



# Request for 2022-23 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

## BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name:

Create Date:

Due Date:

Submitter Name:

UW Email Address:

Phone Number:

Department Head Approval:

Department Head:

Requested Amount:

## Departmental Information

### STUDENT UTILIZATION

The Childcare Assistance Program (CAP) offers grants to student parents with financial need (determined by Financial Aid) to assist childcare costs for autumn, winter, and spring quarters. Students utilize a childcare facility licensed through the Department of Early Learning in order to be eligible. There are exceptions for student parents with extenuating circumstances (i.e. specialized care for a physically/mentally disabled child/children), or whose child/children are enrolled in a public school before/after program, or YMCA/JBLM. This is in alignment with UW Seattle practices. Full-time students are eligible for up to \$1,000/quarter and part-time students are eligible for up to \$800/quarter. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis; after verifying enrollment and financial need, funds are disbursed after the 14th day of the quarter. Students are required to provide proof of payment to the approved childcare provider listed on their application. In addition, we have included a Student Assistant position to further develop the program as our campus grows and strives to be in alignment with our strategic goals. This position ensures that there is a person dedicated to provide resources and information to the adult learner with families student population. Additional funds (\$800) will be used for marketing and promotional supplies.

### CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

The CAP request is in alignment with the University of Washington Tacoma's Strategic Plan as it is in alignment with three impact goals. The first being "Student," second is "Communities," and the third "Equity," Vital to the strategic plan are programs and services made available to for all learners and our goal is to be inclusive to students such as parents who face financial challenges. First, students are at the forefront of this endeavor as this request is submitted on behalf of the student caregivers of UW Tacoma. By providing additional financial assistance to our students who identify as caregivers we fulfill the impact goal in strengthening persistence to graduation for all student populations. In addition, we increase student awareness of and satisfaction with the availability and accessibility of UW Tacoma resources, support, and infrastructure as we help to alleviate financial barriers. Moreover, our communities are strengthening as we expand access to higher education through increased partnerships, awareness of community support services, and increased numbers of student graduation with high-impact community engagement and leadership. Through awareness of challenges students may face as caregivers we strive to support and create pathways towards graduation. CAP participants are empowered as they gain belonging and ownership within the UW Tacoma community and this is vital to their academic achievements. Lastly, equity is a key impact goal in the strategic plan and is in alignment with CAP as providing financial assistance improves the satisfaction of traditionally underrepresented student including those that care for children. By providing financial assistance for childcare we hope to help ease the financial burden and reduce disparities in learning achievement.

### SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Our goal is to continuously help support the student caregiver population with the Childcare Assistance Program. One way that we continue to build community for our student caregivers is through Huskies & Pups. An official UWT RSO that after a gap in participation during the start of the pandemic has been revitalized. The outreach plan for our current academic year includes self-care husky hours for our student caregiver community, regular group check-ins to help build community within a group that often feels forgotten, and hosting a 'bring your kid to campus' inspired by the initiative to further UWT's 'You Belong Here' campaign. Additionally, one collaboration we look forward to annually is UW TGives where with the Center for Service and Leadership we provide gifts for student parents in need around the holidays.

### STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

This academic year (2022-2023) we had 18 CAP participants who completed all required documents to receive grants; this number is a bit higher from 2020-2021, during numerous covid restrictions and lockdowns, when we funded 15 students. In addition last academic year we were able to utilize HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds) with the assistance of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mentha Hynes-Wilson, and the Director of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships, Victoria Hill-Ouhl. We distributed over \$12,000 to 7 CAP participants in need of additional childcare funding. We heard directly from those that received additional funding how vital it was for their continued success as a student caregiver. While this funding is no longer available we have pivoted our ask and once again are requesting for a budget increase in CAP grants. 2018-2021 CAP grants: \$600 full-time students/ \$400 part-time students 2023/2024 we are asking that CAP grants be raised to \$1,000 full-time students/ \$800 part-time

students Also, we anticipate the need for the CAP program to increase over the next academic year as many employers return to in person operations; as well as university courses likely transitioning from remote and hybrid options. Lastly, the cost of childcare in Washington state is among some of the highest in the nation.

#### COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

Students participating in the Childcare Assistance Program are asked to complete additional survey questions at the end of their online application. These questions help the program to better understand the needs of our current student community as well as how we can better serve them. The goal through these surveys is better serve student parents while navigating their education experience, as well as providing feedback and suggestions for the Childcare Assistance Program. Students are also welcome to send feedback throughout the year in any form. Moreover, representatives of the CAP program have met with several department/units, participated in tabling events, and attended campus wide events to educate students, staff, and faculty of this program. Our main focus is departments/ staff that have the most contact with students when they first arrive on campus: financial aid, admissions, and advisors.

#### SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Testimonials have demonstrated that CAP is a valuable resource to nontraditional students. It has made it so that students are able to attend school and maintain employment. Through the testimonials, we have learned that we have provided valuable networking opportunities, resources, and grants that help to enrich the college experience. UW Tacoma is in the top 10 most diverse colleges in Washington, 68% receive financial aid, 43% are Pell grant eligible. A more general look of Student Demographics from the Institute for Woman's Policy Research shows that 22% of college students are student-parents, 55% are single parents, and 53% of them have child(ren) under 6-years-old. The need for assistance from the UWT community for our student caregivers is evident.

## Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff <sup>3</sup>	E001	
	Student Staff Wages:	<b>\$12,541</b>
	Fringe @ 21.5%:	<b>\$2,696</b>
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		<b>\$15,237</b>

## Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Contracted Services	Copy Charges	S001 <b>\$250</b>
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	For supplies, raffles, events, etc.	S002 <b>\$800</b>
Aid, Grants & Subsidies Given	CAP Grants \$1,000 per quarter x 3 quarters x 45 students = \$135,000	S003 <b>\$135,000</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		<b>\$136,050</b>

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<b>COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$151,287</b>

## Supplemental Documents



**SAFC CAP BUDGET SHEET**