

Higher Education

Washington College Promise

Guarantee access to the new Washington College Promise Scholarship (formerly State Need Grant) for more than 93,000 students in 2022. This fulfills legislative commitment to eliminate the waitlist for the State Need Grant program by the 2021–22 academic year. Funding covers 6,000 students in the 2019–20 academic year and 12,000 students in the 2020–21 academic year. (\$103 million General Fund-State)

Add capacity in STEM, high-demand fields

Support the Opportunity Scholarship for low- and middle-income students who have received their high school diploma or GED certificate in Washington and are pursuing a degree or certificate in approved fields such as STEM or health care, and ensure that College Bound students who also receive the Opportunity Scholarship receive a full College Bound award. To date, the state has provided \$85 million to match private contributions. (\$14.1 million GF-S)

Build behavioral health workforce

Create a new behavioral health professional conditional scholarship for 50 students who commit to working in high-demand behavioral health fields in state hospitals and state behavioral health community sites. This will increase the behavioral health workforce to address critical staffing shortages. (\$2 million GF-S)

Offer five additional residency positions in the University of Washington psychiatry residency program. (\$2 million GF-S)

Foundational support

Offset compensation and central services costs that exceed undergraduate operating fee revenue. Since the 2017–18 academic year, tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates have been capped at approximately 2 percent annually. (\$64.3 million GF-S)

Program enhancements, student support

Support academic program enhancements, student support services and other key university priorities that maintain a high-quality academic experience for students. (\$50 million GF-S)

Guided Pathways

Assist community colleges with academic program redesign, more academic advising and improved student supports using the Guided Pathways model. The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges may award grants to up to 14 additional colleges to expand advising and counseling resources, support faculty time for program redesign and purchase tools to track student success. (\$8 million GF-S)

Expand worker training

Scale up customized worker training for current and new employees and their employers by doubling the investment in the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges' Washington Job Skills program. The program provides customized training to meet employers' needs on the job site or in the classroom. Funding leverages a dollar-for-dollar employer match. (\$12 million GF-S)

Support access to care and medical education teaching missions

Maintain access to medical care for uninsured individuals and those covered by Medicaid, and promote the teaching mission and access to services at Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center and University of Washington Dental School. (\$16 million GF-S)

Washington State University medical school support

Support years 3 and 4 of the first class of students at the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine at Washington State University. (\$10.8 million GF-S)