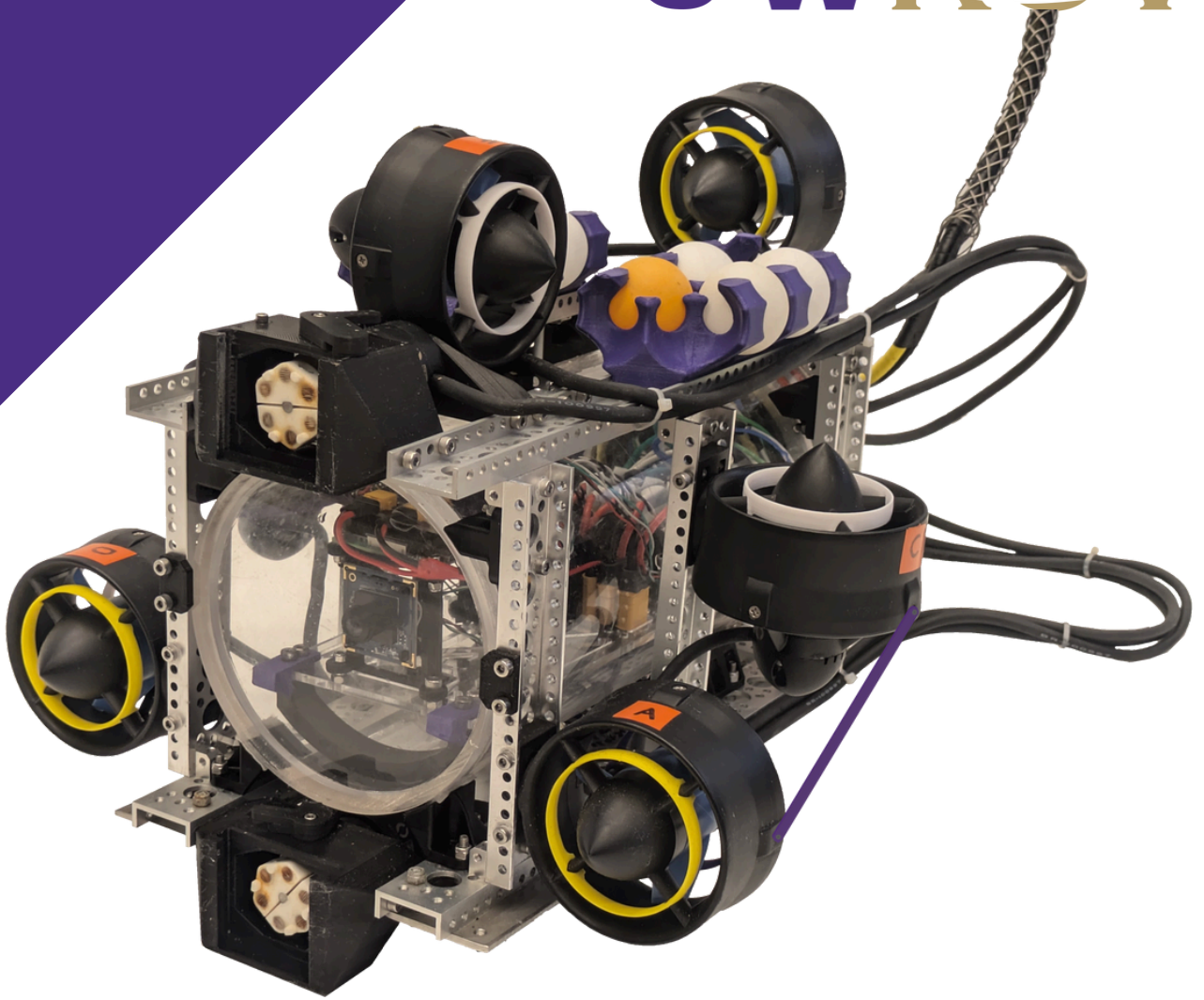


**UWROV**



# **Sponsorship Packet 2025-2026**

# What is UWROV?

We are the *Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles* team (UWROV) at the University of Washington! We are a team of over fifty undergraduate students working to design, build, and compete with underwater robots at the international Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) competition. At UWROV, students gain hands-on experience developing solutions to real-world challenges in marine science and technology, better preparing them for their future endeavors beyond university.



Photo Courtesy of Rowan Newell

## Our Past

UWROV has consistently placed in the top 10 teams at the MATE international competition's highest division. In 2025, we ranked **ninth overall in the world**, and were recognized for our exceptional technical documentation, engineering presentation, and hardware innovation (published in the Journal of Ocean Technology). We also created and open-sourced an IP2X thruster guard designed to work with Blue Robotics hardware. Our community involvement has also been recognized in MATE newsletters and promotional content.



Photo Courtesy of Suzu Yoshikawa

## Our Future

We intend to continue pushing the boundaries of what is possible in the MATE competition while expanding our club operations to perform real-world research and field work. Our club is committed to not just supporting our student members to new heights, but also to be continually engaged with our local STEM communities of students and scientists. Through constant innovation, a robust and flexible organizational structure, we hope to provide more hands-on robotics experience and mentorship to more students of all ages and background while pursuing connections in scientific exploration to apply our builds.

Above: UWROV Community Lead Aidan Lee works on preparing the ROV for a mission at poolside  
To the Left: UWROV members explain the ROV to another robotics teams at the MATE World competition 2024.

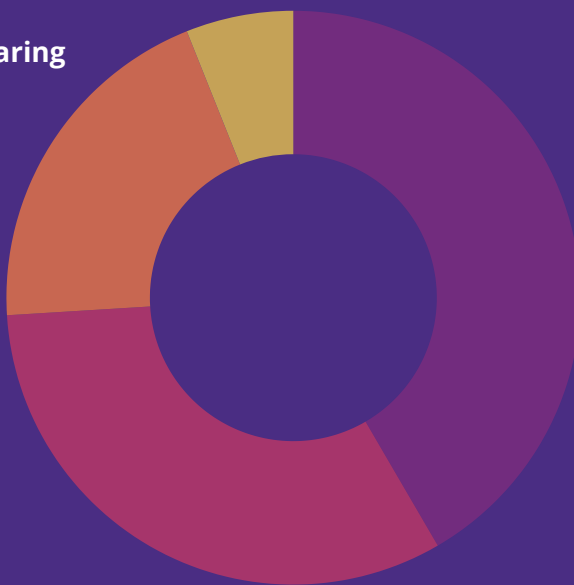


# Our Impact

- At UWROV, we don't just build underwater robots—we also **contribute to our community**, fostering interest and education in STEM for all. In the 2024-2025 season alone, our members contributed over 450 hours of community service through UWROV outreach events, leading to a top three placement in corporate responsibility. We prioritize 4 areas in our outreach, in line with the MATE competition's four ideals, as demonstrated in the graphic below.
- By sponsoring UWROV, you're helping us help our community, and ensuring that our club continues to be able to do the work that it does. To get a more detailed breakdown of all of our events, please check out our [Corporate Responsibility Report](#).

Environmental Impact  
6.1%

Knowledge Sharing  
19.9%



Education Initiatives  
41.6%

Engaging the Community  
32.4%

Photo Courtesy of Sheamin Kim



Above right: UWROV leads present to an elementary Lego robotics team in our shop facilities

Below right: UWROV CTO Imants Smidchens judges an elementary MATE team at a regional competition

Below left: UWROV members pose by tabling display at the Deep Sea Conservation Festival



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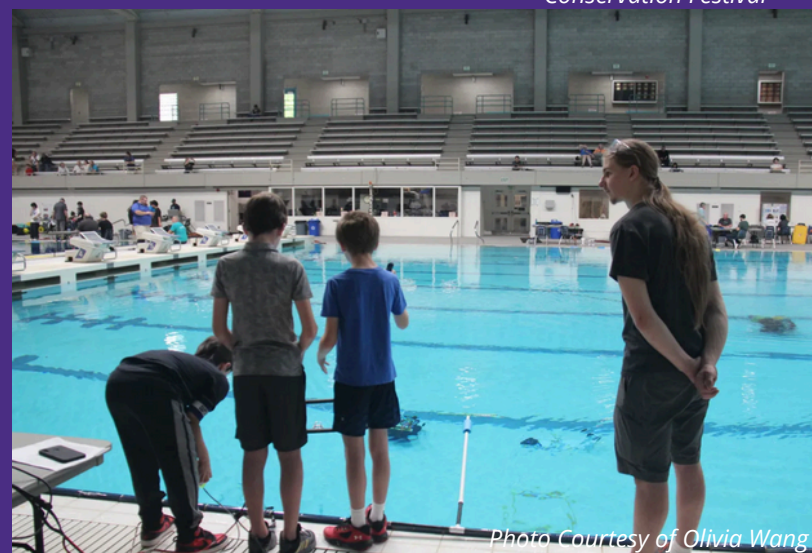
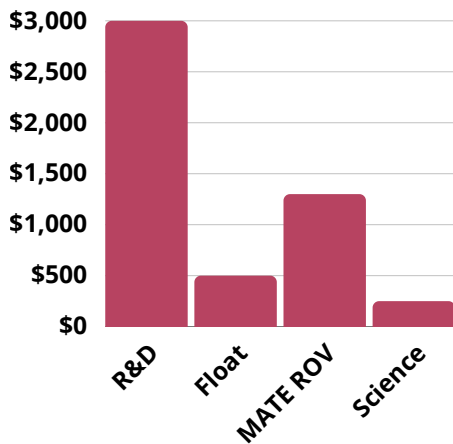


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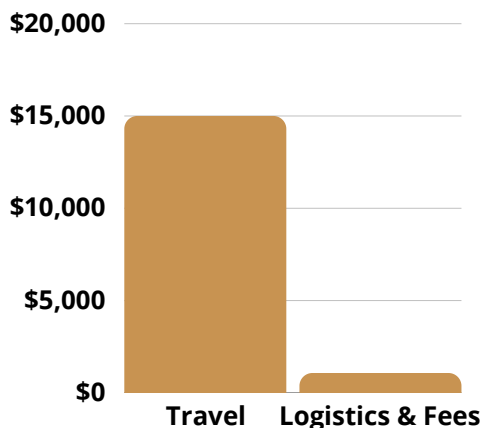
## Shop Subsections



## Engineering Subsections



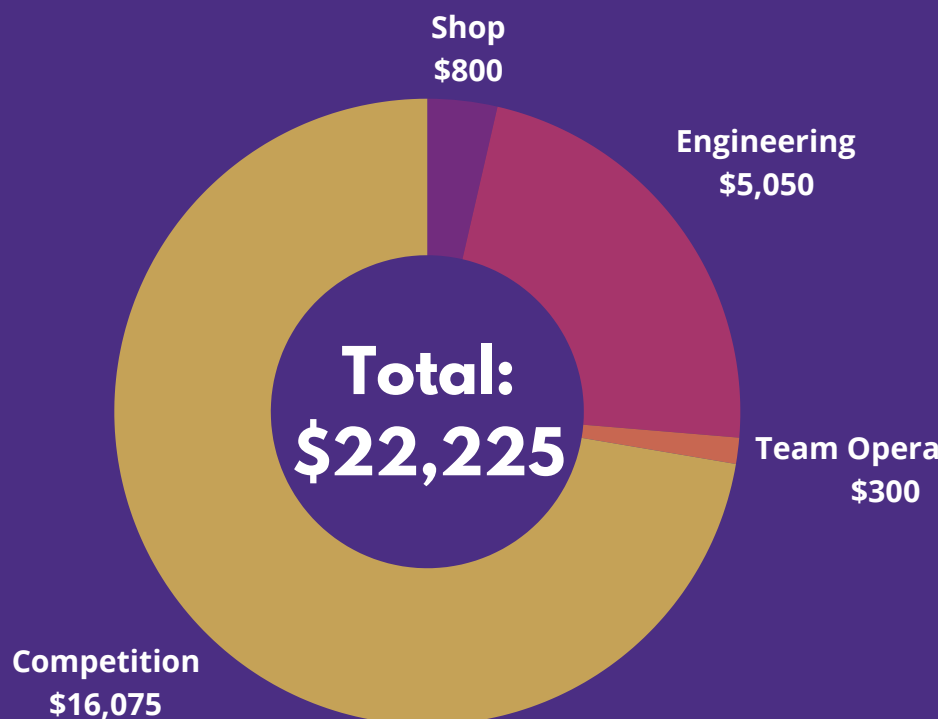
## Competition Subsections



# The Value of Your Support

As a club run by undergraduate students, UWROV depends on donations from our community in order to continue our work.

For transparency, we ensure that our sponsors know what their donations support. Here is a visual breakdown of UWROV's high-level spending plans for 2025-2026. For a more detailed breakdown and descriptions of each category, please see our [Full High-Level Budget](#).



# Impact Tiers

*Just like the depths of the ocean, there's different levels of support. Here are our levels of sponsorship. At UWROV, we understand that not all donations are in terms of money. We also accept donations of tools, materials, and other items. Based on the monetary value of donated items, we will honor the tier your organization falls under.*

## Epipelagic Members

**ANY  
AMOUNT**

Supports improvements to our Shop Space.

- Small Logo on Website and Marketing Display.

## Mesopelagic Members

**1K**

Supports tools and materials for R&D.

- Small Logo on Website and Marketing Display.
- Small Logo on Team T-Shirts.

## Bathypelagic Members

**3K**

Supports UWROV Science initiatives

- Medium Logo on Website and Marketing Display.
- Medium Logo on Team T-Shirts.
- Small Logo on ROV/Surface Station.

## Abyssopelagic Members

**5K**

Supports improvements to our Competition ROV.

- Large Logo on Website and Marketing Display.
- Large Logo on Team T-Shirts.
- Medium Logo on ROV/Surface Station.
- Access to UWROV Resume Pool

## Hadalpelagic Members

**7K**

Supports financial aid for students traveling to this year's World Championship.

- Large Logo on Website, Team T-Shirts, and Marketing Display
- Large Logo on ROV/Surface Station
- Access to UWROV Resume Pool
- Become featured in UWROV social media and tabling events

# Benefits Guide

*\*For sponsors without a logo, recognition by name will be given.*

	<i><b>Epipelagic</b> any amount</i>	<i><b>Mesopelagic</b> \$1000+</i>	<i><b>Bathypelagic</b> \$3000+</i>	<i><b>Abyssopelagic</b> \$5000+</i>	<i><b>Hadalpelagic</b> \$7000+</i>
Sponsor Newsletter	X	X	X	X	X
Logo on UWROV Website	Small	Small	Medium	Large	Large
Logo on Marketing Display	Small	Small	Medium	Large	Large
Logo on Team T-Shirts		Small	Medium	Large	Large
Logo on Surface Station and/or ROV			Small	Medium	Large
Access to UWROV Resume Pool				X	X
Become a Featured Organization					X

## BENEFITS:

### SPONSOR NEWSLETTER

Enjoy updates on UWROV via email written by the leadership team, just for our sponsors.

### UWROV RESUME POOL

Starting at a donation of \$5000, sponsors gain access to a resume pool of UWROV members and alumni. This resume pool features experienced students and young professionals in the fields of engineering, oceanography, ocean technology, and more.

### FEATURED ORGANIZATION

We will feature our Hadalpelagic members in UWROV's social media and newsletter in through a dedicated post to feature your company and express our extreme gratitude. We will also feature any provided company merchandise or information at UWROV tabling events, advertising your company in front of hundreds of individuals.

## YOUR LOGO\* ON:

### WEBSITE

A special page on the official UWROV website is dedicated to our sponsors. Your organization's logo will be clearly displayed.

### T-SHIRT

We create Team T-Shirt's that are frequently worn by our members at UWROV events and elsewhere. Your organization's logo will be clearly displayed on the back on these T-Shirts.

### MARKETING DISPLAY

Each year, UWROV creates a marketing display that is viewed and evaluated at the MATE World Championship. Your organization's logo will be clearly displayed on this display.

### SURFACE STATION AND/OR ROV

Your organization's logo will be clearly displayed on the outside of our surface station or placed on our ROV (location dependent upon design) demonstrating your invaluable support.



**Support a  
team that's...**

**TOP 10**

**of ROV teams worldwide**

**#1**

**In Innovation,  
Documentation, and  
Engineering Presentations**

**450+**

**Hours of Community  
Service in 2024-2025**

**SUPPORT  
UWROV**

# Moving Forward

By supporting UWROV, you are supporting a world class team of young professionals in gaining invaluable experience in the fields of robotics, marine sciences, ocean technology, and more. As we look to expanding our operations to include more engagement with our community, further our real-world operations, and continue to strive for excellence in the MATE competition, **we need your support.**

If you are interested in becoming one of our sponsors, please contact us at [uwrov@uw.edu](mailto:uwrov@uw.edu) with more information. Our ideal form receiving financial donations is a check or through TogetherUW. Checks should be made out to "The University of Washington" with "UWROV" in the memo that is mailed to the following address:

School of Oceanography  
University of Washington  
Room 239 OSB, Box 355351  
Seattle, WA, 98195-5351

If you are based in Seattle, we may also have a member pick up a check in person. We will provide an invoice documenting your contribution.

Together UW is a crowdfunding service hosted by the University of Washington that makes donating easier than ever. For the most up to date TogetherUW campaign, please follow this link and click "TogetherUW" [uwrov.org/donate](https://uwrov.org/donate).

If you would like to learn more about UWROV, check out our official website ([uwrov.org](https://uwrov.org)), our Instagram ([@uwrov](https://www.instagram.com/uwrov)), our newsletter ([uwrov.substack.com](https://uwrov.substack.com)), or reach out through emailing [uwrov@uw.edu](mailto:uwrov@uw.edu) to schedule a meeting with our members, where we can answer questions about our club, our members, and our work.

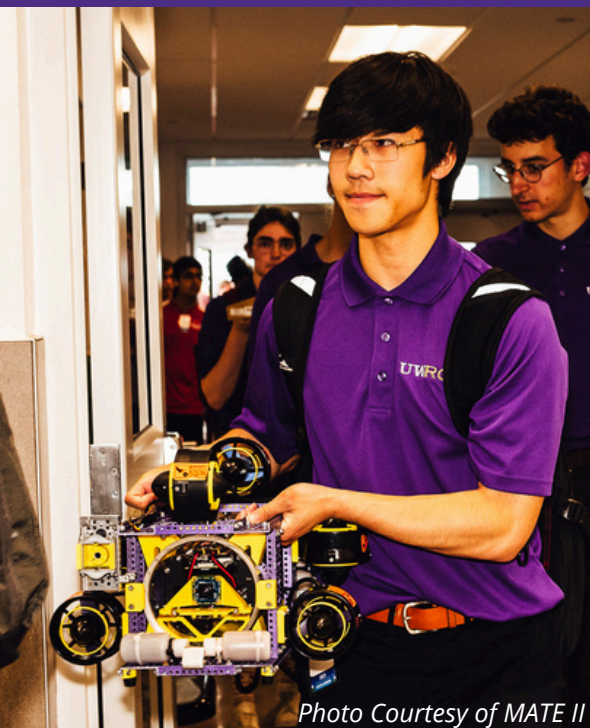


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A UWROV Electrical Lead Jordan Wu carries UWROV's 2023 ROV, Barreleye, onto the pool deck at the MATE world competition.

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