

REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Partnering with WICHE since 2022



2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$18,426 TOTAL SAVED

by Republic of Palau students
in AY 2022 through WICHE
Student Access Programs

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through WUE
AY 2022

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



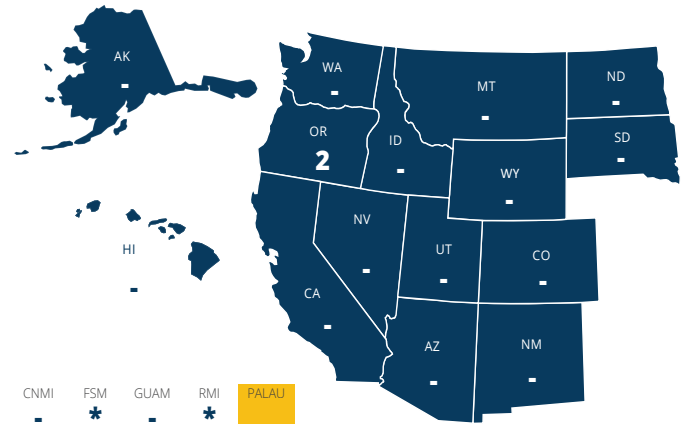
WUE

Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students
on out-of-state tuition. They pay
no more than 150% of in-state
tuition at partner institutions
across the West.

Top out-of-state
WUE schools for
Palau undergraduate
students:

- ▶ **Eastern Oregon University (2)**

WUE STUDENTS FROM PALAU: **2**



* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

58% ROI

 gained on Palau's WICHE membership dues (\$31,800/FY 2023)

The Republic of Palau is a member of the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States membership. This membership allows more students access to tuition savings, workforce development, and behavioral health programs. WICHE's Pacific Islands membership is open to all the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States after they pass the necessary legislation.

Active members include the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (2012), Guam (2016), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (2021), the Federated States of Micronesia (2021), and the Republic of Palau (2022). WICHE's growing partnership in the region is thanks in part to substantial collaboration, as well as a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, which has covered annual dues for the past two fiscal years.

“ We want to prepare our students to learn and to lead successful lives, so that they can return to Palau to give back to their communities. Being a WICHE member will help in pursuit of that goal. ”

DALE JENKINS, PHD. Palau Minister of Education

Regional collaboration



OUR GROWING PARTNERSHIP in the region is thanks in part to substantial collaboration and leadership, as well as a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, which was renewed for a second consecutive year in 2022 to cover WICHE's annual dues. Participation in WICHE is open to all the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States, once they pass the necessary legislation; currently this includes the CNMI, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

- ▶ **Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders** – 2-year institutions
- ▶ **Western Academic Leadership Forum** – 4-year institutions
- ▶ **Western Academic Leadership Academy** is a year-long professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region.

NO HOLDING BACK Twelve WICHE institutions participate in a community of practice in which institutions are analyzing data and revising policies related to transcript and student holds in 2022-23.

Sound public policy



KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit knocking.wiche.edu to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

DATA RESOURCES WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

DATA EXPERTS WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across the West.

SPECIAL PROJECTS WICHE continues to advocate for considering the unique challenges faced by the Pacific Islands and the need for incorporating their data in federal collections and analysis.

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