

WSU 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Established in 1890 as the state's land grant research university, Washington State University provides service to all Washingtonians through education, research and public service. For the first time, the university's headcount enrollment tops 30,000 by producing degrees at campuses in Pullman, Vancouver, Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Everett and at satellite programs in Walla Walla, Yakima and Bremerton. Pioneers in online education, WSU's Global Campus serves students worldwide. With objectives to become a top 25 public research university, WSU already is a top tier, highly ranked research institution with research priorities around sustaining health, sustaining resources, advancing opportunity and equity, improving quality of life through smart systems, and national security.

Legislative Priorities

TOP PRIORITY: ELSON S. FLOYD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine has received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and will admit an inaugural class of 60 first year medical students in August, 2017. The college's express mission is to produce more primary care physicians for rural and urban underserved areas in the state of Washington. Students will spend not only two years instruction in Spokane, they will also participate in three intersessions a year in their assigned clinical settings across the state as part of WSU's community based model of medical education. The last two years of their medical school experience will be spent in these same clinical settings located near WSU campus hubs of Vancouver, Tri-Cities, and Everett.

WSU is requesting \$10.8 million in the 17-19 biennial operating budget to support 60 first year and 60 second year students. WSU's recruiting strategy will target students from underserved areas, from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine and first generation professional students in order to find those most aligned with the mission of the college, located on all four of WSU's campuses.

INVESTING IN WASHINGTON AGRICULTURE

WSU is seeking construction funds for two new research buildings on the Pullman campus that represent the future of the university's support for Washington's \$51 billion food and agriculture industry.

The \$58.9 million Plant Sciences Building will replace half-century-old facilities that are no longer suitable for modern research needs. This includes WSU's efforts to combat economically threatening plant diseases such as late blight, powdery mildew and strip rust while developing new crop varieties of wheat, barley, lentils, chickpeas, apples, cherries, quinoa and others. The \$38.1 million Global Animal Health Phase II, project will

support continued accreditation of the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab, Washington's only accredited lab dedicated to combating foreign animal diseases, zoonotic diseases and food-borne illness. The lab is a critical resource for state and federal public health needs and agriculture agencies and the animal agriculture industry for its work to combat diseases such as pandemic flu, avian influenza, West Nile Virus, Mad Cow Disease, Foot and Mouth Diseases and others.

Other capital budget requests support infrastructure improvements at campuses in the Tri-Cities, Pullman, Vancouver and Spokane.

AFFORDABILITY: REDUCING TEXTBOOK COSTS

WSU supports legislation to establish an open education pilot grant program to provide funding to faculty to obtain, customize, or develop open education resources and materials. The university is invested in efforts to reduce the cost of higher education, including implementation of Affordable Learning Grants and identification of internal resources to support faculty in reviewing, adopting and adapting Open Educational Resources. WSU is leading in this arena through memberships with OpenStax and Open Textbook Network and early adoptions in some high enrollment courses. WSU is committed to finding solutions to reduce barriers that compromise student success in Pullman, Spokane, Vancouver, Tri-Cities, Everett and in satellite programs in Bremerton, Yakima, and Walla Walla.

WASHINGTON COMPETES

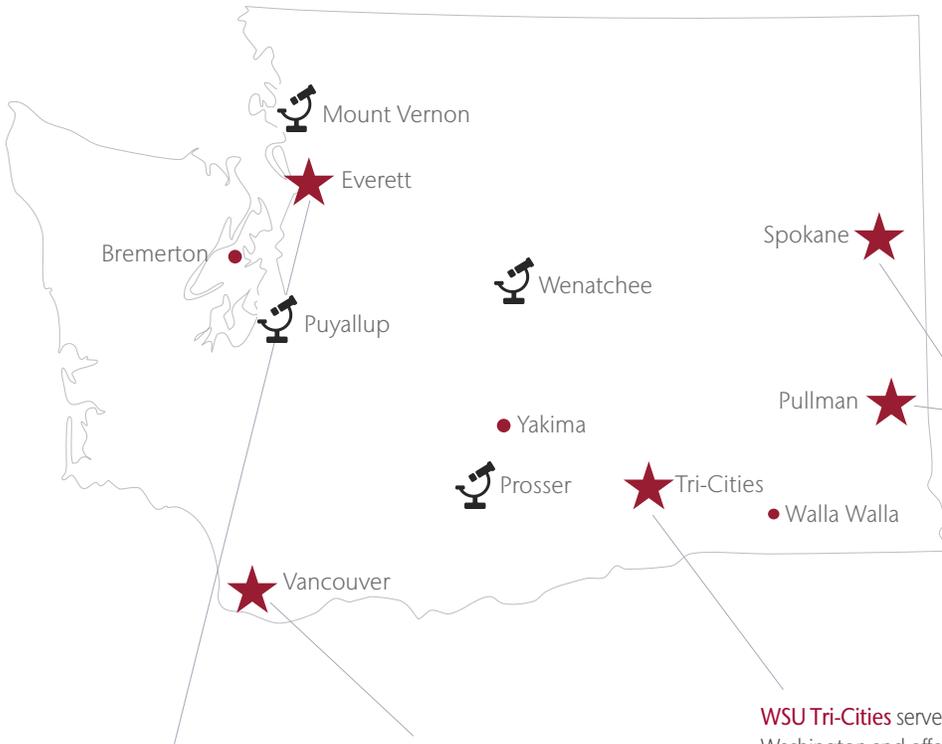
WSU is joining with the state's other public four-year colleges and universities to promote Washington Competes, an investment plan to bolster degree production in high demand fields including advanced manufacturing and other STEM fields, enhance student support services and prioritize investments in compensation to support high quality education and research.

WSU BY THE NUMBERS

- Enrollment: 27,344 full time equivalents
- Tuition and fees: \$11,041 for resident undergraduate
- Average undergraduate debt for those with debt: \$22,129
- 56.3 percent of undergrads graduate with debt
- 21.4 percent of undergraduates pay no tuition
- 42.9 percent of undergraduates pay full tuition
- 84.5 percent of undergraduates are Washington residents
- 28.9 percent are students of color including 35.9 percent of freshmen
- 32 percent of undergraduates are Pell Grant eligible
- 37.6 percent of freshmen are first generation students
- 72.3 percent of transfer applicants are offered admission
- Average time to degree: 4.2 years for first-time full-time freshmen
- One of 115 preeminent universities ranked as "very high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching
- Significant federal funding for research, \$135 million in expenditures; \$333 million in research and development expenditures (FY 2015)
- From 2011 to 2015: active inventions increased from 148 to 232; licenses issued increase from 15 to 55; number of startups increased from 3 to 9; and invention disclosures almost doubled from 61 to 113.

WSU: SERVICE TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WSU’s assets enable the university to provide quality education, deliver research, and extend knowledge and expertise to support the state’s major industries and its communities. WSU’s legislative agenda supports the educational, research and service needs of WSU’s major campuses located in Pullman, Spokane, Vancouver, Tri-Cities, and Everett and the students enrolled through the Global Campus.



Northwestern Washington is served by **WSU North Puget Sound at Everett**, and the engineering program located at Olympic College and are expanding access to four year degrees in high demand STEM-based fields of study. The primary areas of focus are educational and research programs that support advanced manufacturing, medical education, and soon, agriculture.

WSU Vancouver serves Southwestern Washington, a rapidly growing and important region to the state’s overall economy. WSU Vancouver educational and research focus serves the high-tech sector and growing biotech and life sciences industries, helping to keep the region competitive through workforce development and translational research. The campus offers degrees in arts and sciences, education, business, engineering, neurosciences, and nursing.

WSU Tri-Cities serves south-central Washington and offers degrees in arts and sciences, business, education, engineering & applied sciences, nursing, and wine science. The campus supports workforce training and collaborative research that feeds the economic strengths of the region including R&D, technology, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, and healthcare. The region is also served by WSU Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy with nursing degrees offered in Walla Walla and and both pharmacy and nursing in Yakima.

WSU Extension broadens the reach of the university into every county in Washington including four research and extension centers located in **Mount Vernon, Puyallup, Prosser, and Wenatchee**. Integral to WSU’s mission as a land-grant university, Extension advances the knowledge, economic development, and quality of life of Washington residents by developing and delivering programs through learner-centered, research-based education.

WSU Pullman is the main campus and home to eight colleges serving the university system. The largest campus, WSU Pullman has an enrollment of over 20,000 students

WSU Spokane is home to the WSU Health Science campus and the colleges of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. The campus offers degrees in nursing, medicine, pharmacy, speech & hearing, health policy & administration, nutrition/exercise, criminal justice, and education. The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and the Spokane Teaching Health Center support Spokane’s regional role in providing healthcare services and research for much of Eastern Washington.