



2019-2020 University of Washington Student Regent Application

The University of Washington Board of Regents has the authority and responsibility to govern and set policy across the University by setting mission and strategic direction, overseeing financial resources and other assets, selecting and evaluating the University President, and establishing institutional policies and procedures. Within this structure, the Student Regent has the responsibility to bring the student perspective to the table, and through this position, they are uniquely capable of facilitating relationships across the three campuses and of impacting the budgetary policy and financial decision-making of the University. In compensation for their time and service, the Student Regent receives a scholarship for tuition costs during his or her regency. Duties performed as Regent are reimbursed at the [applicable per diem rate](#), in accordance with Board policy. The time commitment required of the Student Regent is considerable. They may, but need not necessarily, accept additional UW employment, in any case not to exceed 100 percent time, as their schedule and coursework permit, but must decline any tuition or fee waiver associated with that employment.

Applicants must:

- a. Be **full-time** UW students in good standing at the time of appointment and throughout the 2019-20 academic year and currently enrolled in at least 12 credits for undergraduate and professional students or 10 credits for graduate students, or on leave (as defined by UW Employment and Administrative Policies, University Employment, Chapter 104, Student Employees).
- b. Have a **minimum grade point average of 3.0**.
- c. Be available to serve from **June 2019 to June 2020**.
- d. Be available for a **30-minute interview** on Saturday, April 27th between 2 PM and 5 PM or Sunday, April 28th between 2 PM and 5:30 PM.

Please note that:

- Applicants must **solicit 2-3 letters of recommendations** pertaining to volunteer, academic, school, or work-related activities.
- A select number of applicants will be interviewed for the position. Following interviews, 3-5 finalists will be selected on or before May 1st for consideration by The Office of The Governor.
- If you are selected as a finalist, you **cannot** run as a candidate in the ASUW Bothell, ASUW Seattle, ASUW Tacoma, or GPSS elections.
- Students in Professional and Continuing Education programs are not eligible.
- Your application may be released to the public if requested.

For questions about:

- The position and experience, contact current Student Regent Kaitlyn Zhou at stureg@uw.edu
- The application process and past practices, contact Associate Vice President for Student Life Lincoln Johnson at llj@uw.edu
- Application submission or other logistics, contact ASUW President Ritika Jain at asuwpres@uw.edu

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION.



Student Regent Duties and Powers

The Student Regent is a full member of the University of Washington Board of Regents, with two main exceptions that are outlined below. Below are selected state of Washington statutes concerning the structure and role of the Board of Regents. Please feel free to contact the ASUW President Ritika Jain (asuwpres@uw.edu) with any questions or concerns. Additionally, feel free to contact the current Student Regent Kaitlyn Zhou (stureg@uw.edu) and the Associate Vice President for Student Life Lincoln Johnson (lj@uw.edu).

RCW 28B.20.100 Regents — Appointment — Terms — Vacancies — Quorum.

(1) The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested in a board of regents to consist of ten members, one of whom shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and, except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of October and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from the first day of July until the first day of July of the following year or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

(2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

(3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of September in any one year.

(4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring, discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

RCW 28B.20.130 Powers and duties of regents — General. General powers and duties of the board of regents are as follows:

(1) To have full control of the university and its property of various kinds, except as otherwise provided by law.

(2) To employ the president of the university, his or her assistants, members of the faculty, and employees of the institution, who except as otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions during the pleasure of said board of regents.

(3) Establish entrance requirements for students seeking admission to the university which meet or exceed the standards specified under RCW [28B.77.020](#). Completion of examinations



satisfactory to the university may be a prerequisite for entrance by any applicant at the university's discretion. Evidence of completion of public high schools and other educational institutions whose courses of study meet the approval of the university may be acceptable for entrance.

- (4) Establish such colleges, schools, or departments necessary to carry out the purpose of the university and not otherwise proscribed by law.
- (5) With the assistance of the faculty of the university, prescribe the course of study in the various colleges, schools, and departments of the institution and publish the necessary catalogues thereof.
- (6) Grant to students such certificates or degrees as recommended for such students by the faculty. The board, upon recommendation of the faculty, may also confer honorary degrees upon persons other than graduates of this university in recognition of their learning or devotion to literature, art, or science: PROVIDED, that no degree shall ever be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the giving of property of whatsoever kind.
- (7) Accept such gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise, for the use or benefit of the university, its colleges, schools, departments, or agencies; and sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits, and income thereof except as limited by the terms of said gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises. The board shall adopt proper rules to govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds of all fees, and the proceeds, rents, profits, and income of all gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises above-mentioned.
- (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, to enter into such contracts as the regents deem essential to university purposes.
- (9) To submit upon request such reports as will be helpful to the governor and to the legislature in providing for the institution.
- (10) To offer new degree programs, offer off-campus programs, participate in consortia or centers, contract for off-campus educational programs, and purchase or lease major off-campus facilities in accordance with RCW [28B.77.080](#).
- (11) To confer honorary degrees upon persons who request an honorary degree if they were students at the university in 1942 and did not graduate because they were ordered into an internment camp. The honorary degree may also be requested by a representative of deceased persons who meet these requirements. For the purposes of this subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation center to which persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential Executive Order 9066, signed February 19, 1942.



ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer **ALL** of the following questions. Limit your entire response to a total of five pages, double-spaced, 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Please label each page with your name and page number.

1. Why are you interested in the position of Student Regent?
2. Please describe an experience where you served as a leader and how it impacted your communities.
3. Please describe an experience where you were part of a decision-making process but were unfamiliar with the topic. What steps did you take to develop an informed approach?
4. What issue(s) do you believe are not currently being addressed adequately by the University? How would you use your position within the Board of Regents to address it? For reference, past Board of Regents meeting minutes can be found [here](#).
5. Please describe an experience where you had to manage priorities, goals, and contention among two or more groups. How is this experience reflective of your capacity as a regent?

SUBMISSION

Please submit the following documents **as PDFs** by **11:59 pm on Thursday, April 18th, 2019** at <https://tinyurl.com/StuRegUW1920>:

1. **Essay question responses** (2000 word maximum)
2. **Resume** (two pages maximum)
3. **Unofficial transcript**.

Please note that **two to three letters of recommendation** pertaining to volunteer, academic, school, or work-related activities must also be submitted to the Student Regent Selection Committee through the ASUW President Ritika Jain at asuwpres@uw.edu.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.