



## WSU BY THE NUMBERS

- Enrollment: 26,198 full time equivalents
- Tuition and fees: \$12,300 for resident undergraduate
- Student debt at graduation (2011): \$23,712\*
- 57 percent graduate with loan debt\*
- 88.7 percent of undergraduates are Washington residents
- 22.6 percent are students of color, including 31.1 percent of freshmen
- 66.9 percent of transfer applicants offered admission
- 34.5 percent of students are Pell Grant eligible

\* Below national averages

**Washington State University is Washington's state university.** Through our four campuses, four research centers and WSU extension, WSU is physically present in every county, delivering education, research, and core services that benefit Washingtonians in their communities every day. As the state's land-grant university, WSU's mission is to drive education and research into our communities to support and grow the state's economy.

WSU's value to Washington has never been more evident. Operating on a state appropriation roughly equal in real dollars to what it was in 1989, the university has undertaken a deliberate campaign to increase enrollment and has since admitted consecutive freshman classes that both far exceed the previous record for largest ever. Washington State University continues to deliver cutting edge research to support existing industries, build new ones, and drive long-term economic growth for the Northwest.

### Preserving quality

WSU asks that the existing salary freeze be allowed to lapse June 30 and that new funding be made available to increase competitiveness. The university has the ability to award most new money on a performance and merit basis.

- Students' academic careers are defined by their relationships with outstanding faculty and staff. WSU faculty and staff have gone four years without a salary increase and the university's ability to retain its top performers has suffered.
- Average faculty salaries are 15 percent below WSU's state-selected peer group and the gap is expected to grow to 22 percent by the end of the 13-15 biennium if no action is taken to address it.

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## PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION

- Average time to degree: 4.38 years\*
- Freshman retention rate: 81.5 percent\*
- WSU Online now offering 14 degrees
- Online degrees no longer tied to traditional academic calendar allowing students to access courses on a schedule that best fits their timetable
- Two three-week-long online sessions created during breaks to help students catch up or get ahead by earning 3 credits in high demand classes
- Student tuition frozen for summer session to drive more students to earn needed credits toward graduation
- Revised course schedule to reduce conflicting class periods, providing students more flexibility to get the classes they need

\* Beats national averages

### Restoring affordability

The Legislature in 2012 stopped the cuts to higher education. WSU asks that the state turn the corner in 2013 and begin reinvesting in the education and affordability students need and the degrees employers require.

- Consecutive biennial budgets have prescribed tuition increases totaling 75 percent to only partially backfill a 52 percent reduction in appropriation. Continued double digit tuition increases are unsustainable and threaten to curb access to a higher education for students and their families.
- The relationship between appropriation and tuition is as ironclad as ever. A strong state appropriation will return badly needed stability, predictability and affordability to tuition rates.

### Leveraging partnerships

WSU relies on partnerships with an array of public institutions, private benefactors, and other collaborators at its locations in every Washington County. WSU seeks state support to leverage those partnerships in three programmatic areas.

- WSU seeks \$2 million to bring communications, electrical engineering and hospitality business management to the collaborative University Center of North Puget Sound in Everett beginning in the fall of 2013.
- WSU seeks \$5 million in ongoing funding and \$2 million in one time equipment funding to hire new faculty to bring second year medical education to the Riverpoint campus using the existing WWAMI model, while also establishing the foundation of a biomedical research industry there.
- WSU seeks \$7.2 million to establish four research teams to develop new strategies for combatting infectious diseases transmitted from animals to humans, leveraging the generous private investments that launched the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health.

### Promoting interdisciplinary research

The availability of suitable lab space is WSU's top capital need. Engineering lab space on the Pullman campus is 50-years-old on average and some high caliber research is being conducted in facilities that lack suitable climate controls and electrical infrastructure.

- WSU seeks \$55.2 million in the capital budget to construct the Clean Technology Laboratory Building to house interdisciplinary research teams making new advancements in sustainable design, air and water quality and advanced materials.
- WSU also requests \$500,000 for pre-design of the Plant Sciences Building and \$5.3 million for design of the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic and Research Facility, both on the Pullman campus.