

# University of Washington Tacoma

## MISSION

The University of Washington Tacoma educates diverse learners and transforms communities by expanding the boundaries of knowledge and discovery.

## VISION

The University of Washington Tacoma envisions itself at the hub of a vibrant community recognized as being among the best educated in the country. As one of three campuses of a world-class university, UW Tacoma is dedicated to interdisciplinary and innovative teaching and scholarship and to engaging the community in mutually beneficial partnerships. UW Tacoma's commitment to diversity is central to an environment where students, staff, faculty and South Sound residents find abundant opportunities for intellectual, personal and professional growth.

## DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The University of Washington Tacoma...

...**engages minds** through creative, rigorous and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and scholarship that encourage lifelong learning and prepare graduates who will communicate effectively, think critically and creatively, apply technology, act responsibly and effect positive change.

...**is a student-centered community** that places high value on quality teaching and learning in a setting that supports the needs and diversity of its undergraduate and graduate student bodies.

...**is dedicated to exploring challenging issues** and divergent ideas and opinions in the context of respect for human worth and dignity, while bound to high ethical standards and principles for civil discussion and debate.

...**is committed to diversity** through nurturing a campus community where similarities and differences are acknowledged and respected. UW Tacoma welcomes and supports individuals of any age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability, and ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic background.

...**is innovative, entrepreneurial and collaborative** in its approach to teaching, scholarship, creating new educational programs, establishing partnerships, and constructing and renovating campus buildings.

...**is connected** with the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges in providing seamless educational pathways for students seeking a baccalaureate education.

**...is a catalyst for economic, technological and community development**, helping to attract new and relocating businesses, enriching cultural life, inspiring educational achievement, and serving as a powerful resource for varied segments of the community, including health care, K-12 education, the arts, business, labor, nonprofit services, and government.

**...is an urban campus** focusing on local, regional, national and international issues, building on a commitment to provide access to a university education to residents of the South Puget Sound, and fueling the revitalization of downtown Tacoma.

**...is proud to be a campus of the University of Washington**, upholding its traditions within higher education while pioneering highly effective, nontraditional approaches to implementing its mission.