



## Request for 2020/202 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

### BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Requested Amount:

## Departmental Information

### STUDENT UTILIZATION

The purpose of this request is to invest in the development of UW Tacoma students through the provision of educational and social opportunities. The Conference & Training Fund (CTF) provides funding to currently enrolled UW Tacoma students, providing opportunities to participate in local and national trainings and conferences. Providing students with the opportunity to pursue educational opportunities beyond the classroom is a vital part of academia. Often the conferences that students attend allow them to connect with future employers, earn certificates that prepare them for internship and employment opportunities, and provide clarity regarding the exact paths that they may wish to pursue, either in their current program or in further education or career settings.

The Campus Event Fund (CEF) provides funding for events or programs that are focused towards student engagement. Funds may be solicited by anyone on campus, as long as the primary audience & beneficiary of their event is UW Tacoma students. These opportunities further meet the social, ideological, and academic needs of a variety of students which results in an enhanced campus environment and enriching co-curricular experiences.

Student Leader Training is an initiative that supports multiple offices across campus. We continued with a two-day model this year, and welcomed 74 students to the training. This included one full day off campus, participating in a high ropes course at Camp Seymour in Gig Harbor, followed by a day on campus with a robust presentation by the Center for Equity and Inclusion.

### CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

Student Life empowers students through programs that inspire leadership and responsibility in order to enhance the campus experience. Our committee is sending students out to bring back methods to encourage equity and diversity to flourish on campus by attending events like the Students of Color Conference and Black Students Lead. So far this school year we have provided funding for numerous cultural events which were hosted on campus (Tet Celebration, Isra Speaks: Fighting for the American Dream, and Trans Day of Remembrance), as well as funded trips to conferences for historically underrepresented populations (National Society of Black Engineers, Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, and Grace Hopper). Empowering students to create change is one of the best ways to reach the strategic plan goals. Our committee tries to ensure every request we grant money to will benefit the campus in some way. We hope that what our committee is doing will help bring UW Tacoma closer to the strategic plan goals.

Specific success indicators include:

- Increase financial aid, scholarships, fellowships and work study opportunities. (Students)
- Increase the number of faculty, students and staff involved in publicly engaged scholarship. (Scholarship)
- Increase the number of students participating in research, scholarship and creative activity, including producing publications, public presentations and creative works. (Scholarship)
- Increase opportunities for students to understand and embrace the assets of our diverse communities through local and global learning and engagement experiences. (Equity)

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

The goal of fostering student engagement on campus is stated to "Build a community that will foster a culture of engagement that is inclusive of the diverse student needs, perspectives, and experiences." The Student Conference and Event Fund provides an open opportunity to support a wide range of student needs through funding student requests. Students have an opportunity to develop their own programs and events that would not be possible to implement without the resources of this fund. Our goal each year is the same, although how we reach it varies - we want to impact as many students as possible for the greater good of our campus.

Below is a list of RSOs, campus offices, and majors that have received funding or been involved in a funded program/trip in some way so far this year. There are 46 groups listed below, compared to 43 last year at this time:

- Accounting Student Association
- ACLU Club
- Analytics Innovation Club
- Black Student Union

- Career Development & Education
- Center for Equity and Inclusion
- Criminal Justice League
- ECHO Dance
- Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies
- GIS Society
- Global Honors
- Grey Hat Group
- HuSCII Coding Club
- Huskies and Pups
- Husky Sports League
- IEEE Student Branch
- Inter CP Campus
- International Friends Club
- Mathematics Club
- Milgard School of Business
- MS in Computer Science & Systems
- MS in Education
- MS in Geospatial Technologies
- MS in Social Work
- MSCSS Center for Data Science
- Muslim Student Association
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Nonprofit/Museum Studies
- Office of Admissions
- Outdoor Adventurers Club
- Phi Alpha Honor Society
- Ping Pong Club
- Pre-Law Society
- Progressive Student Union
- Psychology
- School of Engineering and Technology
- School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- School of Social Work
- Soccer Club
- Somali Student Association
- Student Veterans at UW Tacoma
- Urban Studies
- UWT Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning
- Veteran Military Resource Center
- Vietnamese Student Association
- Women in Computer Science

Attached to this application you will find a complete list of all the events funded through CEF, and conference trips funded through CTF. This list covers July 2019-January 2020.

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

For the current 2019-2020 school year, CEF has sponsored 15 programs and CTF has funded 54 trips. At this time last year, CEF had sponsored 16 events and CTF had funded 53 trips, so we are on a comparable track. The committee is still receiving and evaluating requests for both funds this year. We have attached a document to this requests that shows all of the programs and conferences sponsored through the end of January 2019.

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we funded 80 trips and sponsored 25 events. During the 2017-2018 school year, CEF sponsored 16 programs and CTF funded 44 trips for over 100 students. As you can see, we have had a great increase over the last two years in the number of requests for this fund.

The rate and nature of funding is subject to student requests; this year we have seen an increase in the amount of funds that students are requesting for their trips. They are wanting to send more people to conferences and are traveling farther. In order to accommodate as many trips and students as possible, the student committee evaluates each proposal and makes cuts or budget adjustments if necessary. This year, for a budget of \$127,500, we have already received \$122,000 worth of requests for the Conference and Training Fund, with a number of pending applications at the time of submitting this request.

For the first time we are excited to present SAFC with some demographic information on the students participating in the Conference and Training Fund. Attached to this request is a report on 56 unduplicated students who have received trip funding so far.

#### COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

Each applicant for funding is asked how they will connect what they have learned back to UW Tacoma. Often they are participating in RSO or classroom presentations. The committee receives feedback direct from event or conference attendees with their review of programs. This is especially useful if students are interested in attending the same conference year after year. Most importantly it provides insight into what students learned at a conference or training, and provides feedback on whether or not we should send students to a similar conference in the future.

These reports are also useful in evaluating recurring programs from year to year, and adjusting funding according to the goals and success of previous programs. The committee is exploring ways to make these reports more publically accessible, as we want to share all of the great experiences UW Tacoma students are participating in.

Student Leader Training feedback has come from word of mouth from participants and pre- and post-training surveys. This information has absolutely been used to shape programming for the future.

#### SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

This fund provides an opportunity for any student to pursue their own ideas, as well as an opportunity to make a difference within the campus

community. As a student led committee, this also provides a venue for students to advocate for their peers, and support the student community through resources that benefit all students. This fund also expands opportunities for students to host events or travel to conferences that they may not typically be able to gain access to.

Allowing students to access funds to bring their program ideas to fruition is a wonderful way to increase the number of events that are being offered to our campus community. Students who attend conferences serve as representatives of UW Tacoma – we have seen an increase in the number of students who are traveling to a conference because they are involved in some way. Examples include Mathematics students participating in an international modeling competition, or a computer science student presenting on his research about harvesting energy from trees.

We have seen many clubs return annually to help fund their events. This fund is one of the greatest resources students have on campus. It gives many clubs a chance to put on their events. The Soccer Club RSO receives funding through CEF, and this year we expanded into offering flag football as well. The recently revitalized Vietnamese Student Association put on a very successful Tet Celebration (Lunar New Year) in January with our support.

The best way to understand how meaningful our services are, though, come directly from the students receiving funds. The following is a testimonial from Stacey Fernandez, a senior in the Social Work program, who attended the NASPA Strategies Conference in January.

“I was born to Mexican immigrant parents that fled to the United States in the hopes of a better life for our family, and I remained committed to my education despite the many obstacles I had to navigate as a poor first-generation student of color. There have been many things that I have learned from outstanding faculty at UW Tacoma, and I was elated to find out that the university offered resources for students to further their education outside of the classroom. Thanks to the Conference Fund, I was able to attend the 2020 NASPA Strategies Conference in New Orleans, which is something that I would have never been able to afford on my own.

At the conference, I was able to connect with professionals in the field and get their first-hand accounts of what work they are doing. Furthering my education by attending different sessions and workshops helped me be able to connect my learning in the classroom to real-life work. I have an enormous amount of gratitude for this opportunity; the best way for me to give back to the UW Tacoma community is by informing others students about these funds and offering my assistance with filling out the application.”

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF FUND UTILIZATION**

Considering the high number of requests already received for CTF and CEF, we are well on track to fully allocate our full budget before the end of this fiscal year. We keep detailed tracking of which applications have been provided with funds - we have early application deadlines, especially in CTF, so some funds may be promised but not yet spent, which could be reflected in this report.

**Staff Budget Requests**

Category	Details	Amount Requested
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$0

**Other Budget Requests**

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Travel	Conference and Training Fund S001	<b>\$140,000</b>
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Campus Event Fund S002	<b>\$40,000</b>
	Student Leader Training S003	<b>\$10,000</b>
Food	Student Leader Training S004	<b>\$1,500</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		<b>\$191,500</b>

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<b>COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$191,500</b>

## Supplemental Documents



### **CEF/CTF PROGRAM LIST**

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A list of the events and conferences funded this academic year, up through January 2020



### **CTF DEMOGRAPHICS**

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Demographics from Conference and Training Fund participants



### **STUDENT LEADER TRAINING DEMOGRAPHICS**

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Demographics of participants from 2019 Student Leader Training