FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Each fall, the Office of Federal Relations develops recommendations for the University’s next federal fiscal year agenda, which is approved by the Provost and President. The Federal Agenda serves as the roadmap and foundation for the University’s communications with Congress and the federal establishment.

To facilitate this process, academic and administrative units from all three campuses are asked to submit responses in five areas (see reverse) in collaboration with their respective school, college, department, or unit. Once compiled into a complete list of potential agenda items and matched up with any emerging state and federal issues as well as UW initiatives, this information will assist University leadership in building a strong and comprehensive strategy for the 2017 federal agenda for FY 2018. The Office of Federal Relations will compile and coordinate all requests for the President and Provost to review and prioritize selections for the agenda.

Please submit the information by no later than Monday, November 21, 2016. All information should be sent to Sarah Castro in Federal Relations (smcastro@uw.edu).

Types of Requests

PRIORITY REQUESTS: Priority requests are the main focus of our advocacy efforts in Washington, DC and take precedence over all other efforts. They are portrayed as the most critical issues for the University of Washington.

PROGRAMMATIC REQUESTS: Programmatic funding requests that are on-going efforts to strengthen a particular field of research or funding for a federal agency and are generally supported by the broader higher education advocacy community.

Questions?

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Castro (smcastro@uw.edu) in Federal Relations.
FEDERAL AGENDA QUESTIONS

The Federal Agenda advances the mission and priorities of the university for the coming fiscal year. The Office of Federal Relations’ role is to maintain and advance the University's value to the state and nation through discovery, innovation, education, and service, while strengthening the qualities that make the UW a top-tier research institution.

To that end, we are requesting the following information:

• **What is your chief federal concern?**
  Please list any overarching federal concerns that might impact your unit, research, administration, and/or students. These can be stability (or instability) of Congress; the delay of federal funding streams negatively impacting agencies and, in turn, research; or administrative decisions by federal agency, such as new or changed regulations, that are onerous, expensive or will negatively impact research or students.

• **List your top 3 federal priorities.**
  What federal issues/projects/initiatives are currently most pressing to your unit and should be included in the UW federal agenda? These would be issues that could become part of the 2017 federal initiatives.

• **List the top 3-5 strategic priorities for your school, college, or unit.**
  These priorities do not need to match your top federal priorities, but understanding the overall goals, aspirations, and priorities of your unit will help the Office of Federal Relations better understand your unit and how to help further these goals. Based on emerging national issues and opportunities, these priorities could also rise in importance as an overall university priority.

• **List your largest/most important federal funding sources, grants, or contracts.**
  Please include a list of the largest federal funding streams the unit receives and the amounts received. Additionally, please include background information on any large federal grant or contract that your unit is planning to compete or re-compete for in 2017. This information should include, but not is limited to the federal program and grant title, deadlines, outside partners, and an overview of what the grant aims to achieve.

• **List a contact person that can act as a liaison between your unit and the Office of Federal Relations.**
  There are times when information is needed at the federal level to advance the UW position or priority – and this information is always needed quickly. This contact person should be someone who can respond quickly to information about your unit's research, faculty and staff, and communications efforts.

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