The Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas region is one of the most underserved regions of the state for access to baccalaureate and graduate post-secondary degree programs. An analysis by Washington STEM found that by 2026 there will be 3,615 family-wage job openings in the region that require a four-year post-secondary degree, but in 2018 only 1,254 high school students in the region were projected to go on to earn a four-year degree or higher.

2020 Budget Request

Western is requesting $1.9 million per year to significantly reduce tuition rates for students attending Western on the Peninsulas and to improve recruitment and student support services.

- $12,000 tuition reduction over two years for students attending WWU on the Peninsulas
- Improved four-year degree pathways for the residents of the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas through targeted recruitment and student support strategies
- Increase of at least 100 students attending Western on the Peninsulas
- Remove significant inequalities between students attending WWU’s Bellingham campus and place-bound students served by Western on the Peninsulas

State-Funded Degrees = More Access

State-funded baccalaureate degree

$16,686*

Tuition/Self-Funded baccalaureate degree

$28,710*

($12,024)*

*Total Tuition & Fees over 2 years (6 quarters)