

2026 FUSE Career Fair Campus Engagement Grant

FUSE CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Davenport Grand Hotel

WHAT IS THE FUSE CAREER FAIR?

Previously known as the Partnership Fair, the FUSE Career Fair is an annual career fair held in downtown Spokane, Washington. Each spring, Gonzaga University, Eastern Washington University, University of Idaho, Washington State University, and Whitworth University host a collaborative career fair. Students from all these Universities are invited to participate.

PURPOSE

The 2026 Campus Engagement Grant is designed to encourage faculty and staff members from participating schools (Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, University of Idaho, Washington State University, and Whitworth University) to integrate career-related networking skill development into the classroom experience by participating in the 2026 FUSE Career Fair.

DESCRIPTION

The 2026 FUSE Career Fair is sponsoring the campus engagement grant initiative. Faculty and staff members can earn a \$500 professional development grant to be remitted to their respective department and ear-marked for that individual's professional development.

To be eligible, faculty and staff members from the 5 Universities listed above must:

- 1) Promote the 2026 FUSE Career Fair in their Spring 2026 courses or to students they advise.
- 2) Attend the 2026 FUSE Career Fair with at least 20 of their students.
- 3) Prepare a one-page summary describing how they prepared students to participate in the 2026 FUSE Career Fair and how they followed-up with students after the event.

PROCESS

- 1) Faculty or staff member alerts career center staff members at each institution that they intend to participate in the initiative no later than Wednesday, February 25, 2026, by completing the Intent to Participate Form (the second page of this document). Grant opportunities are limited so early notification is encouraged.
- 2) Faculty or staff member creates a PPT slide deck that explains how career fairs can enhance a job search and what to do at a career fair. They can contact their career center for assistance with this presentation if needed.
- 3) Faculty or staff member attends the FUSE Career Fair and provides a roster of at least 20 students planning to attend the Fair to their career center staff member/representative.
- 4) Faculty or staff provides the career center staff member with a 1-page summary of what they did to prepare students, what they experienced at the fair, and how they followed up with students after the event.

2026 FUSE Campus Engagement Grant Intent to Participate Form

Name: _____

University: ☐ EWU ☐ Gonzaga ☐ U of Idaho ☐ WSU ☐ Whitworth

Campus Department: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Course(s) or Activity(s) Participating in the 2026 Career Fair:

Total Number of Students Enrolled in the Course(s) or Activity(s) above:

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

I intend to participate in the FUSE Career Fair 2026 Campus Engagement Grant program by incorporating the career fair into the courses or activity listed above. As described in the Campus Engagement Grant guidelines, at least twenty (20) students will participate in this program. If fewer than 20 students participate, the funds disbursed will be directly correlated to the percentage of students participating (i.e., 10 of 20 students participating = 50%. 50% of \$500, or \$250, will be awarded).

Signature

Date

Please save this form, sign it, and forward it to your university representative to the 2026 FUSE Career Fair (listed below) by Wednesday, February 25, 2026:

- Gonzaga University, Katherine Brackmann, Associate Director, brackmann@gonzaga.edu
- Eastern Washington University, John Mangiantini, Director, jmangiantini@ewu.edu
- University of Idaho, Eric Anderson, Associate Director for Employer Relations, esanderson@uidaho.edu
- Washington State University, Amanda Morgan, Associate Director, a.morgan@wsu.edu
- Whitworth University, Tracy Mouser, Director, tmouser@whitworth.edu