

EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

2025 BUDGET PRIORITIES

COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Quality educators and staff are critical to the success of EWU and the students our institution serves. Eastern requests that the legislature fund a salary increase commiserate with the negotiated contracts of the state employees bargaining units. While this increase won't keep pace with inflation, it will help our employees and their families navigate rising prices.

DENTAL THERAPY/HYGIENE: \$6M (\$6M ONGOING, \$10.5M CAPITAL FUNDING)

Eastern Washington University is requesting budget funding to create a master's degree in dental therapy. This high demand degree will provide the opportunity for current dental hygiene practitioners to train for a career as a mid-level oral health care provider. The Dental Therapy Master of Science (M.S.) promises a solid career path in a profession that provides excellent job opportunities. It also serves the region and our goal of educating students for careers that meet the demands of rural, tribal and underserved communities.

Eastern Washington University requests one time funding to relocate the EWU Dental Hygiene Clinic, and ongoing funding to lease space to better collaborate with, and support, the University of Washington Rural Initiatives in Dentistry Program (RIDE). The relocation will ensure uninterrupted dental services are provided to the community, as well as on-time graduation for Eastern's Dental Hygiene students.

APPLIED LEARNING: \$4.4M (ONGOING)

Eastern Washington University is requesting funding to provide an applied learning experience to every incoming student who is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program. Applied learning includes all internships, job-shadowing, research fellowships and nonprofit-based work that our students participate in. To enhance these efforts, the university is requesting funding to create a Center for Internships and Community Engagement and to provide a \$1,500 stipend to each incoming student.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

EWU's capital budget request for the 2025 legislative session focuses on completing projects currently under construction, reducing significant backlogs of maintenance issues, bringing buildings into compliance with new energy efficiency standards and further updating historic buildings in the core of campus.

Martin Williamson Predesign: \$12.5M Design

GeoThermal Node: \$64M

Dental Therapy/Hygiene: \$10.5M

Lucy Covington Center: \$2.4M Design



As the region's polytechnic, Eastern Washington University is a driving force for the culture, economy, workforce and vitality of Washington state. Our graduates think critically and make meaningful contributions in their careers and communities. EWU students, faculty, staff and alumni make significant contributions to the economic and social vitality of the region.

EWU remains the best value for higher education in the state.



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EWU FAST FACTS



89,000+

of alumni reside in
Washington

44,000+

Alumni living
in Spokane County

7,000+

Students from
Washington State



39

All 39 counties in Washington
State are represented by
students at EWU



20:1

Student to faculty
ratio



38%

Student diversity
(Race/Ethnicity)



82%

Students who
graduate with professional
experience



60%

Students who
graduate debt free



42%

First-generation
college students