

Service & Activities Fee Base Funding Request Form

Transfer Center

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Pending Approval

2026-2029 Service & Activities Fee Base Funding Request Form

Program/Department Name

Transfer Center

Program Manager

Megan McConnell

Do you currently receive S&A Base Funding?

No

How does the program support the University's Vision and Mission?

<https://www.cwu.edu/about/mission-vision/>

The Transfer Center supports the university's mission to be a model learning community of equity and belonging in many ways. Transfer students make up 41% of CWU's undergraduate population and are more ethnically diverse than our first-year population. They are also more diverse in that they tend to be older and more likely to be parents. They face both stigma and logistical barriers to success simply in the fact that they transferred - the pathway from other colleges sometimes having been seen as "less than" and sometimes not carrying forward all credit. Furthermore, we don't require that transfer students live on campus, take a university 101-type class, or even attend orientation (until this fall for Ellensburg students only). What we see is that transfer students are more likely by almost any metric to be academically successful than their first-year counterparts, yet less likely to feel a sense of belonging and connection. Transfer Center programming for current students seeks to counteract that lack of engagement.

How does your request support current CWU students?

When I began as director, I did not understand that the S&A funding cycle happened every four years, nor that programming activities for current students could be supported by these funds. Consequently, I've had a very difficult time (once campus opened back up again) doing much of anything for current students, as my state-funded budget is intended to be spent on recruitment of new students. In the attached budget template and org chart, I added a third sheet called "Itemized Budget" that shows the goods and supplies that would be purchased to support various events/activities to engage the transfer student population in Ellensburg.

What metrics or assessment do you have (or intend to have) to measure the success of your program?

We conduct a survey every spring that assesses a variety of indicators for transfer student engagement, it is attached. We also do a pre- and post-survey for LLC students.

Is this program associated with enrollment in academic course or academic credit?

No

Identify your S&A funding category?

Did any organizational changes occur in your previous quadrennial in comparison to this quadrennial ask?

No

Submit Base Funding Budget Form and Organizational Chart*

located: <https://www.cwu.edu/about/offices/services-activities/resources/index.php>

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Additional Documents (optional)*

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