

**BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Requested Amount:

**Departmental Information**

**STUDENT UTILIZATION**

The requested funding benefits UW Tacoma students by maintaining ASUWT’s ability to deliver consistent, student-driven representation, advocacy, and engagement across the city, campus, and state. This proposal emphasizes a comprehensive investment in ASUWT’s organizational infrastructure rather than new programs, ensuring continuity, accountability, and responsiveness to student needs.

Most of the budget supports core operations, including payments for student leadership periods (PAP), hourly student employment, and advocacy coordination. These elements enable ASUWT to operate year-round and stay accessible to students. ASUWT offers over 20 student positions and involves additional students through committee participation.

Part of this request aligns hourly student wages at \$21/hr. This change promotes equity and sustainability in student employment, especially considering Tacoma’s local minimum wage and rising living costs. Competitive wages help retain trained student staff, reduce turnover, and maintain continuity in SAF-funded services that benefit students broadly.

Further, a portion of the funding supports the City Liaison position, representing student interests in local policy discussions related to housing, transportation, public safety, and campus-adjacent infrastructure. Updated fringe benefit projections ensure accurate budgeting and compliance with university employment standards.

**CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT**

This proposal directly supports UW Tacoma’s Strategic Plan by promoting student well-being and creating an accessible, equitable, and respectful campus. It emphasizes student-centered decision-making, equitable access to leadership, and meaningful community involvement.

ASUWT enhances student well-being through advocacy that addresses basic needs, safety, health, and resource access. This is evidenced by ASUWT initiatives such as restructuring the Food Pantry, securing funding for Basic Needs Navigator positions, providing free menstrual products on campus, and expanding overdose prevention education and NARCAN access. These efforts directly contribute to student health and stability.

Further supporting equity and access, compensation structures for student leaders and hourly staff are aligned to \$21/hour. This reduces financial barriers, especially for working students and underrepresented groups, aligning with the Strategic Plan’s focus on inclusive leadership and student success.

The City Liaison role helps achieve these goals by ensuring student voices are included in city decisions impacting transportation, safety, and quality of life. Indicators of success include increased student participation in advocacy, sustained campus–community partnerships, and responsive action on student concerns.

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

ASUWT's SAF-funded goals center on sustaining effective student governance, boosting civic engagement, and converting student feedback into meaningful policy and institutional outcomes through collaboration.

Core initiatives encompass its Legislative Program and Task Force structure. The Legislative Program engages students in advocacy at local and state levels, exemplified by Huskies on the Hill. Over two years, participation grew from about 20 UW Tacoma students to over 130, reflecting increased interest in civic involvement and policy influence.

The Task Forces address student-identified issues such as basic needs, safety, health and wellness, campus expansion, and inclusive access. These efforts are informed by surveys with more than 500 responses, conducted by ASUWT, and supported by national data like the National College Health Assessment (NCHA). They collaborate with departments including Student Affairs, Student Health, the Office of Student Advocacy and Support, Campus Safety, the Office of Equity and Inclusion, the Library, and the Center for Student Involvement.

Sustaining these programs relies on trained student workers managing outreach, communications, logistics, and coordination. The proposed wage of \$21/hour encourages retention and consistency, vital for the programs' success. The City Liaison role further strengthens engagement with Tacoma city officials and bolsters ASUWT's advocacy efforts.

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

ASUWT serves a wide and diverse group of UW Tacoma students through advocacy, programming, student jobs, and committee involvement. Over the last two academic years, the use of ASUWT services has steadily increased, showing growing student interest in government-led initiatives.

Legislative advocacy participation has seen significant growth, with Huskies on the Hill rising from about 20 UW Tacoma students to over 130. This reflects increased civic engagement and ASUWT's improved ability to support large-scale involvement.

In addition to advocacy, ASUWT connects with students via Task Forces and campus-wide surveys. Individual surveys often get more than 500 responses, and recent campaigns have gathered over 2,000 responses total. These efforts help reach students who might not participate in formal programs but still want their voices heard in advocacy efforts.

Each year, ASUWT employs more than 20 student workers and involves other students through committees like the Student Technology Fee Committee, Council for Campus Engagement, RSO Committee, and Student Legislative Advocacy Council. Compared to past years, greater participation in advocacy, feedback, and governance shows ongoing demand for SAF-funded services among a diverse student body that includes first-generation students, commuters, working students, transfer students, and those from underrepresented backgrounds.

#### COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

ASUWT employs various methods to gather feedback and evaluate its programs and services. Campus-wide surveys serve as a key tool, collecting both quantitative and qualitative data on student needs, priorities, and experiences. These surveys typically see high participation, with individual surveys often earning over 500 responses.

Feedback is also obtained through public forums, listening sessions, and open comment periods held at every Senate and Executive Board meeting. Task Forces facilitate ongoing engagement with students impacted by specific issues, allowing their input to influence advocacy efforts and program development throughout the year.

Participation and usage are monitored via sign-in sheets, photos, RSVP forms, event registrations, and surveys. The collected assessment data directly lead to improvements, such as livestreaming meetings for better accessibility, posting recordings online, and forming new task forces based on student feedback. These practices help ensure that SAF funds, including student wages, are used responsibly and effectively to enhance service delivery.

#### SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

ASUWT's programs benefit students by translating their input into tangible results that enhance access, equity, and well-being. Through advocacy and partnerships, ASUWT ensures that student voices influence decisions at the city, campus, and state levels.

Significant outcomes include increased access to basic needs resources, the creation of Basic Needs Navigator roles, campus-wide availability of free menstrual products, overdose prevention education, and safety enhancements, like better lighting in busy areas. These initiatives were driven by student feedback and sustained advocacy.

ASUWT assesses its impact through participation data, survey feedback, petition signatures, and the completion of these initiatives. Maintaining these outcomes requires a stable organizational structure and ongoing student staffing, supported by fair compensation, including the proposed \$21/hour wage alignment.

## Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested	
Student Staff <sup>3</sup>	<b>Includes all staffing for ASUWT student positions.</b>	E001	
		Student Staff Wages:	<b>\$222,533</b>
		Fringe @ 16.2%:	<b>\$36,050</b>
		PERSONNEL TOTAL:	<b>\$258,583</b>

## Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested	
Other Services	To support programming, elections, workday fee, and WSA dues.	S001	<b>\$13,617</b>
Travel	To support motor pool and mileage reimbursement for WSA retreats and lobbying sessions. As well as for students attending Huskies on the Hill with ASUWT.	S002	<b>\$15,000</b>
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	To support essential expenses for office supplies, nameplates, business cards, name tags, and promotional items.	S003	<b>\$7,500</b>
Food	To support any food-related expenses for various student government activities such as training, events, and student forums.	S004	<b>\$4,000</b>
		SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:	<b>\$40,117</b>

PERSONNEL TOTAL:	<b>\$258,583</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:	<b>\$40,117</b>
<b>COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$298,700</b>

## Supplemental Documents



### **ASUWT BUDGET 3% STANDARD INCREASE**

Excel spreadsheet containing the breakdown of the increased ask.