

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Departmental Information

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - CRITERIA

Our proposal request falls under "emergency expenditure unforeseen" category.

LAPTOP: Over the past six years we have increased programming from 5 to 150 students at events. Our programming includes (FTC) Freshmen/Transfer Connect, End of Year Celebration which sees between 100 to 150 students and 2x quarterly we host (RPC) Registration is a piece of cake serving 189 students, as well as Winter Warming and other partnerships. In addition, we also table at events such as Admitted Student Day, Husky Fest, and Majors/Minors Fair. These events require dedicated space that sometimes requires us to adhere to FERPA privacy. In addition, we also need equipment that is mobile and can be utilized at the above events (total cost is approximately \$1058.46) to assist with communication, planning, administration, marketing etc.

STUDENT UTILIZATION

Our participants benefit from the opportunity to engage in programming that aims to be creative, innovative, culturally and socially relevant and delivered from a student perspective. HSS is a student-led organization and does not receive academic funding. Our programming is initiated by undergraduate students and is open to all new and current undergraduates and is open to being inclusive to graduate students who would also like to participate.

Our annual Freshmen/Transfer Connect Event served 150+ students which is the largest number we have served to date, incorporated surrounding communities and businesses from Pac Ave, and partnered with student leaders from six campus organizations to offer unique opportunities to student leaders from different programs to cross collaborate on programming. Our RPC Events served 189 students to date, Winter Warming 'our inaugural event' 50 students, and the End Of Year celebration is projected to serve between 100 to 200 students. We estimate serving 500+ students with direct and partner programming and implementation.

We are providing programming that is based on direct student feedback and involvement which allows us to create higher impact programming and achieve more than we can alone.

A. Increase community members' awareness of how to engage UW Tacoma.

B. Increase the number of community partnerships, including those that connect global and local communities.

C. Improve the satisfaction of traditionally underrepresented students, especially racially/ethnic minority students, with the UW experience.

As an organization, the HSS advisory board would like to make our programming accessible and representative of all the diverse communities on campus by contributing to the variety of programming that is offered on campus.

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

The Special Allocations funds will be utilized to immediately purchase a laptop (total cost is approximately \$1058.46). The laptop will be utilized at the following events and more: (FTC) Freshmen/Transfer Connect, End of Year Celebration, (RPC) Registration is a piece of cake, Winter Warming and additional cross campus partnerships. We will also be tabling at events such as Admitted student day, Husky Fest, and Majors/Minors Fair.

The laptop will be utilized to assist with FERPA privacy compliance of information, communication, planning, administration, marketing, development and implementation of current and future programming. This will allow us to ensure we are firmly aligning the mission of HSS with UW Tacoma's Strategic Plan in the following ways:

To partner and collaborate with other departments to advance strong and diverse communities and create educational programming that all students have access to and an opportunity to succeed in the following areas.

A, Improve the satisfaction of traditionally underrepresented students, especially racial/ethnic minority students with the UW Tacoma experience.

B. Increase use and assessment of high-impact educational practices across all programs and for students in all stages of their studies, including co-curricular and global learning.

C. Increase student awareness of and satisfaction with the availability and accessibility of UW Tacoma resources, support and infrastructure.

Our partnerships to date include Academic Departments such as the School of Engineering, Nursing and HealthCare Leadership, Urban Studies, as well as ASUWT, First Gen Fellows, New Student and Family Programs, The Teaching and Learning Center, Center for Equity and Inclusion, Office of Global Affairs, Career and Development Center, Student Activities Board, and community partners.

The inaugural student and staff HSS team was created in 2020. This collaborative team has fostered a sense of community and connectedness. Students are being offered an opportunity to gain leadership skills and to work with other student leaders from different departments, majors, and programs. We have an increased sense of pride and a firm belief that the structure we are creating will now provide the framework for HSS to be more impactful in the future, and directly address the needs of the campus, by responding with strong and intentional programming that is requested directly by students, and delivered by student leaders with the guidance, support and resources of academic advisors across campus. By providing this programming we are able to take the support offered by academic advisors directly into the student population so that students continuously have access. We have increased our awareness of what students need and are increasing the awareness of the community by looking at ways to provide creative and innovative programming. We are also creating a chance for student leaders to have more platforms to impact the community and create a legacy on campus.

Below are some reflections from students who have participated in HSS events and Student Leaders on campus 2019 - 2026.

"As a student leader: HSS programs meet students at the intersection of education, community, and personal growth. Programming offers students the opportunity to not only engage with peers at events but also assist in the planning, development, and materialization of these events. Attendees connect to their community, campus resources, and feel better prepared to tackle the non-academic rigors of higher education. As a student: My engagement with HSS programs has allowed me to participate in the planning and execution of campus events, and to collaborate with other offices and RSO's to do so. Through this experience I feel I have increased my awareness of what resources and offices are available to engage with students and of how these offices can support other students in hosting and planning their own events."

2026 Rae Watkins, Student Leadership, Senior, BA in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

"I love attending HSS events because it brings me a sense of community, and lets me know I'm not alone by having something to engage with my peers and have fun. I have met one of my best friends at an HSS event and now I make the effort to try and go to all that I can! When I'm stressed, HSS events give me something to look forward to and motivate me to get through my day, and lets me just enjoy the moment rather than focusing on all my stressors."

2025 Isabella Pancho (Issy), Freshmen, pre-major - Communications

"The Freshmen/Transfer Connect Event was really helpful for me because it connected me with other freshmen/new students of UW Tacoma. It also allowed me to see the social side of UW Tacoma and find fun things to do on campus."

2025, Michael Allosada, Student Engagement, Sophomore, Politics, Philosophy, & Economics

"When we go to HSS events it's pretty fun, and it is a good way to just get out and do something to keep my mind busy. I like to attend events to get away from feeling stuck in my dorm but also just to destress from the amount of homework."

2025 Brooke Byers, Freshmen pre-major - Bio Med

"HSS allows me to explore and grow my leadership and management skills while creating a better campus for all students."

2024 - Trevor Owens, Junior, Business Major, Husky Success Series - Director of Operations, - 23-25

"The Husky Success Series is incredibly beneficial to new students with their programs, such as Freshman Connect, for the community and personal impacts it provides to students when they come to UW Tacoma. A dedicated HSS student worker would allow for the program to flourish in a way that would create even larger impacts for the student body going forward."

2023 Holley Wetzel, Senior, ASUWT President, Double Majoring in Psychology and Healthcare Leadership

"What I really enjoyed about the Freshman/Transfer connect was how it was a nice socializing event without the awkwardness and anxiety of talking to people. As someone who is very introverted and has some social anxiety, this event didn't stress me out. It was really nice talking to different people, and at the end of it I even made a new friend."

2023 - Sophia Campos, Freshmen, pre-major - Business/Accounting Major

"Husky success series benefits students through connecting individuals with their peers in a way that other more specific clubs cannot. Because of the broad and inclusive nature, many types of people can connect where they possibly wouldn't normally connect. HSS affects student leaders, I think it bolsters leadership and organizational skills by giving the students a place to collaborate and make things happen!"

2023 - Alexis Britt, Junior, Business/Marketing Major, Husky Life Coordinator- Student Activities Board

"HSS programs are a great experience, indeed. I get the knowledge necessary to interact with students and discuss their future plans. The Freshmen/Connect Transfer event was quite carefully planned out and gave students necessary information that you do not normally hear about, such as where to pray and reflect on campus."

2022 - Saima Ghafoor, Student Mentor UAA. Senior, Healthcare Leadership.

"Husky Success Series is a great resource to collaborate and partner with other organizations on campus. It's great that we now have more opportunities to do so than we did before. Through my engagement with the Husky Success Series over the years it has helped me to connect with my career path."

