



## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### REINFORCING BASE OPERATIONS

WSU, an institution that has already enacted a 10 percent budget reduction over the past three years, is seeking operational support to continue delivering its land grant mission of teaching, research, and public service. The university requests the Legislature fully fund a cost-of-living adjustment for faculty and professional staff and all collective bargaining agreements for represented employees. Partial funding appropriated over the past decade has resulted in paltry raises and contributed to the need for permanent budget reductions in recent years. Funding is also requested to support accreditation efforts at the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine and continue a Native American scholarship program that currently serves 141 students in just its second year. These investments will help WSU bring stability to its efforts to produce the workforce of tomorrow, deliver critical research that spurs economies and improves lives, and provide essential community services in every Washington county.

### PRESERVING CORE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENHANCING SERVICE

WSU's capital budget request seeks to leverage private participation and reduce the university's deferred maintenance backlog, which exceeds \$1.8 billion systemwide. These objectives can be seen in requests for minor works funds, demolition of Heald Hall in Pullman and design of a replacement, and a new Team Health Education Building in Spokane. Other requests include upgrades to infrastructure at campuses in Vancouver and the Tri-Cities, improved wireless service and classroom enhancements systemwide, design of an animal disease testing facility in Puyallup, and construction of a new plant growth facility in Wenatchee.

## WSU BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment: **25,685** headcount

**85.3 percent** of undergraduates are Washington residents

**36.2 percent** are students of color including **43.3 percent** of freshmen

**35.1 percent** of undergraduates are Pell Grant eligible

**36.9 percent** of freshmen are first generation students

Tuition and fees: **\$13,391** for resident undergraduates

**36 percent** of resident undergraduates pay no tuition

**35 percent** of resident undergraduates pay full tuition

**56 percent** of resident undergrad students graduate with no student loan debt

Average R-UG debt for graduates w/ debt: **\$21,926**

**77.2 percent** of transfer applicants are offered admission

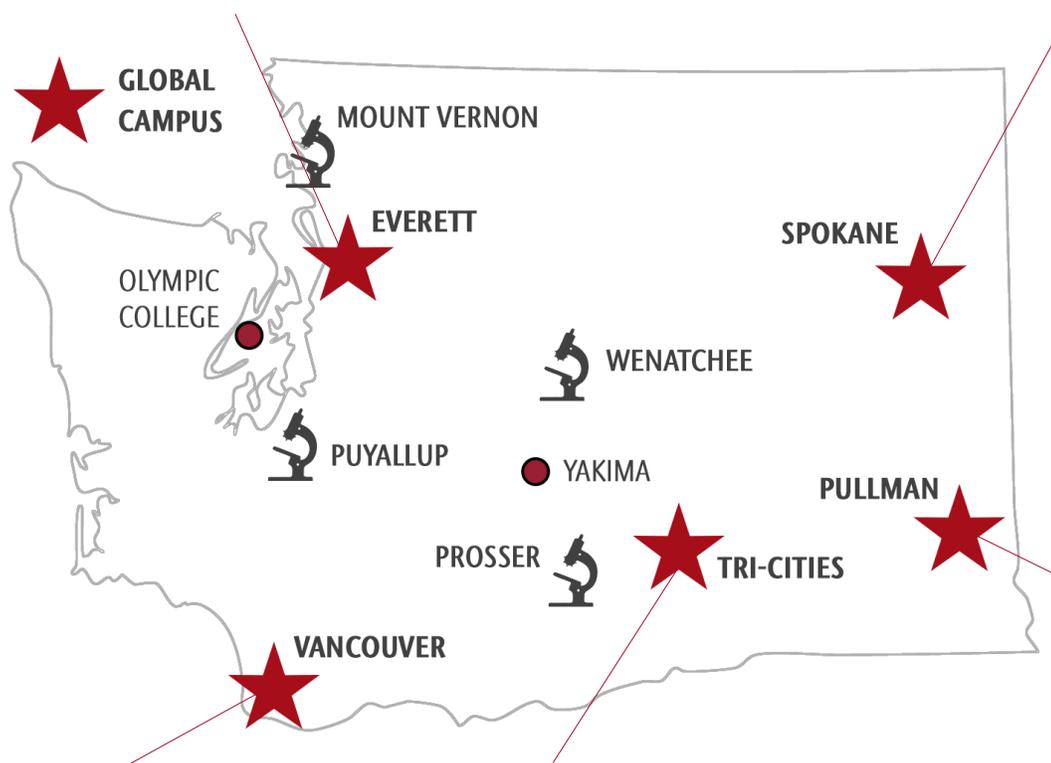
Average time to degree: **4.0 years** for first-time full-time freshmen

## 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 communities and major industries. WSU's legislative agenda supports the educational, research, and service needs of WSU campuses in Pullman, Spokane, Vancouver, Tri-Cities, and Everett and the students enrolled through the Global Campus. WSU is also committed to partnering with tribal communities, whose presence on Washington's land is since time immemorial, led by the Office of Tribal Relations.

**WSU EVERETT** serves Northwest Washington, expanding access to four-year degrees in high-demand fields. Key focus areas are STEM, aerospace, advanced manufacturing, innovation, global inter-connectivity, and sustainable growth. The campus offers a diverse range of industry-aligned programs, including engineering, data analytics, cybersecurity, business, communication, and agriculture.

**WSU GLOBAL CAMPUS** offers fully online graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates as well as professional education courses to students worldwide. A true student-centered campus, the Global Campus provides extracurricular activities, student government opportunities, career and financial services, academic support, and high-touch student engagement to enhance the online learning experience.



**WSU SPOKANE** is home to the WSU Health Sciences campus and the colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. 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 health care services and research for much of Eastern Washington.

**WSU PULLMAN** is the university's oldest and largest campus with an enrollment of 16,449 students.

**WSU VANCOUVER** serves Southwestern Washington, a rapidly growing and important region to the state's overall economy. WSU Vancouver's 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, public health, 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. In addition, the region is further served by the College of Nursing degrees also offered in Yakima. The WSU Irrigated Agriculture Research & Extension Center, located in Prosser, serves one of the most productive agricultural regions in the nation for wine grapes, tree fruit, and other commercial crops.

**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.