

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 1, 5, 11, 39, 41, 45, 46, 48

Overview

As the only public institute of technology in Washington state, Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech) provides students with the latest, in-demand skills relevant to today’s workplace. LWTech offers 11 applied bachelor’s degrees, more than 41 associate degrees and 83 professional certificates in 41 areas of study, including STEM-focused programs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Grounded in equity and the need for resilience, LWTech’s values give us the tools to implement our mission and vision. Working to create an inclusive, innovative, collaborative and respectful community, LWTech helps people of every age, and background, achieve their educational and career goals.

Meet Benjamin Rawald



Benjamin Rawald knew he wanted to be an engineer from the first time he felt a current run through his fingers during a second-grade science project. Over time, his interests evolved from PC part assembly to hardware engineering because he wanted to reduce the world’s toxic tech footprint. Benjamin graduated from LWTech with an engineering transfer degree and transferred to UW Bothell. While at LWTech, he was named to the national All-USA Academic team. Additionally, he was named as one of WSECU’s Top-16 scholars, as a New Century Transfer/Workforce Scholar, and he received the Jan Yoshiwara All-WA Scholar Award.

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Benjamin Rawald and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at LWTech rather than pursue higher paying positions with private employers or K-12 schools. Our students will train for careers in robust workforce programs, with modern equipment and learning spaces that mirror their future work environments. We will be able to expand technology to bring a college education to more people in more ways, which is especially important for working adults. And, all our students will benefit from an inclusive environment where they are valued, supported and equipped to reach their goals.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	5,052
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	2,743
Full-time	55%
Part-time	45%
Students of color.....	50%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Lake Washington Institute of Technology will receive approximately \$4.3 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Lake Washington Institute of Technology will receive approximately \$5,074,400 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, \$38,949,000 in state funds and \$500,000 in local funds for construction of the Center for Design, and \$48,469,000 for design and construction of the East Building renovation and expansion.

