Driven by the determination to transform our world, people at the University of Washington are working to find solutions to today's major challenges, from producing more health care professionals to serve in our state's rural and underserved areas, to helping address critical workforce shortage areas in computer science and other science, technology and engineering fields, to working on breakthroughs in clean energy and environmental sustainability. With campuses in Seattle, Bothell and Tacoma, a world-class academic medical center, and extensive continuing education programs, the opportunities at the UW are limitless.
OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITIES

STATE POLICY MAKERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD ON RECENT INVESTMENTS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE’S COMPETITIVENESS BY INCREASING ENROLLMENTS IN HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS, INVESTING IN PROVEN STRATEGIES THAT RETAIN STUDENTS AND LEAD TO DEGREE COMPLETION, AND PROVIDING A CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE THAT EQUIPS STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS NEEDED TO EXCEL IN TODAY’S COMPETITIVE LABOR MARKET.

Competing for excellence

A quality education requires access to talented and dedicated faculty and staff. In order to attract and retain talented educators and maintain the quality of the institution’s educational experience, scholarship and student success, the UW is requesting funding to invest in competitive compensation for faculty and staff to better align with peer institutions.

The UW is also seeking state support for the maintenance and operation of facilities that are critical to the UW's educational mission.

Investing in proven strategies to ensure students have the resources to graduate

The UW is requesting $5.1 million for a tri-campus initiative to promote student success by expanding programs that improve access, retention, graduation and career preparation with an emphasis on historically disadvantaged students in high-demand fields.

The UW supports fully funding the State Need Grant program to improve college access and affordability for Washington students. Last year, more than 24,000 students in Washington state were eligible for the State Need Grant, but were unable to receive grant assistance due to insufficient state funds.

Targeted investments to address unmet workforce demands

A skilled and educated workforce is the foundation for a prosperous economy, and Washington’s colleges and universities play a key role in preparing students to fill jobs in high-demand fields.

There is a significant physician workforce shortage in eastern Washington that is worsening and is especially acute in rural areas in the primary care specialties. The UW is seeking $9.3 million to expand the UW School of Medicine-Gonzaga University Regional Health Partnership in Spokane to address the shortage of health care professionals in rural and underserved areas of our state. Studies indicate that receiving medical training in a certain geographic area provides the greatest likelihood for a physician to practice in that area. The medical program returns 52 percent of students to Washington, compared to the national average of 38 percent. Additionally, 60 percent of program graduates enter primary care, compared with the national average of 39 percent.

The UW is also seeking $16 million in funding to expand enrollment across our three campuses in high-demand fields such as engineering, computer science, ocean engineering and cyber operations. The demand for engineering and computer science degrees has almost doubled since 2009. Due to capacity issues, only a third of these admitted UW students with declared interest will receive a bachelor’s degree in engineering or computer science. These critical investments will make progress toward meeting our state’s significant and growing need for qualified applicants in high-demand fields.
KEY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Seismic improvements

The UW requests $25 million to upgrade unreinforced masonry buildings on the Seattle campus in order to improve seismic preparedness and reduce the risk of the collapse of buildings and falling masonry. There are currently seven unreinforced masonry load bearing buildings and 19 buildings with unreinforced masonry façade elements on the campus. This request will address four of the most critical buildings identified in UW’s comprehensive six-year plan to upgrade unreinforced masonry buildings.

Population Health sciences

The UW requests $20 million for a Population Health research building to match $210 million in philanthropic support for construction of a new collaborative facility that will include the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, the Department of Global Health and the School of Public Health. This facility will help promote and enhance research, innovation and collaboration to improve the health and well-being of communities and people around the world.

In addition, $10 million is requested for the design of a shared Population Health academic facility for the six schools of UW Health Sciences that will replace the use of the Magnuson Health Sciences Teaching Center (T-wing).

Accommodating growth

The UW requests $3.5 million in predesign and design funding to address student enrollment growth in high-demand programs at UW Bothell and UW Tacoma.

Parrington Hall renovation

The UW requests $10 million in design and construction funding to match a donation of $10 million for the renovation of the historic Parrington Hall building that is home to the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy & Governance. The renovation will address deferred maintenance, upgrade HVAC and electrical systems, update underutilized space, enhance student learning and accommodate growth. Enrollment at the Evans School of Public Policy & Governance has doubled over the past 10 years.

Burke Museum

The Burke museum is engaged in a multi-year project to build a new facility. The 2015–17 capital budget included $26 million to begin the construction of the museum. Funding in the amount of $24.2 million is requested to complete construction already underway.
The incoming new class across all three campuses, including freshmen and transfer students, totals 11,009.

Across all campuses, a record number of underrepresented students enrolled at the UW this year — 1,646 compared to 1,449 last year. Since before the recession, the number and proportion of underrepresented students at the UW has increased, comprising 19.7 percent of the 2016 incoming domestic freshman class.

$565.7 million in tax revenue to state and local governments, including sales, property and business tax payments.

Nearly 16,000 degrees conferred in 2015–16.

Through donations and volunteerism combined, UW employees and students contributed more than $149 million to local charitable organizations in 2013–14.

The UW is the third-largest non-federal employer in the state of Washington. The UW supports 79,331 jobs across the state, including 45,330 related to UW Medicine.

The UW was named the No. 25 university in the world on the Times Higher Education rankings for 2017.

Kiplinger's ranks the UW as the No. 9 best value in the nation for in-state students.