



# EWU 2015-17

## STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### EWU BY THE NUMBERS

- 2014 Enrollment: **13,453**
- Tuition cost: **\$7,972**
- Percentage of students receiving financial aid: **75%**
- Students from Washington: **90%**
- STEM degrees awarded: **20%**
- First-generation college students: **44%**
- Underrepresented populations: **35%**
- Transfer students: **53%**

### EWU INNOVATIONS

- EWU is the first university to partner with community colleges to offer a reverse transfer.
- EWU is the first university in the state to offer a 3-year bachelor's degree.
- EWU offers more than 200 courses online in more than 60 programs.
- EWU partners with Bellevue College and Lower Columbia College to offer numerous bachelor's degrees for place-bound students.

#### **PRIORITY #1** REINVEST IN HIGHER EDUCATION, \$198 MILLION (\$19 MILLION FOR EWU)

- Washington's six public universities are committed to continuing a freeze in undergraduate resident tuition with a new investment of \$198 million in our sector.

#### **PRIORITY #2** SUPPORT A NEW EWU SCIENCE BUILDING, \$72 MILLION

- A new science building will enable Eastern Washington University to expand STEM programs.
- Nearly half of STEM majors are first-generation students; an equivalent number are from low-income families.
- Over the next 10 years, the university's student population is projected to increase by 20 percent.
- In 2014-15, more than 1,700 EWU students are majoring in STEM-related fields.

#### **PRIORITY #3** STUDENT ADVISING, \$2 MILLION

- EWU aspires to be a national leader in providing effective student advising, a significant key to student retention and graduation.

#### **PRIORITY #4** SUPPORT GROWTH IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES, \$3.4 MILLION

- Health-related fields represent the fastest-growing jobs in the greater Spokane region.
- \$1.5 million will enable growth in health-related, high-demand degree programs in EWU's College of Health Science and Public Health in Spokane.
- \$1.9 million will enable an expansion of the UW RIDE program and expansion of EWU's dental hygiene program, delivering care to underserved populations.

#### **PRIORITY #5** BUILD ON OUR SUCCESS IN STEM, \$2 MILLION

- In 2014, Eastern awarded the second-highest number of computer science degrees in the state.
- EWU looks forward to being a part of any proposal that supports growth in computer science, engineering and related fields.



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