



Request for 2026 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name: Campus for Council Engagement (CCE)

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Requested Amount: **\$100,000**

Departmental Information

STUDENT UTILIZATION

The requested \$100,000 will directly support UW Tacoma students by restoring the Council for Campus Engagement’s ability to provide equitable access to high-impact educational, professional, and community-building activities through the Conference and Training Fund (CTF), the Campus Event Fund (CEF), and Student Leader Training programs.

In recent years, the Council has faced major budget reductions while demand for funding has grown with increased campus enrollment and student involvement. Despite limited resources, the Council has maintained a high funding rate for applications and used funds efficiently. Nevertheless, this has led to partial awards, unfunded applications, and stricter funding criteria that restrict student access to opportunities.

A \$100,000 allocation would enable the Council to better meet student demand by funding more conference and event requests, reducing partial awards, and preventing students from missing educational opportunities due to financial barriers. These funds would also support campus-wide events and trainings that serve large, diverse student groups.

Restoring funding will ensure that students can continue to engage in experiential learning beyond academics, develop professional networks, present research, earn certifications, and share knowledge with the UW Tacoma community.

CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

The Council for Campus Engagement closely aligns with UW Tacoma’s Strategic Plan, particularly in Student Engagement, Scholarship, Equity, and Campus Vitality. CTF-funded conferences promote impactful learning and undergraduate research, offering students opportunities to present papers, lead workshops, and represent UW Tacoma at national and international academic forums.

CEF-funded activities encourage campus engagement, cultural involvement, and inclusive community-building, fostering a lively and connected campus. Equity is central to the Council’s funding strategy. By providing financial support for conferences, training sessions, and campus events, CCE helps remove financial barriers for students who might otherwise be unable to access these opportunities.

The Council prioritizes applications that benefit the entire campus, enhance student learning, and facilitate knowledge-sharing upon return. Student Leader Training also advances the Strategic Plan by annually equipping student leaders with skills in communication, sustainable leadership, and partnership development.

SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

The Council for Campus Engagement (CCE) plans to promote an inclusive culture of student engagement by funding initiatives that benefit individual students and the broader campus community. This is done through programs such as the CTF, CEF, and Student Leader Training.

CCE works closely with campus partners, including the Center for Student Involvement, the Center for Equity & Inclusion, the Student Activities Board, UW Tacoma Library, academic departments, and numerous RSOs, such as the Somali Student Association, Tabletop Games Club, and Latinx Student Union. These collaborations help ensure that funded opportunities align with institutional priorities and student needs.

Given limited funds, the Council has adopted stricter policies and longer deliberation periods. A budget increase would enable more prompt funding decisions and reduce the number of strong applications that are denied or only partially funded.

STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

Over the past two years, student participation in CCE-funded programs has steadily grown, reflecting increased interest in co-curricular learning and engagement. In the 2024–2025 academic year, CEF sponsored 17 programs and CTF approved 32 conference requests by January, compared to 14 programs and 23 requests at the same point last year.

Although participation declined earlier this year due to budget reductions and limited CCE engagement, recent SAF investments in CCE funds have helped us expand our reach through various student programs and activities on campus. We look forward to further supporting students.

This expansion matches campus growth and heightened awareness of available funding. Attendance and participation are tracked in Dubnet, which handles registration and sign-in, with Excel-based budget monitoring supplementing this data.

For larger requests, applicants are required to present to the Council and submit post-event reflections to ensure accountability and facilitate knowledge sharing. These programs benefit a diverse student body, including first-generation students, students of color, and those involved in research, leadership, and cultural activities, spanning disciplines, RSOs, and identity-based groups.

COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

The Council for Campus Engagement evaluates program success and guides funding decisions through feedback and assessments. Applicants must explain how their activities support the campus community; many are also required to submit post-event reflections, presentations, or workshops after completion.

For trips funded by CTF, students are expected to deliver a workshop, classroom presentation, or RSO presentation to share their experiences. For CEF-supported events, organizers need to submit reflective narratives, photos, and attendance records. Larger funding requests often require prior approval via presentations to the Council. Student Leader Training uses pre- and post-training surveys to measure learning outcomes and enhance future programs.

These surveys' feedback is reviewed annually to improve training content and methods. Additionally, the Council is exploring ways to increase transparency and showcase student achievements by making reports more publicly accessible.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

CCE-funded programs expand student opportunities by offering transformative educational experiences and encouraging campus sharing. Participation in conferences allows students to present research, network professionally, and refine their academic and career ambitions.

Examples include the International Conference on Cloud Engineering, IEEE Data Mining Conference, Protecting Our Children Conference, and the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention. These activities enhance student development and boost UW Tacoma's visibility and reputation.

Additionally, CEF funding supports campus traditions and major events like Petting Zoo, Twilight in the Garden, Navratri and Diwali celebrations, and cultural showcases, which foster community spirit and campus vibrancy. Success is measured through attendance, repeated funding requests, reflective reports, and sustained student engagement.

Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
	PERSONNEL TOTAL:	\$0

Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Travel	Conference and Travel Spending fund allotted to cover expenses for Travel, Lodging, and/or Registration for conferences for currently enrolled students, upon the discretion of the student committee. S001	\$45,000
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Campus Event Fund spending allotted to cover expenses for on-campus, student engagement programs where the primary audience is UW Tacoma students, upon the discretion of the student committee. S002	\$45,000
	Student Leader Training funding for campus-wide student leader training in September. S003	\$5,000
Food	Food for Student Leader Training S004	\$5,000
SUPPLIMENTAL TOTAL:		\$100,000

PERSONNEL TOTAL:	\$0
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:	\$100,000
COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:	\$100,000

Supplemental Documents



IEEE RISING STARS CONFERENCE

This contains an event reflection from the IEEE Rising Stars Conference



ISA CLUB - SPARK AND GLOW REFLECTION AND GRATITUDE

File contains post-event reflection from the ISA club



ISA CLUB - S&G REFLECTION LETTER

Post-Event Reflection