Student Media FY25 IFC Allocation

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Why It's Important





Student Media empowers, inspires, informs, educates, and entertains students, staff, faculty, and local community members.

It's an opportunity for students to express their authentic selves, develop professional and personal skills, and uncover their confidence.

Organizational Structure:

Student Engagement









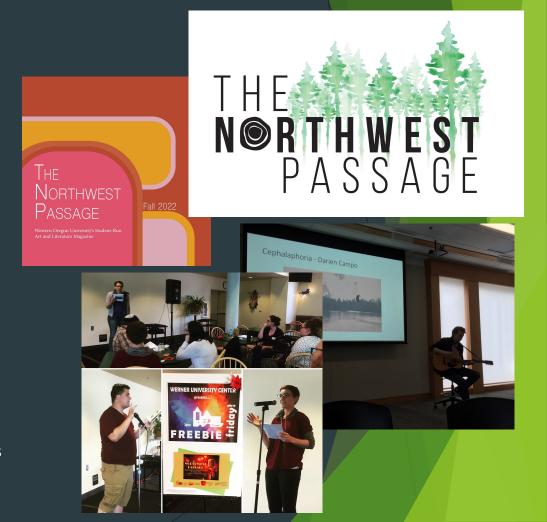






Northwest Passage

- Student-run literary & arts magazine published once per term.
 - Submissions accepted from all WOU students, staff, faculty, and alumni. Approximately 100+ per term.
- Physical copies are Free
 - > 150 available around campus
 - Digitally available on Northwest passage website.
- Editor-in-Chief in charge of operations
 - Editorial Board made up of 3+ volunteers



KWOU

 Student-run online radio station and Pawdcast Studio.

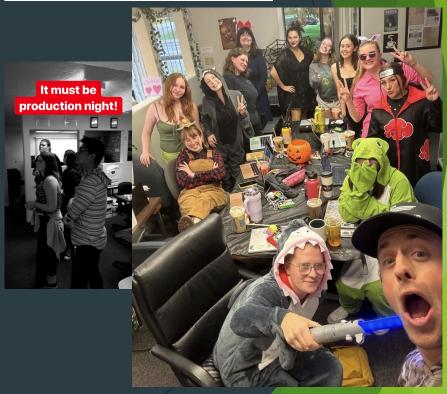
- Radio Shows
 - Live and pre-recorded
- Music
 - Streaming online
- Pawdcast Studio
 - Full studio to upload episodes
- Student employment opportunities
 - Station Manager
 - ☐ Volunteer: DJs, Techs, and Podcasters



The Western Howl

- Award winning, student-run newspaper since 1923.
- 3 physical issues per year, and bi-weekly digital releases.
 - > Published online. (viewer spikes on publication day)
- Social media engagement increase
 - Instagram (@thewesternhowl) (28vs45)
 - TikTok (@westernhowl)
- Student employment opportunities
 - Editor-in-Chief, Copy Editor, Section Editors (News, Entertainment, Lifestyle, and Sports), Designers (2), Digital Media Manager, and Photo Editor.
- Freelancing
 - > A chance for student writers to get published.
 - Internship opportunities
 - > Fulfill credits for specific degrees.





What
Does it
Cost?



\$70,631Total IFC Allocation

Of that, \$54,079, is student payroll.

76.5% of IFC Student Media dollars

are dedicated to student employment

Brief Breakdown by Index:

- SEO904 Student Media Operations
 - □ \$3,506 IFC Allocation
 - Admin. Costs. Supplies.

- SE0905 Northwest Passage
 - □ \$8,621 IFC Allocation
 - □ \$5,284 Student payroll
 - \$2,126 Printing costs (3 issues per year)

- SEO906 The Western Howl
 - □ \$50,399 IFC Allocation
 - \$3,000 FoundationUtilization
 - \$43,466 Student Payroll
 - \$2,026 Printing costs (3 issues per year)
- **♦** SEO907 *KWOU*
 - □ \$8,105 IFC Allocation
 - \$5,329 Student payroll
 - Subscriptions. Repairs.

Cut Packages Story

With a 5% cut to Student Media,

Physical copies for the Western Howl (3 issues per year) will be eliminated and funds from KWOU (services and supplies) will be reduced.

With a 10% cut to Student Media,

A student employment opportunity will be eliminated from the Western Howl Newspaper, additional funds will be reduced from KWOU (services and supplies), and funds from student media operations (repairs) will be reduced.

With a 15% cut to Student Media,

A student employment opportunity will be eliminated from the Western Howl Newspaper.

Enhancements

The last two IFC budget cycles resulted in Student Media budget cuts of 30.80% or \$28,505 total for both years. We know the IFC budget and WOU enrollment is not in a position to provide funds to address those cuts.

We are asking for 4 ongoing enhancement requests to be considered.

SEO905 (Northwest Passage Magazine) \$914 to enhance the printing budget for physical copies (more editions and more pages to display student work) through Eagle Web Press.

SEO907 (KWOU Radio Station and Pawdcast Studio) \$1,666 to purchase the necessary equipment (speakers, mic, cables, etc.) for putting together an audio cart to use for DJ events.

SEO906 (Western Howl Newspaper) \$6,330 to offer five (8 page) physical issues per term from Eagle Web Press in Salem.

SEO904 (Student Media Operations) \$722 for repairing equipment if any equipment within Student Media starts malfunctioning or having issues.

Conclusion

Why Student Media is Important

It's an opportunity for students to:
Express their authentic selves
Develop professional and personal skills
Uncover their confidence
Social interaction, connection, and an opportunity to nourish the mind through the creative process.

Major Highlight

All three media branches have developed additional accessibility options for the first time in history which stays in line with WOU's Strategic Planning initiatives.

Questions?