

WSU's Tri-Cities Agenda: 2009-2011
"The Land Grant University for the 21st Century"

Operating Budget

- 1. Protect the maintenance-level operating budget.** Among the particular areas to watch is the continued base funding for the STARS program which assists BSEL's bioproducts research program.
- 2. Enrollment at WSU Tri-Cities \$1.3 million**
WSU's budget request anticipates 100 new enrollments for WSU Tri-Cities. This total includes 90 undergraduate student enrollments and 12 graduate student enrollments. This enrollment requests utilizes existing facilities capacity and do not require new construction to implement. *WSU Tri-Cities enrollment funding is part of WSU's overall enrollment request.*
- 3. Emerging Issues in Agriculture \$ 4 million**
This proposal adds vital scientific capacity to Washington State University's ability to respond to unprecedented challenges in agriculture in the Columbia Basin and the Yakima Valley at this critical time. Energy costs are impacting the ability of farmers to produce their crops and transport them to market. Disease and pest threats such as honey bee colony collapse disorder, sudden oak death, grape leaf roller virus, etc. are just some of the new devastating threats to growing crops. Food-borne illness events such as the recent recall of tomatoes and beef products have raised new human health concerns about the safety of our food supply. This package increases funding for the Washington State Pesticide Commission and it also bolsters WSU programs at numerous locations around the state including the university's research and extension centers in Mount Vernon, Puyallup, Wenatchee, Prosser, and Pullman.
- 4. Latino & Indigenous People's Research Institute (Pullman) \$600,000**
WSU and the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs propose creation of a professional and academic center headed by two faculty members that study policy issues related to Latinos/as and Native Americans. This would be the first such research center established in the Northwest. Given the increasing demographics of these populations and the challenges that continue to grow year by year, research unique to the Northwest is needed. The request funds two faculty positions to lead a coordinated research effort to study social, political, immigration,

economic, labor, health, and educational issues that continue to impact Latino/as and Indigenous peoples across the state and region.

5. School for Global Animal Health (Pullman) \$ 6.4 million

Funding is requested for creation of the new WSU School for Global Animal Health to provide practical, innovative solutions to infectious disease challenges through research, education, global outreach, and application of disease control at the animal-human interface. The funding will secure eight faculty positions, four of which will be key senior level, internationally recognized faculty, to launch the school in the areas of animal-human disease transmission, vaccine development, disease surveillance and global animal health policy. The School of Global Animal Health will advance science, people, and policy to discover novel approaches for disease intervention and delivery of preventive health care for animals and humans.

6. Contract Research Laboratory Pilot/ASL (Spokane) \$ 1.3 million

\$1.3 million is requested for four exempt staff scientists to convert the Applied Science

Laboratory in Spokane into a contract research organization (CRO). The proposed model will be far more nimble than conventional university organizations in implementing partnerships between the university and private businesses. This model would be a pilot at WSU Spokane that could be spread to other disciplines at other WSU campuses, such as Tri-Cities, in future years.

Capital Budget

7. WSU Tri-Cities Minor Capital \$1 million

At least \$1 million of the WSU minor works budget request is earmarked for infrastructure at WSU Tri-Cities. There may be additional allocations for preservation, safety, and minor capital improvement projects. *The Tri-Cities minor works infrastructure request is included in the university's overall minor works preservation request.*