifetime compared to someone with a high-school diploma.
- ▶ College-educated citizens typically have:
 - Lower unemployment rates
 - Greater civic participation
 - Stronger ties to their communities

The UW is one of the most economically diverse universities in America.

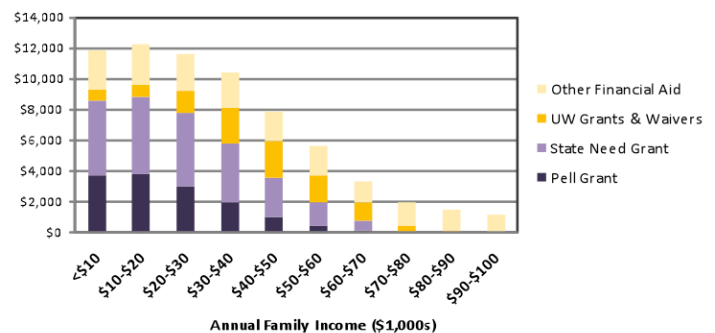
- ▶ Over 25% of our undergraduates qualify for the Husky Promise a program covering tuition and fees for students from Washington's lower and lower-middle income families. In 2009, Husky Promise covered costs for over 7,000 students.
- ▶ Over 30% of all incoming freshmen are first in their families to attend college.

The UW gives back.

- ▶ The UW also brings societal impacts and is part of making Washington a great place to live, providing \$395 million in community benefits including:
- ▶ \$267 million in charitable care provided by UW Medicine — supporting over one-third of all charitable care in Washington state.
- ▶ \$54.8 million donated to local charitable organizations by UW faculty and staff.
- ▶ Over 346,000 hours of service to area communities by UW students.

The UW is committed to maintaining economic diversity through financial aid.

**Average Financial Aid Disbursed
2008-09 Undergraduate Dependent Resident Students
by Family Income**



- ▶ In 2010, 25% of UW students were eligible for a Pell Grant and/or State Need Grant, an all-time high at the University and a number that is expected to continue to increase. Over 50% of undergraduates receive financial aid.
- ▶ UW students collectively receive over \$240 million in financial aid.

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The people of Washington have built a great University—and it continues to show in the rankings.

- ▶ 11th best public university in America (U.S. News & World Report, 2010).
- ▶ 16th best in the world (Shanghai Jiao Tong University – Academic Rankings of World Universities in 2009).
- ▶ 23rd best in the world (The Times of London, 2010).
- ▶ #1 School of Nursing and School of Medicine/ primary care (U.S. News & World Report, 2009).
- ▶ #1 public university whose faculty successfully compete for \$1.15 billion in federal research funding.
- ▶ UW's faculty includes 6 Nobel Prize winners, 13 McArthur Genius Fellows, 2 Pulitzer Prize winners, over 350 members of prestigious National and American Academies.
- ▶ #1 in Peace Corp Volunteers serving around the world.

The UW is committed to providing a top-ranked college education at a reasonable price.

- ▶ The UW is consistently named one of “the best bargains in higher education” in the country (Kiplinger’s).
- ▶ Smart Money magazine recently ranked the UW #5 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.
- ▶ Nationally, UW tuition (resident undergraduate) is low among resident undergraduate tuition rates at peer universities.
- ▶ The median debt of students graduating with a bachelor’s degree is zero. Only 47% of those who graduate borrow money. The average debt of those students is less than \$18,000 – well below national averages.

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