

ATTACHMENT A: PharmD Tuition Rate Change Student Feedback

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Subject: Share Your Feedback: Proposed 2025-26 Tuition



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
**College of Pharmacy and
Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Dear Student Pharmacist Colleagues,

We have been informed that university leadership is considering increasing tuition for PharmD students for the 2025-26 academic year by 3.4%. This proposed tuition increase aligns with graduate and undergraduate tuition adjustments, which have already been approved by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents reviewed the PharmD tuition proposal at their meeting last week, and they are scheduled to vote on it at their next meeting on March 6-7, 2025.

Here is a breakdown of the proposed tuition increase for PharmD students:

Current Semester Tuition:	\$12,439
Proposed Semester Tuition:	\$12,862
Increase Per Semester:	\$423

University leadership and the Board of Regents would like to receive your input on this proposed tuition increase and any suggestions you may have regarding measures the university can take to provide support and resources for those impacted by this change. We will compile your feedback and share it with the Board of Regents before they make their decision on the university's request to increase your tuition.

On behalf of university leadership and the Board of Regents, we encourage you to share your feedback through the anonymous survey link below. Your honest, constructive, and professional responses are invaluable in helping us identify areas in which we can better support student success and address your needs.

Take the Survey Now!

The survey closes Friday, February 7 at 4:00 PM. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and encourage your classmates to do the same.

Sincerely,



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Profes- sional year	What feedback do you have for the Board of Regents prior to their final decision regarding the tuition increase.	What other feedback would you like to provide relative to additional resources and support needed within the college or University.	Please provide any other comments you would like to share.
PY1	Don't increase tuition!	What resources exactly would this increase go towards?	N/a
PY1	If tuition is going to increase that amount then I believe that parking should be free at the college. We are already paying about \$25,000 a year in tuition with little scholarships available, and tacking on the \$400-700 parking on top of it seems a little ridiculous. Plus the amount that the Board of Regents is proposing to increase tuition is around the price of a perment for the green parking lot for the year, and the orange lot is even more expensive. So if the board of regents feels that tuition needs to be raised then eliminate the addition of the gauging prices to park at the school we are all already attending and paying for.	The only feedback I have again is the ridiculous price to park on campus when we are already paying over \$25,000 a year to attend the university.	
PY1	I don't think it's fair to the students if the Tution is increased every year. Me being an international student, I don't get to apply to a lot of the scholarships which increases my cost of living.		
PY1	Don't do that	N/a	I'm already broke. The increase is a whole month of rent for me currently. Please don't increase it.

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PY1	I would like to ask them to reconsider the tuition increase and take a look at other options. Many students (including me) have already taken out tens of thousands of dollars in loans to pay for tuition.	Many students are coming into the PharmD program with four years of previous educational loans. For example, I am a PY1 who started the program already \$70,000 of student loan debt. This burden of raised tuition should not be a student issue, because we are already struggling to pay for school to begin with.	Please do not raise tuition. We cannot afford school already. If we want to grow the amount of professional students in the program, raising the tuition is not going to help. We need more students, not less
PY1	Perhaps consider implementing the tuition for new incoming students and keep the lower tuition for current students. The increase would essentially cancel out the \$1000 scholarship given to many students who had early or on time applications.	Consider slightly increasing scholarships given to help relieve the extra financial burden of the tuition increase.	
PY1	The university has been functioning on the tuition I currently pay. To account for inflation, you can learn to budget differently.	Increasing the tuition will further burden graduate students financially.	Please reconsider raising the tuition as if inflation occurs it means that students will already be burdened by increasing costs in housing, food, and other factors outside of education.
PY1	Please vote No for tuition increase. Living expenses and grocery have already been such a major financial difficulty. As a grad student who already has the stress of balancing such hard course work. this does not seem feasible	Decrease tuition or increase the allowance for living. the college needs to reassess how expensive rent and living costs have gotten. They should allow more money to be allocated to students	I believe paying for parking in Spokane which is always empty is not fair. Parking is so expensive. Our safety is already always at risk with the crimes that have been occurring. I rarely see security going around. I believe there should be a bigger emphasize on keeping students safe than handing out parking tickets. Orange lot is barely 60% full on a weekday. Paying for parking doesn't make any sense.

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PY1	Inflation of tuition prices and continued tuition increases are unreasonable and unnecessary. It would be more beneficial to assess current budgeting and eliminate unnecessary spending first.		
PY1	This decision directly impacts the students currently enrolled in the program. It will make school even more difficult to afford and less accessible. I hope the Board of Regents recinds this decision.	School is already prohibitively expensive. Please reconsider this tuition increase.	
PY1	I'm sure the complexity of this decision is far beyond my knowledge, so I trust that the University is making an informed and responsible decision for students and faculty/staff, no matter what that decision may be.	No other feedback.	Thank you everyone for your time and consideration.
PY1	If we're not seeing any of the benefits directly from paying even more than we already do and accruing more debt it feels unnecessary and unfair	Ex, the MBA program at WSU makes me pay for a ton of unnecessary books that don't feel helpful to my learning. If we're going to pay more in tuition then put it towards costs like that or don't make us buy as many books	

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PY1	I strongly urge the Board to reconsider the proposed \$400 semester tuition increase. While I understand the financial pressures the university may face, this increase could place a significant burden on students and families, particularly those already struggling with rising living costs and inflation. It's essential that the university remains accessible and affordable to all students, as higher tuition fees can disproportionately affect lower-income families, potentially limiting access to education for many.	<p>Along with the tuition discussion, I believe the university should focus on enhancing its support systems for students. This includes:</p> <p>Increased mental health services to support students navigating academic and personal challenges.</p> <p>More financial aid opportunities, scholarships, and work-study programs to help offset the financial impact of tuition.</p> <p>Improved access to academic resources, such as tutoring services and career development programs, to ensure all students can succeed.</p> <p>Additional resources for faculty, including training in best practices for online teaching, to maintain the quality of education during challenging times. More on tutoring help for students and minority students</p>	I appreciate the Board's dedication to the continued success and improvement of the university. I just urge that any decisions made consider the well-being and future of the student body, ensuring that all students have an equitable opportunity to succeed. Raising tuition could send the wrong message about prioritizing profits over students' educational experiences and needs
PY1	Transparency. Where is that extra \$423 going? I would like to see a breakdown of every single dollar of tuition.	Utilities have increased. Tuition is going to increase. Tariffs go into effect tomorrow. Rent, groceries, gas, etc. will increase as well. Will there be resources for students to help with those increases as well?	Give students an itemized receipt of every dollar of the \$25,724 tuition. I want to know how much is being spent on administration vs the professors. How do you plan to support students with the increase cost of life over the next 4 years?
PY1	Tuition is crushing as it is. Please dont.		
PY1	Not a fan, we already give so much in tuition as it is. We aren't made of money.		
PY1	do not increase it		tuition was a major driver for me not pursuing grad school

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PY1	As a pharmacy student, my first year has been financially straining due to out of pocket expenses such as parking and additional fees. A tuition increase would only add to the burden of the students making education harder to afford. For an out of state student, like myself the cost of tuition is already difficult to manage and increasing it further would only add to the strain of students. I believe the university should explore reallocating unnecessary expenses so that the tuition can remain in budget. The cost of living is rising and keeping the tuition manageable is one of the reason many were able to attend school.	Improvement of campus safety, as safety should be a priority regardless of where we park such as the green parking lot.	Regardless,I truly love this school.

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PY1	We already have so many learning opportunities through our current tuition and curriculum. The increase is my rent which is daunting, so if it doesn't absolutely have to be increased, please consider voting against the proposed increase and leaving our tuition as is. So many of us have loans and work throughout the PharmD program because we need to, and four years is a long time of meticulous saving so we can pay our tuition. If our tuition increases \$423 a semester, and I got this notification my first semester in, it worries me for my future. It is hard as it is with the current economy and increased pricing on daily necessities. Please consider our responses to this survey.	I think we already have amazing resources. I utilize the campus pantry, our Native American Center always has an open door and hygienic supplies, our curriculum has amazing opportunities, and the staff is supportive and warm. The WSU campus has provided me with a lot in my first semester here. I can't think of resources we need within the college. We have computers, printers, an awesome library, a cafe, tutors, lab supplies, extensive parking, etc.	I love being a part of the WSU community. Please consider my and other students' responses to the survey. Go cougs!
PY1	Obviously I don't want the tuition to be raised. I'm sure my feedback won't affect the decision, however.	How much of my money is going toward amenities for Spokane students and not being realized in Yakima?	
PY1	N/A	The greatest fear is yes there is a stem of small increase in respect of the programs needs however what power of approval will come in reign in the future for which the price spikes potentially in the future.	
PY2	We already have to go on unpaid rotations for a full year that leaves most of us unable to work. Having us take out more loans for this absurd	Decrease in fees!	

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PY2	Tuition is already incredibly high. There is no need for an increase.		What will change in the program in return for the increase in tuition? What benefit is there for the students?
PY2	Why do you need more money? We not paying enough per semester ?		What is a 3.4% really going to do? I understand per person it's 400\$ so it adds up but this just seems so trivial. It's already expensive in total
PY2	I think tuition should be kept the same as the year started for the student throughout thier education. Increasing tution for students who have to continue in order to graduate is inconsiderate and really gives the student no option. I fear even the feedback given here by students will not have a stop on the increase and this qualtrics is ment to seem as a curtesy.	The security for the parking lots. There have been multiple car windows smashed in over the years. With the price of parking there should be more cameras and security.	
PY2	It is ridiculous the tuition is already too high for mediocre service.	None I have no time as it is so increased resources is not needed. I would rather pay less and have less resources honestly	
PY2	I do feel like an increase in tuition can be hard on a lot of students that are paying both out of pocket but as well as getting loans out for school. I don't think an increase in tuition would be a good thing for students.	n/a	n/a

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PY2	I personally do not approve of the tuition increase. There is no transparency for why this is happening and students already struggle to pay for school whether they are paying out of pocket or with student loans.	I feel as if the tuition increase does not directly reflect in the resources and support that we are currently receiving. Students are already stressed out enough, especially over current events and the economy/the future of federal loans, and we do not have very accessible counseling or therapy resources.	
PY2	Tuition is expensive enough as it is already. Cost of living is too high. This increase is equivalent to a months worth of groceries for my family and we are already struggling to get by while I am in school.	NA	NA
PY2	I am worried that we may not be able to get government student loans in the future.		
PY3	This is ill-advised; barely more than a year ago, you decreased out-of-state tuition by 30%, while not making the program any more affordable for the students who made the prudent decision to stay in-state for their degree. This looks like you are trying to increase costs for everyone to compensate for a decision that was criticized and frowned upon to start with.	If you want to make college more accessible for everyone, invest in childcare for families and food resources for everyone. Keep the school week to maximum of 4 days so that students can work jobs off campus, and offer some classes as a hybrid (like lab tutorial as a recorded zoom lecture, and lab class in-person).	

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PY3	<p>Increasing college tuition places an unnecessary financial burden on students and their families, exacerbating existing issues of accessibility and affordability in higher education. This decision not only limits opportunities for those from lower-income backgrounds but also contributes to the growing student debt crisis, ultimately hindering economic mobility and workforce development. At a time when education should be more accessible than ever, raising tuition is a counterproductive measure that prioritizes institutional revenue over student success. Due to declining enrollment, we have already implemented a 50% reduction in student programming and resources, significantly limiting the support available to our student body. Further increasing tuition would only exacerbate this issue, restricting access to essential services that contribute to student success.</p> <p>Additionally, students are already facing increases in parking fees and student health fees, further compounding financial strain. Raising tuition alongside these added costs risks making higher education even less accessible, potentially discouraging future enrollment and worsening the cycle of financial instability.</p>		

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PY3	I am curious how the increase in tuition will translate to improved content in the PharmD degree. Specifically, what aspects of the curriculum has improved or will improve so that a 3.4% increase is warranted? What about the degree has gotten more valuable to warrant and additional \$400+ per semester?	There should be a clear and public plan for how that money is being spent down to the last dollar. Fourth year students will be working for free on APPE rotations, unable to earn significant wage and now being charged \$800 more for tuition by the university that we won't even be stepping foot on or taking classes with next year. It's laughable.	If it has been approved, why do they want feedback from students? What student is going to be supportive of higher tuition out of the blue for no apparent reason other than it's "consistent with undergraduate tuition adjustments?"
PY3	Most of us are going to owe 100k+ in student loans when we graduate. I don't think there should be a tuition increase, especially for PY4 students who have to significantly cut back the number of hours working at their internships in order to do rotations.		
PY3	Please do not do this		