THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPATES IN BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE WORK STUDY PROGRAMS TO HELP ON AND OFF CAMPUS EMPLOYERS MEET THEIR TEMPORARY STAFFING NEEDS. THE WORK STUDY PROGRAMS PROVIDE BRIGHT, TALENTED STUDENTS WITH MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WHILE REIMBURSING EMPLOYERS FOR 60% OF THE STUDENT’S WAGES.

WHAT IS WORK STUDY?
Work Study is a federal program that provides undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to work to help them offset their higher education costs. Work Study makes it easier for students to earn wages that can cover personal expenses to help reduce overall loan debt.

HOW DOES WORK STUDY WORK?
At the UW, Work Study helps subsidize your hourly wage up to 60% while your employer covers the remaining 40%. Given limited funds throughout the University, departments make it a point to hire students who have a Work Study award. If you have a Work Study job, you will still receive your wages via check or direct deposit just like you would with any job that is non-Work Study.

HOW DO I GET WORK STUDY?
Students with financial need, who complete a FAFSA and opt into the program, will likely see a Work Study award as part of their financial aid package. If you completed a FAFSA and did not see a Work Study award in your official financial aid offer letter, you can see a financial aid counselor to see if you could be placed on a waitlist to receive Work Study.

HOW MANY HOURS AM I ALLOWED TO WORK UNDER WORK STUDY?
Although there are no minimum hours, you may work no more than 19 hours per week while classes are in session. You may work more hours during quarter breaks but you should not work more than 40 works per week (including summer).

CAN I RECEIVE SUMMER WORK STUDY EVEN IF I AM NOT ENROLLED IN CLASSES?
Yes, you can receive a Summer Work Study award to work full time (up to 40 hours) even if you are not enrolled in courses. If you are enrolled in summer courses, your hours should be reduced to 19 per week. If you are interested in Summer Work Study, make sure to see a financial aid counselor as there a series of steps you must complete to be eligible for this particular award.