Project Title
Real-Time Strategic Plan

Organizational Background
Located approximately 9 miles south of the UW’s Seattle campus, the Othello-UW Commons opened in January 2019. The Commons is a 2,200-square-foot facility includes room for meetings, teaching, learning, leadership and community and professional development. More than that, it is a catalyst, learning space, convening tool and entry point for collaboration between UW and the greater Southeast Seattle community.

Three principles were developed to guide the work of the Commons:

Involve and engage community partners, prioritizing community-informed work that aligns with the mission of the University of Washington.

Foster and engage in just and equitable relationships between the community and the UW.

Be transparent and accountable in a spirit of mutuality and solidarity.

Project Description
The Othello-UW Commons has many stakeholders including more than 10 funding units on campus, UW executive office, external donors & grants, organizations representing racially/ethnically diverse residents, Commons staff and communities in Southeast Seattle and space users. In addition, the project was launched less than a year ago. We like to create a strategic plan that helps focus the limited capacity of the Commons to achieve concrete goals in the next few years. We hope this process will bring out the voices of key stakeholders, clarify what is achievable now and help us build up the evidence for the value of a physical presence by the university in South Seattle. The group will present to the core team the top goals, strategies to achieve them and high level recommendations on how to measure these goals. We are looking for students with a passion for equity and have ability to work with diverse people (Deans, community advocates, non profit staff, donors etc.)
Travel Required?
No

Deliverables
two page strategy document and a presentation to Leadership Team

Key Tasks for Consultants
In person key stakeholder interviews
Analyze and summarize interviews
Environmental scan of UW presence in in SE Seattle
Read through organizations materials
Meeting with Core project Team
Environmental scan of Othello-UW Commons activities thus far
Read through data collected
Talk to people who have used our space
Presentation for Stakeholders
Write a two page strategy document